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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 5, 2012

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**Maxine Aaronson, Attorney at Law,
Dallas, TX**

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
Includes continental breakfast.

8:35 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:45 a.m. 2.00 hrs
Recent Developments in Federal Income Taxation

A discussion of the significant court decisions, rulings, and statutory and regulatory developments of the past twelve months.

Martin J. McMahon Jr., University of Florida,
Fredric G. Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL
Ira B. Shepard, University of Houston Law Center,
Houston, TX

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. 1.25 hrs ethics

Penalties, More and More: How to Assess and Deal with Exposures and Seek Relief

Penalties, including stricter liability penalties, have become ever more frequent and sizable. Advising clients with respect to their exposures, and how and when professional advice and other factors may be used in avoiding or, if necessary, defending them, is critical. Further, assessing the professional's own exposures and dealing with them in examinations and appeals has become a necessary practice skill. Every tax advisor at some point will be faced with a missed regulatory election, whether the client's or the advisor's own doing. This panel addresses practice issues related to penalties and issues relating to curing a late or missed regulatory election, with a focus on 9100 relief (both automatic and non-automatic) and the practical aspects of maximizing the success of a 9100 relief request.

Moderator:

Fred F. Murray, Grant Thornton LLP, Washington, DC

Panelists:

Deborah A. Butler, Internal Revenue Service,
Washington, DC
Julian Kim, Ernst & Young LLP, Washington, DC
Christopher S. Rizek, Caplin & Drysdale,
Washington, DC

12:15 p.m. Break to Pick Up Lunch
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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

**Michael L. Cook, Cook Brooks
Johnson PLLC, Austin, TX**

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Current Issues at the Office of Professional Responsibility

Karen L. Hawkins, Office of Professional Responsibility,
Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. 1.25 hrs ethics

How Far Can You Go? Real-Life Ethical Problems for Tax Practitioners

A look at hypothetical situations, derived from real life, illustrating the ethical issues that arise for tax practitioners in advising clients, preparing returns and communicating with the Service.

Karen L. Hawkins, Office of Professional Responsibility,
Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC
Megan L. Brackney, Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP,
New York, NY
Michael Todd Welty, SNR Denton, Dallas, TX

2:45 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

Target, Subject or Witness? The CPA's Role in Criminal Tax Investigations

The CPA's role and responsibilities in criminal tax investigations can vary. This session discusses the CPA's responsibilities in preserving and producing documents, and the ethical duties in filing current, and perhaps amended, tax returns during the investigation and maintaining client confidences.

Charles M. Meadows Jr., Meadows, Collier, Reed,
Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman, L.L.P., Dallas, TX

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Federal Income Tax Considerations in Acquisitions and Dispositions of S Corporations

This presentation addresses a number of federal income tax considerations arising from the acquisition or disposition of an S Corporation. Discussion includes the consequences of a termination of the company's S Corporation election as a result of the transaction, including the potential consequences under the built-in gain rules of Section 1374, and the effect of any Section 338(h)(10) election.

Timothy J. Devetski, Vinson & Elkins LLP,
Houston, TX
Lina Dimachkieh, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Houston, TX

4:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Understanding How Different Allocation Methods Affect the Partners

Even well-drafted partnership agreements can be hard to interpret, requiring coordination between attorneys and accountants to ensure partners receive proper economics without unintended tax consequences. This panel provides practical pointers on drafting and interpreting partnership distribution and allocation provisions.

Todd D. Golub, Ernst & Young LLP, Chicago, IL
Bahar A. Schippel, Snell & Wilmer LLP, Phoenix, AZ

5:45 p.m. Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 6, 2012

Presiding Officer:

**Christina A. Mondrik, Mondrik & Associates,
Austin, TX**

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens
Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Texas Franchise Tax: A Few Choice Issues

Five years after its effective date, the revised franchise tax—a.k.a. the margin tax—continues to raise unanswered questions. Fortunately, there are also new answers and interpretations. This presentation covers some of the choices taxpayers must make in computing their franchise tax, updates on the ongoing debate over the scope of the cost of goods sold deduction, the Comptroller's 2012 policy change regarding taxpayers' ability to change their election to deduct cost of goods sold or compensation on an amended report, and other hot topics in the franchise tax world.

Teresa Bostick, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts,
Austin, TX
Cynthia M. Ohlenforst, K&L Gates LLP, Dallas, TX

9:30 a.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

U.S. Federal Income Tax Compliance Issues in Foreign-Related Transactions

Proper tax reporting of foreign-related transactions is critical for avoiding the imposition of penalties. This session reviews the compliance requirements in the context of foreign-related transactions including Forms 5471, TD F 90-22.1, 8938 and 3520, and addresses the professional advisor's responsibility for alerting clients to applicable reporting requirements in foreign-related transactions.

