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Derek Watkins is a founding partner of Watkins, Pawlick, Calati & Prifti, PC, previously working alongside the same team at Sachs Waldman. He joined Sachs Waldman as an attorney in 2004 after working for that firm and the Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center as a law clerk while in law school. His entire career has been dedicated to representing Taft-Hartley benefit funds and advocating for working people. Derek's practice focuses entirely on the conscientious representation of Taft-Hartley benefit funds, particularly Taft-Hartley pension, profit sharing, annuity, health care, vacation and holiday, apprenticeship and supplemental unemployment benefit funds. He assists clients in all matters, including, but not limited to, plan design, fiduciary and regulatory compliance, benefit claims and other individual participant matters, negotiating service provider contracts and reviewing government filings. Derek takes a lead role in developing the firm's strategies for negotiating all investment contracts. He also provides significant guidance in general fiduciary compliance activities and defending government investigations. He has successfully assisted fund clients with handling Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Service investigations.