

# Ronald E. Rucker



**Position: Principal**

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Ron concentrates his practice in associations, business, emerging businesses, estate planning, real estate, and venture capital law. He also serves as a board member to several corporations. Ron is a Certified Public Accountant and was an accountant for an international accounting firm before beginning his business law practice in 1984. Accounting is the language of business, and Ron's insight into accounting provides an edge for his clients. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker on business law and tax issues. Ron is one of the co-managing principals of the firm.

## **Education**

University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1984;

- Phi Delta Phi
- *Missouri Law Review*

Washington University in St. Louis, B.S.B.A., Business Administration – Accounting and Finance, 1981

## **Community Involvement**

- American Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- St. Louis County Bar Association
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants

## Awards

- Best Lawyers – The Best Lawyers in America
  - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law (2023)
  - Real Estate Law (2020-2023)
- “Top 100 St. Louisans To Know to Succeed in Business” by St. Louis Small Business Monthly (2018)
- “Top Mentor” by St. Louis Small Business Monthly (2018)
- AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale Hubbell

## Publications:

- *F Reorganization “Inversion” with an S-Corporation*, October 23, 2018
- *Estate Planning Potpourri – Current Hot Topics*, BKD Leadership Conference, June 2017
- *DBEs: A Nine-Hundred Pound Gorilla*, NAED Southcentral, Eastern, and Western Regional Council Meetings, November 2016-February 2017
- *NAED Briefs: DBE Compliance*, January 2016
- *Reading the Fine Print – Terms and Conditions Phase II*, National Association of Electrical Distributors, May 2013
- *Portability – There is More to it Than You Think*, BKD Annual Meeting, June 2013
- *Family Limited Partnerships – An Estate and Family Succession Planning Tool*, September 2012
- *Ten Common Estate Planning Misconceptions and Other Selected Issues*, May 31, 2012
- *Private Equity and Venture Capital Firm Portfolio Company Liability*, October 2010
- *Nonprofit Corporations and Director Liability*, October 2010
- *Construction / Real Estate Group Conference Current Real Estate Tax Potpourri*, BKD, LLP, August 2008
- *Supplemental Materials for Advanced Section 1031 Exchanges*, November 16, 2006
- *Essentials of Tax Deferred Real Estate Exchanges Under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code*, September 25, 2006
- *Essentials of Tax Deferred Real Estate Exchanges Under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code*, August 25, 2006
- *Refresher on Antitrust Compliance with a Discussion of Legal Issues Relevant to SPAs*, National Association of Electrical Distributors, February 2006
- *Business Succession and Estate Planning Acronym Potpourri ILITs, IDITs, GRATs and FLPs*, May 22, 2003
- *Estate Planning Discussion Outline*, February 26, 2003
- *Workouts, Foreclosure Agreements and Lender Liability*, May 15, 2002
- *Financial Education Day*, MNS & Associates, P.C., CPAs, January 20, 2001