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A. Emory Wishon III has extensive experience counseling clients in all aspects of the formation, organization and dissolution of business enterprises, including partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and joint ventures. Mr. Wishon has been the Managing Partner of Motschiedler, Michaelides, Wishon, Brewer & Ryan, LLP, for 40 years.

Mr. Wishon's real estate experience encompasses purchase and sale transactions, escrow transactions, organization of real estate development ventures and representation of borrowers and lenders in real estate finance transactions for residential, office, commercial and industrial projects.

Mr. Wishon also has substantial experience advising clients with regard to all areas of estate planning, including estate tax minimization, probate, transfers in trust and trust administration. Mr. Wishon assists in the design and development of estate plans that accurately reflect client expectations. In particular, Mr. Wishon provides advice regarding lifetime services such as wills, living trusts, powers of attorney, charitable bequests and advice regarding postmortem planning.

He also has assisted with the establishment of private foundations, supporting organizations and other vehicles for accomplishing personal philanthropy.

With respect to nonprofits, Mr. Wishon works on a regular basis with many charitable organizations on a variety of tax planning and compliance matters. He assists charitable trusts concerning fiduciary responsibilities and duties to trust beneficiaries.

Community Activities

Chair, New California Ventures LLC (a Fresno State venture investment fund), 2016–2019

Chair, Central Valley Angel Group (a regional entrepreneurial investment group), 2015–Present

Chairman, California State University Fresno, Foundation Board of Governors, 2008–2011; Board Member, 1996–Present

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Practice Areas

Estate Planning
Corporate and Business
Real Estate

Education

JD, Stanford Law School,
1980

MBA, Finance, University of
California, Berkeley, 1968

BS, Economics, Brown
University, 1967

Bar Admissions

California

Board Memberships with For-Profit Corporations

Murphy Bank, 2000–Present

HubUx, 2020

Solar Negotiators, Solar
Maintenance Pros, 2019

Chairman, Investment Committee, California State University, Fresno, Foundation Board of Governors, 2000–2008, 2015–Present

Chairman, CSUF School of Social Sciences Advisory Committee, 1994–2006

Board Member, Kenneth Maddy Institute, CSUF, 1999–2005

Board Member, Fresno Business Council, 1999–2001

Committee Chair, Capital Campaign, Ronald McDonald House, 1999–2000

Board Member, Court Facilities Foundation of Fresno County, 1998–2004

Board Member, Central Sierra Historical Society, 1997–2020

President, Fresno Chamber of Commerce, 1997, Board Member, 1994–1999

Trustee Emeritus, Past President, Fresno Metropolitan Museum, 1995–2008

President, Fresno Historical Society, 1984