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J. Howard Stecker has more than 33 years of experience building and directing best-in-class insurance consulting and insurance finance organizations. Recently joining Ernst & Young, LLP (“EY”) from Chartis, Inc. where he served as the Chief Tax Officer, Howard is a senior insurance tax partner serving major insurance clients and supporting other EY insurance tax practitioners across the Firm in a tax technical advisory role.

Howard has also served as the Chief Tax Officer with Prudential (US) with responsibility for all Federal, state and foreign tax matters of the global enterprise. He led a team that selected and implemented a global tax provision system which was fully integrated with Prudential’s domestic tax compliance system. He also implemented a new management structure in the Department to increase focus on interaction with business segments and enhance opportunities to engage in tax risk management and tax planning activities.

Prior to joining Prudential, Howard spent eleven years at Deloitte & Touche, LLP, serving in various leadership roles, including his most recent position as Managing Partner, Global Insurance Tax Services. In this role, he was responsible for managing the firm’s global insurance tax practice. Howard also served as Deloitte’s Deputy Managing Partner, National Insurance Services.

Howard’s prior positions include Chief Operating Officer of SMART Business Advisory and Consulting, Financial Services Partner at KPMG Peat Marwick and Ernst & Whinney, and various financial officer positions with Globe Life Insurance and Accident Insurance Company, Great American Reserve Insurance Company, and JC Penney Life Insurance Company.

Howard received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from the University of Texas, Austin, and a Master of Professional Accounting in taxation from the University of Texas, Arlington. He is a Fellow of the Life Office Management Institute (FLMI) and is a licensed CPA in Texas and New York.