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Professional:

Shareholder - Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, P.C. (1996 – present)
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Education:

St. Mary's University School of Law – Juris Doctor – (1983)
University of Texas - San Antonio – BBA (Finance) – (1980)

Biography:

James C. Woo's practice is primarily focused on Wills, Trusts, Estate Administration, Probate Litigation and Guardianship. Mr. Woo's practice also includes business succession planning, asset protection, corporations and real estate transactions. He is a certified mediator and regularly handles contested probate and guardianship matters, as well as a wide variety of other contested matters.

Mr. Woo is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Woo has also been elected as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. The College is comprised of attorneys and law professors skilled and experience in the preparation of wills, trusts, probate procedure, and administration of trusts. Membership in the College is by invitation only and is limited to attorneys that have made significant contributions to the field of estate planning and probate law through lecturing, writing, or bar activities.

Mr. Woo has been a leader in various organizations within the State Bar of Texas. He was actively involved with the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for over 15 years including a term as chairman the Board of Directors. He is also a former member of the council of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section. The REPTL section is one of the largest sections within the State Bar with over 7,000 members. During his time on the council, he chaired the Decedent's Estate Legislation Committee whose function is to propose and draft bills to update or amend the Texas Estates Code. Woo also served for many years as a member of the District 10 Grievance Committee.

Mr. Woo has long record of being involved in local bar organizations as well, and has held other leadership positions in the San Antonio Bar Association, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association, and the San Antonio Estate Planners Council.

Professional Activities:

- Board Certified - Estate Planning and Probate Law – Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1991)
- Fellow – American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (2005)
- Council Member - Real Estate, Probate, Trust Law Section – State Bar of Texas (2006-2010)
Chairman – Decedent’s Estates Legislation Committee
- San Antonio Bar Association
Vice President (2008)
Board of Directors (2005-07 and 1991-93)
- Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Chairman – Board of Directors (2011-2012)
Board of Directors (2006-2012)
Chairman – Advisory Commission – Estate Planning and Probate Law (2003-2005)
Advisory Commission – Estate Planning and Probate Law – (1999-2005)
Founding Chairman – Advisory/Exam Commission – [Legal Asst. Division] (1996-1999)
- State Bar of Texas
Grievance Committee (District 10A) – State Bar of Texas (1991-96)
- Supreme Court of Texas
Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (District 10) – Supreme Court of Texas (2005)
- Life Fellow – Texas Bar Foundation
- Life Fellow – San Antonio Bar Foundation
- Board of Governors -- San Antonio Estate Planner's Council (1995-99)
- Board of Directors - San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (1989-91)

Civic Activities

- Temple Beth El, San Antonio, Texas
Member - Religious Practices Committee
Member - Kimmelman Charitable Fund Committee
Member - Cemetery Committee
- San Antonio Jewish Community
Member - Board of Directors

Other Interest

Golf

Umpired High School Baseball for 10 years

Selected Speeches and Publications:

1. State Bar of Texas, Fiduciary Litigation – April 2008, Dallas, Texas
Speech Topic: *Elder Law*
2. State Bar of Texas, State Bar College – Summer School, July 2004, Galveston, Texas
Speech Topic: *Mental Health Commitments – Patient's Rights vs. The Benefits of Treatment*
3. State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 2001, Houston, Texas;
Speech Topic: *Mental Health Commitments and Problems Related to Guardianship*
4. State Bar of Texas, State Bar College – Summer School, July 2003, Galveston, Texas
Speech Topic: *The Top Five Things Baby Boomers Have to Know About Estate Planning & Probate*
5. Docket Call in Probate Court; Probate Courts of Bexar County, Texas, January 1998, San Antonio, Texas
Speech Topic: *Planning for the Physical Reality of Death and Disposition of Human Remains*
6. Docket Call in Probate Court, Probate Courts of Bexar County, Texas, March 1996, San Antonio, Texas
Speech Topic: *Use of Revocable Trusts*
7. State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 1994, Dallas, Texas;
Speech Topic: *Planning for the Physical Reality of Death and Disposition of Human Remains*
8. Texas Guardianship Seminar, Probate Courts Nos. 1 and 2, Bexar County, Texas, September 1992, San Antonio, Texas
Speech Topic: *Survey of Types of Guardianships in Texas*