

**Riverside Office**

3750 University Avenue Suite 610  
Riverside, CA 92501  
P 951.274.7777  
F 951.274.7770  
[www.varnerbrandt.com](http://www.varnerbrandt.com)

**OUR TEAM****Burns, Michael**

Attorney

Email: [Michael.Burns@varnerbrandt.com](mailto:Michael.Burns@varnerbrandt.com)

Mr. Burns focuses his practice in the areas of tax, business planning, and wealth management. As a member of Varner & Brandt's Corporate and Tax Group, Mr. Burns counsels individuals and entities on a wide range of corporate and tax matters, with an emphasis on tax planning. He represents clients in their tax disputes with the Internal Revenue Service, Board of Equalization, and the Franchise Tax Board.

Mr. Burns creates personalized estate plans to minimize estate and gift tax consequences. His tailored estate plans range from the simple will and revocable trust to more complex estate planning vehicles designed for high net-worth individuals. Mr. Burns' trust administration practice consists of advising and representing trustees, executors, and beneficiaries through each stage of the trust administration process.

Before joining Varner & Brandt, Mr. Burns practiced law as an associate at a Northern California law firm where he created estate plans and assisted in the formation and counseling of various business entities including corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and tax exempt organizations.

**Focus**

- Corporate & Business
- Tax Planning
- Wealth Preservation

**Education**

- University of San Diego School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation, 2009
- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of the Pacific, B.S., Finance, 2005

**Admissions**

- American Bar Association
- The State Bar of California
- Riverside County Bar Association
- San Bernardino County Bar Association