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### **Louis J. Barbich** **Shareholder**

With over 30 years of experience in the accounting profession, Mr. Barbich provides the broad based foundation of the Firm.

His specific areas of expertise are:

- Income and estate tax consulting for clients in widely diversified industries with an emphasis in the agriculture industry; and real estate sales, development, and real estate investments.
- Financial and management consulting on issues of corporate governance, organizational structure, family succession planning, and purchases, sales and mergers of businesses.
- Managing trusts for over 20 years. Currently active trustee for over 20 trusts. Most trusts involve multiple generations primarily, for family farms. Trust assets under management range from \$100,000 to \$15,000,000.

Mr. Barbich graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Fresno State University, and an MBA from the Anderson School of Business, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

He is a past president of the California Society of CPAs and is a recipient of the California Society's Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Barbich is a past board member of the American Institute of CPAs and former chairman of the Management of Accounting Practice Committee, and currently chairs the Large Firm Network.

He was one of the initial organizers of CAMICO, and has been the Chairman of the Board for over 20 years. CAMICO is a professional liability insurance company which insures over 8,000 CPAs and 70,000 professionals throughout the United States. CAMICO is the second largest CPA professional liability insurance company in the United States.

He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield West and a current member of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield. Mr. Barbich is a past president of the Bakersfield Country Club. He is a past chairman of the board of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. He served on the facilitation team of Greater Bakersfield Vision 2020 and chaired the Education Vision Force.

He currently serves on the Annual Farmers Tax & Accounting Conference Committee and the Annual Central Coast Wine Industry Conference Committee sponsored by the California Education Foundation of the California Society of CPAs.