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John S. Worthen joined Rathje Woodward LLC in 2007, and brought over 28 years of experience in business and corporate law, tax and financial planning, and wills, trusts and estate planning. His expertise includes closely held business transaction and succession planning, estate planning, business valuation, federal income tax, federal estate and gift tax, state and local tax planning, and federal tax audit and U.S. Tax Court dispute resolution.

Mr. Worthen has also served as general counsel in the restaurant, auto, construction, quarry, real estate, manufacturing, and medical and engineering service industries.

**Practice Areas**

- Business & Corporate
- Tax and Financial Planning
- Transactional
- Wills, Trusts & Estates

**Education**

- International Accountants Society (Certification, D.A.A., 1977)
- DePaul College of Law (J.D., 1975)
- University of Illinois (B.A., 1971)

**Bar Admissions**

- 1975 State of Illinois
- 1987 U.S. Tax Court

**Memberships**

- American Institute Certified Public Accountants (1980 - 2015)
- American Society of Appraisers (2005 - 2010)
- Appraisal Institute
- Director, Business Valuation Association (2004 - 2017)
- DuPage County Bar Association (1985 - 2018)
- Illinois Certified Public Accountants (1980 - 2015)
- National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (1980 - 2018)
- President, Business Valuation Association (2008 - 2009)

### **Prior Work Experience**

- Gould & Ratner, LLP - Partner (1979 - 2007)
- Arthur Anderson & Co. - Senior (1975 - 1979)

### **Ancillary Business Practices**

- Business Planning
- Income Tax Planning
- Tax, Trust and Estate Planning
- Valuation Planning