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Kevin H. Culver ’13, Esq.



“The biggest risk in life is not taking one.”

Kevin H. Culver ’13, Esq. is CEO of the Utah-based TaxRX Group and founder of KC & Associates here in New Mexico.

Originally from California, college was not part of his original plan. His family moved a lot, and instead of completing high school, Kevin obtained a GED. When Kevin was a teenager, his stepfather took a job in Las Cruces. The move opened the door to NMSU, which Kevin saw as an opportunity for a “reset.”

At NMSU he found a friendly community and exceptional mentors, especially Professor Lori Keleher. Kevin excelled and was honored as NMSU Alumni’s 2013 College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Graduate.

At Texas Tech University School of Law, Kevin concentrated on cybersecurity law, receiving the Academic Distinction Award for Cybersecurity Law and Policy. Licensed before the United States Tax Court, he now specializes in complex corporate tax issues including Section 174 strategies, considered one of the most significant tax credits under current tax law, and ever-evolving legislative tax policy that affects people’s livelihoods and whether emerging companies can survive and grow.

Empathy and a willingness to connect beyond a transactional relationship have been key to Kevin’s success. Legal structure is a guiding compass, but being a trustworthy confidante is part of “getting the wins and softening the losses.”

A longstanding advisor to NMSU’s Arrowhead Center, the FinTech Lab, and the Hunt Center for Entrepreneurship, he regularly volunteers his time to consult and present to students, entrepreneurs, and small business owners about maximizing research and development tax credits, reducing tax burdens legally, and reinvesting savings to fuel growth. He has also been a featured guest for the College of Business Executive Speaker Series.

As a professional legacy, Kevin hopes to have the opportunity to work on precedent-setting cases that direct the course of future tax law. ▲