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#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 14, 2018

**Presiding Officer:** 

Robert D. Probasco, Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX

7:30 a.m.Registration OpensIncludes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m.

2.00 hrs

## Recent Developments in Federal Income Taxation

Review significant court decisions, rulings, and statutory and regulatory developments of the past year.

Bruce A. McGovern, South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston, TX

10:30 a.m.	Break	

10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

#### Texas State and Local Tax: New Developments

Learn about important new developments in the Texas franchise tax and sales tax laws that affect your tax compliance and tax planning practices. Examine recent court cases and policies affecting the franchise tax COGS calculation, as well as the *South Dakota v. Wayfair* decision and how it affects businesses that sell across state lines.

James F. Martens, Martens, Todd, Leonard & Ahlrich, Austin, TX

**11:45 a.m.** Pick Up Lunch Included in registration.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Maxine Aaronson, Attorney at Law, Dallas, TX

#### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

#### 12:05 p.m.

1.00 hr

## Perspective on the Tax Legislative Process

Get a behind the scenes look at the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, focusing on how specific provisions were enacted and the intent behind the provisions.

Christopher Hanna, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX

Break

1:05 p.m.

#### 1:20 p.m.

# Taxation of Bitcoin, its Progeny and Derivatives: Coin Ex Machina

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, along with Initial Coin Offerings and tokens has continued to grow after becoming the focus of many last year. Review a basic explanation of blockchain and what a cryptocurrency is, and get an overview of federal income tax guidance and important tax questions that remain.

Stevie D. Conlon, Wolters Kluwer, Chicago, IL

2:20 p.m.

#### Understanding the Benefits of the New Section 199A Deduction

Cut through the byzantine complexity of Section 199A to understand the Section's benefits and who gets it, and explore the guardrails that limit the category of owners and the types of income that qualify for the benefit and what we know regarding Treasury guidance.

William Paul Bowers, Norton Rose Fulbright, Dallas, TX

#### 3:20 p.m. Break

#### 3:30 p.m.

#### Rock, Paper, Scissors? Choice of Entity After Tax Reform

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 changed the tax treatment of business entities, including a reduction in the corporate rate and a new deduction for partners, and brought new considerations into play when choosing the form of doing business for your clients. Hear about the factors that may influence your selection now, when and why pass-through entities may still be the right choice, and how and when multi-entity structures may be useful.

Barbara Spudis de Marigny, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, TX

#### 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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#### THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 15, 2018

#### Presiding Officer:

1.00 hr

1.00 hr

1.00 hr

Catherine C. Scheid, Attorney at Law, Houston, TX

7:30 a.m. Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.

1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

#### Partnership Audit Update

Explore the latest developments and current status of the new partnership audit rules, as well as tips, traps and trends in drafting partnership and LLC agreement provisions addressing these rules, and learn how to successfully navigate issues in drafting such provisions, including how to determine who the client is and how to address potential conflicts of interest among partners.

Brandon Bloom, Thompson & Knight LLP, Dallas, TX Mary A. McNulty, Thompson & Knight LLP, Dallas, TX

9:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

1.00 hr

# Structuring Business Transactions After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Examine the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on mergers and acquisitions, including the effect of new tax rates, expanded bonus depreciation, and new limitations on interest deductions.

Michael P. Bresson, Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, TX

#### 10:30 a.m. Break

#### 10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

#### International Changes

The international tax arena was significantly changed in 2017 with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, including an expansion of its reach into purely domestic transactions. Discuss these changes, and identify the key issues they raise for practitioners.

Bret Wells, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

#### 11:45 a.m. Break

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#### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

#### 12:05 p.m.

#### **Ethics Jeopardy**

Enjoy an hour of interactive study of numerous ethics decisions and opinions, illustrated with fact situations, and challenging the audience to make the right ethical choice.

Claude E. Ducloux, Attorney at Law, Austin, TX

Break

#### 1:05 p.m.

#### TAXATION CONFERENCE FACULTY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

1:20 p.m.

The Gig Economy

Explore the effects of the sharing economy on the

traditional employment model as companies use

technology to connect providers and end-users in

novel ways and individual providers increasingly

view themselves as entrepreneurs with their own

business aspirations. Specific topics include the scope of the limitations of the employee/contractor

classification system, the use of arbitration

agreements as a response to judicial second-

quessing, the scope of an employee's fiduciary

duty, the ownership of employee inventions, and

some of the potential consequences associated

with replacing the traditional employment model

with individually-defined, market-driven, peer-to-

Jason Boulette, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P.,

peer business relationships.

