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Joel D. Wood is a counsel specializing in employee benefits matters. He is also a member of the firm's Labor and Employment and Corporate Groups, and assists the firm's Health Care, Tax and Securities practices in matters relating to employee benefits.

Joel has extensive experience with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). He has represented a variety of clients, including both businesses and employee benefit plans, in all areas covered by Titles I and IV of ERISA. He provides counseling and representation on a full range of ERISA issues, including plan administration and fiduciary duties, plan investments and investment management, plan design for qualified plans, welfare plans and non-qualified executive deferred compensation plans, health care reporting and coverage issues (including COBRA and HIPAA), withdrawal liability and other Title IV issues and ERISA compliance analyses and reviews.

Joel was also a law clerk for Judges Jonathan R. Steinberg, William P. Greene, Jr., and Bruce E. Kasold on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Joel is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A. 1996), the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law (J.D. 1999, *summa cum laude*) and the Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M., Taxation 2006, *with distinction*). He is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland State Bars.

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- Michigan State University, B.A. (1996)
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