

## Robert D. Wilkinson

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Robert Wilkinson is a respected AV Preeminent rated trial lawyer with 34 years experience specializing in representing clients in business, health care, real property and agribusiness litigation, and white collar criminal prosecutions.

### Background

Mr. Wilkinson has practiced law for over 34 years. He has extensive trial experience and represents clients in business, health care, real property and agribusiness litigation. He defends business people and professionals in white collar criminal prosecutions. Mr. Wilkinson also represents health care providers in disciplinary matters before the California Medical and Pharmacy Boards and governmental agencies and landowners in eminent domain litigation. He is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating awarded by the most respected attorney rating service. He is the former president of the local chapter of the Federal Bar Association, past Chairman of the annual conference for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, and a former Lawyer Representative to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference. He has served on the boards of the Fresno County Bar Association and the local chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Currently he serves on the board of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Among other cases, Mr. Wilkinson has:

- Represented a rural hospital against claims of Medicare fraud under the federal False Claims Act.
- Represented numerous citrus packinghouses against claimed violations of federal agricultural marketing orders and the False Claims Act.
- Successfully represented a business owner in a racketeering prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Office based on an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Successfully represented physicians in criminal, civil and peer review prosecutions against allegations of sexual battery.
- Successfully represented the proponents committee in promulgation of federal Pistachio marketing order.
- Represents a state generic agricultural promotional program against free speech claims under the state and federal constitutions.
- Successfully stopped the California State Legislature from taking \$1 billion in tobacco tax funds away from statewide early childhood development program created by the voters.

### Areas of Practice

- Agribusiness
- Alternative Dispute Resolution & Mediation
- Business Litigation
- Land Acquisition & Eminent Domain
- Health Care Law
- Professional Liability
- Public Agency
- White Collar Criminal Defense

### Contact

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### Education

- University of California, Davis (J.D., 1981)
- California State University, Chico (B.A., summa cum laude, 1977)

### Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California (1981)
- U.S. District Court (Eastern, Central, Northern and Southern Districts)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court

### Languages

- Spanish