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Focus

- Corporate
- Estate Planning
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Taxation
- Trusts

Respected counsel, board-certified by The Florida Bar in Tax Law, with deep roots in Florida. Partnering with businesses, nonprofits, and individuals to navigate obstacles and promote long-term growth.

A sixth-generation Floridian, Robert Jones is board-certified by The Florida Bar in Tax Law. He represents corporate entities, nonprofit organizations, and charitable foundations on all aspects of business law matters, including tax issues, mergers and acquisitions, and business planning. Robert guides clients through every stage of the business and board lifecycle, from formation to succession planning. Additionally, he provides probate, wills, trusts, and estate planning services for high-net-worth individuals.

Robert's commitment to leadership and service began at the University of Florida, where he was a member of Florida Blue Key and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is a former chair and member of the First Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission and an active contributor to the Northwest Florida community. In addition, Robert has served as an adjunct professor at Florida Coastal School of Law, teaching Federal Income Taxation, and at the University of West Florida, where he taught Wills, Trusts, and Estates.

Notable Work

- Represented a manufacturer in the $30 million sale of all assets to a publicly traded corporation.
- Manage estate administration for numerous taxable estates, including probate proceedings, trust administration, and preparation of federal estate tax returns, Form 706.
- Represented a healthcare company through the successful sale of its core assets, ensuring compliance with regulatory and contractual obligations.
- Provide strategic legal guidance to family offices and foundations on governance, compliance, and operational matters.
- Serve as outside general counsel to a diverse portfolio of companies and affiliated family-owned entities.

Recognition

- Florida *Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Tax Law, 2015-2021

Insights

- "GrayRobinson Private Client Services Insight: Recent Developments to the Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations," GrayRobinson Insight, June 15, 2026
- "Recent Developments to the Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations," The Florida Bar Tax Section - Tax Section Bulletin, Spring 2026
- "What Happens When the Numbers Don't Add Up?" The ARC of Florida Provider Forum, June 6, 2023

Media

- "Boxwood Partners Advises RS Boes Holdings, a Neighborly Franchisee, On its Acquisition by Burlington Capital Partners," *PR Newswire*, March 19, 2026
- "GrayRobinson adds 5 attorneys to new office in Pensacola," *Westlaw Today*, December 6, 2024
- "GrayRobinson Expands to Pensacola, Opening 16th Office with Team of Board-certified Attorneys," *Business Wire*, December 5, 2024
- "GrayRobinson Opens Office in Pensacola, Marking First New Office Since 2019," *Law.com*, December 5, 2024
- "GrayRobinson Expands to Pensacola, Opening 16th Office with Team of Board-Certified Attorneys," *Market Watch*, December 5, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Opens Newest Florida Office In Pensacola," *Law360*, December 5, 2024
- "GrayRobinson expands to Pensacola, opens 16th office," *Florida Politics*, December 4, 2024

Affiliations

- Baptist Health Care Foundation – Pensacola
  - Board of Directors, Secretary
- Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association
- Trinitas Christian School
  - Board of Directors, 2022-2023
- Estate Planning Council of Northwest Florida
  - President, 2017-2018
- Estate Planning Council of the Emerald Coast
- The Florida Bar
  - 1st Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee A, Former Chair
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
  - Tax Section
- Florida Coastal School of Law
  - Adjunct Professor, Federal Income Tax
- Judicial Nominating Commission, 1st Judicial Circuit, Chair, 2022-2024
- Leadership Pensacola, Class of 2018
- Pensacola Youth Soccer Inc.
  - Board Member
  - Vice President, 2018-2022

- University of West Florida
  - Adjunct Professor, Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Credentials

- LL.M., Taxation, University of Florida College of Law, 2007
  - *Florida Tax Review*, Managing Editor
- J.D., University of Arkansas Little Rock, Bowen School of Law, 2006
  - *UALR Law Review*, Associate Note Editor
- B.A., University of Florida, 2003
- Board-certified by The Florida Bar in Tax Law

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Tax Court