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BRET WELLS University of Houston Law Center Houston, TX

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2:20 p.m.

1.00 hr

#### **Exempt Organizations Update**

Learn how tax reform and other current developments have directly impacted tax-exempt organizations.

Jonathan S. Blum, Polsinelli PC, Dallas, TX

3:20 p.m.	Break	
3:30 p.m.		1.00 hr

#### Putting It On and Taking It Off: Managing Tax Basis Today (For Tomorrow)

"Tax Reform" has arrived, and the importance of the management and creation of tax basis - and the opportunities surrounding it - have never been greater. Examine the innovative tax basis management techniques that strip, shift, create, concentrate, and maximize basis where it can be of most benefit to taxpayers, including: (1) upstream planning and powers of appointment to create basis; (2) maximizing and multiplying the "step-up" in basis; (3) the upside of leverage; (4) partnership planning to move basis to where you want it; (5) novel uses of grantor trusts and disregarded entities in basis management; (6) how to "base-up" foreign assets for U.S. taxpayers; and (7) planning that benefits charity while capturing new basis for the family.

Paul S. Lee, Northern Trust, New York, NY

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Hear Professor Johanson's popular and always-		of recent ethics opinic	ons, and hear suggested		

informative review of the latest cases, regulations, rulings and other "hot" estate planning topics!

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

9:45 a.m.	Break

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1.00 hr

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#### Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers and Others: Shower the People You Love With "Tangential" Planning

"Tangential relationships" for which an estate and trust attorney may have to develop a plan often include committed couples and new spouses of the same gender. But property issues or claims may arise out of tangential relationships as diverse as children born as the result of nontraditional reproductive technology to employer-employee matters. Explore how to negate some relationships, establish others, and provide for those that exist in law or in fact.

Rhonda H. Brink, Brink Bennett Flaherty Golden, Austin, TX

11:00 a.m.

#### Financial Abuse of Elders and Other At-**Risk Adults: The Crime of the Twenty-First** Century

Address the scope of Elder Financial Abuse (EFA), how to recognize and minimize the risk of EFA, and actions to take when EFA has been perpetrated and discovered

Kristen M. Lewis, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta, GA

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

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Bernard E. ("Barney") Jones, Attorney at Law, Houston, TX

1:05 p.m.

#### 1:20 p.m.

## 1.00 hr

#### Ten Tools Every Estate Planner Should Know How to Use

Exemptions, rates, and brackets may rise and fall, and estate planners' focus may shift from transfer taxes to income taxes and back. But no matter how laws change, certain tools should be in every estate planner's toolbox. Learn techniques that every estate planner needs to understand, including a discussion on when and how to use them, what to watch out for, and how to explain then in a way your clients will understand.

Mickey R. Davis, Davis & Willms, PLLC, Houston, TX

2:30 p.m.

## Estate Planning Workshop

Address practical concerns commonly faced by practitioners in the estate planning area, including hot-button issues stemming from recent cases, rulings, and regulations (final and proposed). Gain insight on current "hot" estate planning techniques.

#### Moderator:

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

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Stephen R. Akers, Bessemer Trust, Dallas, TX Rhonda H. Brink, Brink Bennett Flaherty Golden, Austin, TX

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**November 9, 2018** *Last day for cancellation (full refund)* 

**November 12, 2018** Last day for cancellation (partial refund) \$50 processing fee applied

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This year's Tax Conference features opportunities to:

- Analyze the full impact of the recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, from its effects choice of entity to the new Section 199A.
- Examine new developments in state and local taxes, including the impact of Wayfair on interstate business.
- Explore how tax law is evolving alongside trends like cryptocurrency and the gig economy.
- Earn a full 15.0/3.0 MCLE hours with on-demand programming provided after the conference.

This year's Stanley M. Johanson Estate Planning Workshop gives attendees the chance to:

- Examine Recent Developments Affecting Estate Planning with Professor Johanson.
- Review *Ten Tools Every Estate Planner Should Know* and discuss when and how to use them.
- Explore "tangential relationships" and elder financial abuse, and learn what they can mean for the practice.