Tax Law

Overview

Central to every major investment, business decision or personal financial plan are the tax implications of such actions. Whether you are a multinational company considering an acquisition or joint venture, or the owner of a privately held business developing your succession plan, tax consequences require careful consideration and attention.

Our tax professionals provide you and your business with a full range of services involving every level of complexity and sophistication in tax law. We represent individuals, businesses and tax-exempt organizations in planning, transactional, adversarial, reporting and criminal tax matters. The diversity of our firm's large client base and our many special issue referrals have developed our experience in non-routine areas of practice.

Personal income tax and estate planning have been staples of our practice for many years, attracting clients of all kinds with special family planning needs. Our experience with succession planning for closely held businesses and their owners involves the interplay of tax, estate planning and business issues.

We provide business tax planning to optimize the benefits of the various forms of business entities, including guidance regarding choice of entity and capitalization structures. We also provide advice regarding the structure of taxable and tax deferred merger and acquisition transactions, and international business transactions and assist in the due diligence of acquisitions and divestitures to ensure maximum tax protection for our clients. Our areas of particular experience extend into affordable housing tax credits, real estate investment trusts, partnership tax, sales tax, economic development and related tax credit programs, and issues related to not-for-profit organizations, charitable trusts and foundations. Our counseling for tax-exempt organizations includes establishing and maintaining the exemption as well as unrelated business tax issues.

Employee benefits also represents a significant portion of our practice. We regularly assist clients in the design, implementation and administration of all forms of retirement and welfare benefit plans for large and small businesses, including national corporations, universities, hospitals and professional corporations.

Attorneys in our tax practice have extensive experience in all stages of tax litigation. When possible, we negotiate with government tax auditors and tax counsel to achieve the best result. Throughout litigation or negotiation, our focus is on achieving the best result possible for you in an expeditious and cost-effective manner. Through our office in Albany, we also offer the means to address many New York State tax matters, particularly legislation and tax assessment controversies.

Primary Office Contacts

Albany, NY

Frank C. Mayer

Buffalo, NY

John C. Godsoe

Naples, FL

Dennis C. Brown

Syracuse, NY

Brian K. Haynes

Paul W. Reichel

BOND SCHOENECK & KING ATTORNEYS

Links of Interest

Internal Revenue Service

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

Social Security Administration

Employee Benefits Library