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Service Areas:

- Litigation
- Tax
- Trusts & Estates

Education:

- J.D., Marquette University
- B.A., Northwestern University

Admissions:

- Wisconsin
- U.S. Tax Court

Van enjoys complex problem solving and collaborating with his clients to develop creative and pragmatic solutions for their needs.

Van represents individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts, and not-for-profits in tax and related matters. He also represents clients in probate and trust administrations. In addition, Van handles fiduciary litigation matters, counseling clients faced with the legal and emotional challenges imposed by estate-related disputes. His knowledge of issues related to tax controversy and litigation, and tax planning has aided a variety of clients. He has experience representing both individuals and companies before the IRS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development in connection with tax examinations, audits, collection matters, trials, and appeals.

Van is an avid swimmer and has actively participated in the governance of the sport as an athlete and non-athlete. He served as an officer of the USA Swimming Board of Directors from 2014 through 2018. He was actively engaged in the organization's governance restructure in 2017.

Locally, Van is the Board Chair of Wisconsin Swimming, which is responsible for 66 member clubs and over 7000 members in Wisconsin. In this position, he oversees the organization's operations, including a three person staff and budget of a quarter-million dollars.

Internationally, Van is the Vice President of Pan American Aquatics, which holds the principal responsibility of overseeing the organization of five aquatic disciplines, including the quadrennial Pan American Games, among 42 National Federations in the Americas, stretching from Canada to South America.

Van enjoys playing golf and traveling while not working.

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Affiliations

- Board Chair, Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
- Vice President, Pan American Aquatics (Continental Federation of FINA)
- USA Swimming National Board of Review Vice-Chair
- Elmbrook Swim Club & Brookfield Central/East Swim Coach

Articles & Presentations

- "Sales Taxation in the eCommerce Era" - DeWitt Tax News, July 2023
- "IRS Collection Reminder Notices Resume in January 2024" - DeWitt Tax News, December 2023

Awards & Recognitions

- USA Swimming Distinguished Athlete Service Award

Service Areas Subspecialties

- Trusts & Estates
  - Probate
  - Probate Litigation
- Tax
  - Tax Controversy