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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Corporate Law; Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation

Jenni Kregel is a Shareholder at Buchalter and Chair of the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Group where she advises clients on design, compliance, and operation of qualified retirement plans, health and welfare plans, and nonqualified plans. She has particular expertise representing public employee retirement systems and government employers on tax and fiduciary matters, and is widely regarded for her work as tax and fiduciary counsel to public pension plans across the country. Ms. Kregel also has significant experience with IRS and DOL voluntary compliance programs, and with ERISA fiduciary rules and best practices. She regularly advises clients on executive compensation arrangements, including guidance under IRS Code sections 409A, 457, and 280G, and assists clients with benefits and compensation issues in corporate transactions.

Ms. Kregel previously served as assistant chief counsel and acting deputy general counsel for CalPERS, where her primary responsibilities included advising the pension system on tax and fiduciary issues, pension and health benefits administration, and policy development. She is an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys and the American Bar Association. Clients appreciate Jenni's pragmatic approach to complex employee benefit issues.

Most recently, Ms. Kregel was recognized as one of *Sacramento Magazine's* 2022 Top Lawyers in the field of Employee Benefits.

Publications

- EPCRS Provides More Retirement Plan Self-Correction Opportunities , *Buchalter Client Alert*, July 30, 2021
- IRS Expands Self-Correction under EPCRS and Adds New Overpayment Correction Methods, *Buchalter Client Alert*, July 19, 2021

Education

Ms. Kregel earned her J.D. from University of California, Davis School of Law in 1999 and her B.A. from Emory University.

Bar Admissions

- California

Community

- National Association of Public Pension Attorneys
- Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Exempt Organizations and Government Plans, Employee Benefits

Committee, Tax Section, American Bar Association

- Former Board Member, Western Pension & Benefits Conference