William H. Hornberger, Jackson Walker L.L.P.,
Dallas, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr

Negotiating and Drafting Separation and Severance Agreements

A review of the implications of IRS Section 409A and Texas law regarding noncompetes, including a review of common mistakes and ways to structure such agreements to avoid tax penalties while still permitting the use of releases compliant with employment law requirements. Common traps for the unwary in drafting separation agreements are considered along with ways to address common issues faced in severance and separation agreements.

Greta E. Cowart, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Dallas, TX

11:45 a.m. Break to Pick Up Lunch

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Joe Hull, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 p.m. 1.00 hr

Update on Current Legislative Proposals

Edward Kleinbard, USC Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Selected Transactional Issues in Oil and Gas Taxation

The various rules relating to the federal taxation of oil and gas property and transactions are reviewed in the context of the typical fact pattern found in the acquisition, development and disposition of oil and gas assets in the current transactional environment. Discussion covers the perspectives of all parties normally involved including the lessor, lessee, investor, promoter and employee. Also included is helpful advice and insight into issues and problems commonly encountered in this area.

Roger D. Aksamit, Thompson & Knight LLP, Houston, TX

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

An Odyssey in Health Reform: Navigating Employers between Scylla and Charybdis

An overview of the important things employers need to know to comply with the Affordable Care Act, including updates concerning the Act's implementation.

T. David Cowart, SNR Denton, Dallas, TX

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3:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

Avoiding Pitfalls in Buy-Sell Agreements

An analysis of buy-sell agreements that are commonly overlooked or not understood, including issues relating to life insurance ownership and allocation of book income, unique issues for S Corporations, complications in use of tag-along and drag-along rights, impact of an owner filing bankruptcy, and alternative ways to structure the buy-out price.

Nancy Schmidt Roush, Lathrop & Gage LLP, Kansas City, MO

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Recent Developments Affecting Estate Planning

The status of legislation, if any, and significant cases and rulings.

Stanley M. Johanson, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. 1.00 hr

Estate Planning Issues with Intra-Family Loans and Notes

Transactions with intra-family loans are quite popular in light of the extremely low interest rates. What may seem like simple loan transactions present very helpful estate planning opportunities but may involve a host of complicated tax issues including the impact of an intent to forgive the note from the outset; determining appropriate interest rates; whether interest accruals must be recognized each year as interest income; the effects on the lender and borrower of forgiving loans or refinancing loans at lower rates; discounting notes; income tax traps for installment notes under the installment sales rules; and uncertainties (and opportunities) regarding self-canceling installment notes.

Stephen R. Akers, Bessemer Trust Company NA, Dallas, TX

11:00 a.m. 1.00 hr ethics

Representing Clients in the Twilight Zone: Clients with Diminished or Diminishing Capacity

A practical discussion of a situation fraught with ethical issues: representing a client whose decision-making process seems increasingly out of touch with the client's best interests or life-long commitments.

Peter S. Margulies, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI

12:00 p.m. Break to Pick Up Lunch
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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Stanley M. Johanson, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 p.m. .75 hr

Estate Planning for Digital Assets

Recently, a new subdivision of property has emerged that many people label as "digital assets" such as accounts used for email, professional and personal data backups, banking, investment, and shopping, domain names and web-hosting accounts, social networking accounts, and avatars for online games. While estate planners have perfected techniques to transfer traditional types of property, many estate planners do not address digital assets when preparing their clients' estates. This presentation educates estate planning professionals on the importance of planning for the disposition of digital assets as well as the techniques available under existing law.

Gerry W. Beyer, Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, TX

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Estate and Income Tax Planning with Mineral Interests

A look at the concept of "economic interest" with respect to mineral resources, and how different types of economic interests affect tax and estate planning in light of the dramatic increase in drilling in Texas.

Michael V. Bourland, Bourland, Wall & Wenzel, P.C., Fort Worth, TX
Dustin G. Willey, Bourland, Wall & Wenzel, P.C., Fort Worth, TX

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. 1.50 hrs including .75 hr ethics

Estate Planning Workshop

The Workshop covers practical and ethical issues commonly faced by practitioners in the estate planning area; hot-button issues stemming from recent cases and regulations (final and proposed); and the panelists' views on current "hot" estate planning techniques.

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