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Kurt Van Sciver focuses his practice on trust, estate, and probate litigation. He has served as lead counsel in bench trials before the probate court. He regularly litigates issues such as breach of fiduciary duties, accounting issues, spousal property petitions, and trust ownership of property. Representative clients include trustees, trust beneficiaries, executors, and conservators.

Kurt primarily practices in Kern County. He has written briefs for state and federal appellate courts and he has argued in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He began his legal career by clerking for the Honorable Stephen J. Markman of the Michigan Supreme Court and the Honorable Daniel Manion of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Kurt is the former President of the Probate Section of the Kern County Bar Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Kern Regional Center, which provides services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Kurt lives in Bakersfield with his wife Megan and their five children.

Practice Focus

Trust, Estate and Probate Litigation

Bar Admissions

State Bar of California, 2009
State Bar of Michigan, 2006 (inactive)

U.S. District Courts
-Eastern District of California, 2009

U.S. Circuit Courts
-Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2009
-Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 2008
-Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2009

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Thomas Aquinas College, 2002
Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, Ave Maria School of Law, 2006

Professional Associations and Leadership

Kern County Bar Association, 2009-Present
-Probate Section President, 2013
-Probate Section Vice President, 2012
-Probate Section Treasurer, 2011

Professional Experience

Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP, 2009-Present
Michigan Supreme Court, Law Clerk to the Honorable Stephen J. Markman, Lansing, MI, 2006-2008
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Law Clerk to the Honorable Daniel A. Manion, South Bend, IN, 2008-2009