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# TAXATION CONFERENCE

Day 1: Focus on Business Planning

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# **TAXATION CONFERENCE**

Day 2: Focus on Controversy

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#### **WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 13, 2023**

Presiding Officer: T. Charles Parr III, ABIP, P.C., San Antonio, TX

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

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

#### Buy-In, Buy Out and Operational Considerations for Professional Practices and Closely held Businesses

Examine buy-in, buy-out, and operational issues related to a sole proprietorship, c-corporation, s-corporation, and partnership. Discuss buy-in, buy-out, and operational alternatives for an existing shareholder or partner to admit a new shareholder or partner or have one be bought out. Gain insight into operational issues, including new and existing partner compensation allocations, decisions requiring unanimous consent, and general operational issues.

Robb A. Longman, Longman & Van Grack, LLC, Bethesda, MD

9:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

# The Conservation Easement Controversy: IRS Attacks, Taxpayer Victories, and New Guidance

This presentation, made by an attorney who defends hundreds of easement disputes, explores IRS attacks, taxpayer defenses, important court decisions, and what to expect next.

Hale E. Sheppard, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Atlanta, GA

10:30 a.m. 15-Minute Break

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#### 10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr ethics

# Work Product and Attorney-Client Privilege after In Re Grand Jury: Where Do We Go From Here?

Hear a review of the current state of the law post-In re: Grand Jury with an emphasis on the Fifth Circuit and how the law there differs from others around the country.

Melissa L. Wiley, Lowenstein Sandler LLP, Washington, DC

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

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

#### Presiding Officer:

Maxine Aaronson, Attorney at Law, Dallas, TX

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#### **LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

12:15 p.m.

.75 hr

# Property Tax 2023: Where We Are, How We Got Here, and What's Ahead

Recap the successes and failures of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature on property tax relief, tax incentives, and tax administration and discuss the most pressing challenges for the property tax system in Texas.

Jennifer Rabb, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, Austin, TX

#### 1:00 p.m.

15-Minute Break

1:15 p.m.

1.00 hr

## Deceptively Simple: Targeted Allocations in Private Equity Deals

Examine practical issues associated with the use of targeted income allocations in private equity transactions. In particular, provide an overview of allocations in respect of carried interests and how such allocations can be impacted by clawback provisions and fee waivers.

Mark Dundon, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Houston, TX

2:15 p.m.

1.00 hr

#### **Correcting Partnership Capital Accounts**

In the wake of mandatory tax basis reporting of capital accounts, BBA revisions to the partnership audit and litigation rules, and a renewed IRS focus on auditing partnerships, fixing prior period mistakes in partnership capital accounts has become a much more fraught exercise. Examine common causes of capital account errors, as well as possible resolutions.

John Colvin, Colvin + Hallett, P.S., Seattle, WA

3:15 p.m.

15-Minute Break

3:30 p.m.

1.00 hr

#### Transferable Energy Tax Credits

The Inflation Reduction Act provides two new opportunities to monetize energy tax credits in addition to traditional tax equity. Discuss those options and guidance issued by Treasury and the IRS and address when taxpayers should use transferability, direct pay or tax equity.

Maher Haddad, Baker & McKenzie LLP, Chicago, IL

4:30 p.m.

1.00 hr

# QSBS: Quest for Quantum Exclusions (Queries, Qualms, Qualifications & QOZ)

Hear a discussion of planning opportunities and other issues including how QSBS can be combined with QOZ Investments, complications with SPAC mergers, unanswered questions, potential pitfalls, and best practices in the quest for quantum QSBS exclusions.

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

5:30 p.m.

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5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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**Welcoming Remarks** 

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2.00 hrs

#### **Recent Developments**

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.

15-Minute Break

10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

# Texas Tax Disputes: Four Ways to Get Your Ticket to the Courthouse/SALT Update

Whether you're challenging the Comptroller's audit assessment or denial of your refund claim, more options are available, including one that does not require paying upfront. Hear an explanation of the different ways and the advantages and disadvantages of each, insight into tax law changes from the 2023 Legislature, and more.

Jimmy Martens, Martens, Todd, & Leonard, Austin, TX

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#### **Presiding Officer:**

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

#### **LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

12:15 p.m.

1.00 hr ethics

#### The Government's Crackdown on Tax Fraud Enablers: How Tax Professionals Can Avoid Becoming Criminal Defendants

Tax professionals are increasingly finding themselves in very uncomfortable positions, as targets and co-defendants in criminal investigations. Hear valuable information from a former FBI agent and federal prosecutor on how tax professionals can stay out of the government's crosshairs.

Tony Box, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, Dallas, TX

#### 1:15 p.m.

15-Minute Break

1:30 p.m.

1.50 hrs

## IRS Operations: Looking Back and Looking Ahead

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 appropriated almost \$80 billion to the IRS to be expended over 10 years, mostly for Taxpayer Services, Enforcement, Operations Support, and Business Systems Modernization. The speakers discuss the importance of these funds to support meaningful, effective tax administration for your clients, you, and our country.

Charles P. Rettig, Former IRS Commissioner, Los Angeles, CA

Michael J. Desmond, Former IRS Chief Counsel, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Los Angeles, CA Tom Cullinan, Former IRS Counselor to the Commissioner, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Atlanta, GA

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#### Effect of the APA on IRS Guidance

Taxpayers are increasingly challenging the validity of Treasury Regulations and Notices under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). The IRS has traditionally relied on the Anti-Injunction Act as a barrier to pre-enforcement challenges to its rules and regulations, but courts are now finding APA challenges outside the scope of the Anti-Injunction Act's limitation on judicial review. Hear a discussion of current law on APA challenges to IRS guidance, as well as where the law should move.

Kristin E. Hickman, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN

Calvin H. Johnson, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

Susan C. Morse, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

4:15 p.m.

1.00 hr

#### Penalty Abatement Strategies That Work

With the IRS increasingly assessing penalties and viewing penalties as a source of revenue, what practical strategies work to get the IRS to abate penalties? How can I optimize the chances to get my client's penalties abated? How does the Independent Office of Appeals analyze and resolve penalty cases? Hear the answers to those questions and more

Dan Price, Law Offices of Daniel N. Price, PLLC, San Antonio, TX

5:15 p.m.

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#### December 8, 2023

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