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## Do the Right Thing

**Siegel Jennings** remains steadfast in its commitment to upholding the standards of good law, demonstrating an unwavering dedication to its clients.

o give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labor and not to seek for rest" is part of a prayer from his youth recited daily by Victor Anselmo. He embodies the values of Siegel Jennings, a property tax law firm that prioritizes relentlessness, ownership, positivity, and doing the right thing. Vic's journey to the firm included roles as a magistrate, school board attorney, and general practice attorney. He and the firm share a commitment to unwavering dedication, evident in their hiring practices surrounding their shared values as well as their approach to legal challenges.

This commitment is exemplified in a case where Siegel Jennings defended an immigrant couple facing unfair taxation that threatened their business. Despite the financial burden, the firm took on the case because they believed in upholding constitutional principles of uniformity and equal protection. Victor and the team persevered until justice was served. The cases brought by Siegel Jennings help many taxpayers. When taxpayers are being treated unfairly, and when homeowners and small businesses do not have the means to fight the hard issues, they benefit since good law benefits all.

For half a century, Siegel Jennings has been dedicated to safeguarding the rights of commercial property taxpayers. The firm frequently represents clients who, despite having the resources for legal action, face unjust taxation. What sets the firm

apart is its expertise in real estate valuation, aligning these arguments with constitutional principles. The key to their success lies in thorough preparation, treating every case as if it might escalate to the Supreme Court.

Siegel Jennings distinguishes itself by proactively anticipating and addressing potential challenges. Their annual appraisal summit serves as a platform for appraisers and attorneys to delve into intricate valuation issues, ensuring they are well-prepared to defend their clients' interests. This strategic approach reflects the firm's commitment to staying ahead of complex matters and providing robust protection for their clients.

Victor emphasizes the importance of reputation, highlighting the firm's honesty, preparation, and involvement in legislative processes. Their credibility leads to invitations to advise legislators and to speak at industry as well as governmental taxing associations. The firm's selective approach in choosing clients reflects a commitment to working with those who share their values and possess the patience for long-term solutions.

In essence, Siegel Jennings stands out for its dedication to constitutional principles, meticulous preparation, and a selective values-driven approach in representing some of the world's largest real estate owners. But mostly, Siegel Jennings stands out because they care. They care about being responsive to their clients, they care about results, they care about their clients' reputations, and they care about creating good law.



Partner Victor V. Anselmo leads the operations of the Siegel Jennings practice. With over 30 years of experience in the field of ad valorem property tax litigation, his passion for his clients and for fair tax policy is inspiring.



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