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Taxation

Looper Reed & McGraw's Tax Practice Group provides experienced legal counsel to clients on all matters arising from international, federal, state and local taxation laws. Our areas of expertise and services include ad valorem, asset protection, consulting, controversy, corporate, estate planning, franchise, income tax, state tax, international, IRS audit, mergers & acquisitions, personal, planning, property, real estate, reorganization, ERISA, civil and criminal tax litigation, and white-collar defense. The clients of the Tax Practice Group represent a broad spectrum of taxpayers including public and private companies, nonprofit organizations, estates and trusts, employee benefit plans, and individual taxpayers.

TAX PLANNING

We work closely with clients and their accountants to reduce taxes associated with business activities and significant transactions, and in the areas of tax review, compliance, reporting and controversy. We keep abreast of the ever-changing and complex tax environment so that we can alert our clients to new planning opportunities and compliance requirements, and to provide legal advice that is timely to our client's business affairs. Serving individuals as well as small emerging businesses and large, multinational corporations, we have the experience to design creative and practical solutions to mitigate taxes in complex business transactions.

TAX LITIGATION

When it comes to tax controversy, our practice provides clients with experienced representation in tax examinations/audits, protests to the IRS Office of Appeals, and in equivalent state and local appeals functions. We also are highly skilled and experienced in litigation before the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the United States District Courts, as well as state and local tax authorities and courts.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

As business becomes increasingly international, business planning must always consider the tax implications of international and cross-border transactions. Our international tax lawyers seek to minimize the worldwide taxation of a client's earnings from an investment, to restructure the investment, and eventually to dispose of the investment. This often requires familiarity with the tax laws of several countries and bilateral and multilateral tax treaties, as well as the U.S. tax laws.

EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD

Many of our members of the tax group have a background in general corporate and tax matters and also concentrate in one or more particular areas of tax law, including corporate, real estate transactions, partnerships and limited liability companies, state and local, exempt organizations, banking, international and individual taxation and estate planning.

Our lawyers are actively involved in activities of the tax section of the American Bar Association and State Bar of Texas and regularly publish articles and speak on topics covering federal, state, and international tax issues. Many of our attorneys hold advanced degrees in tax or accounting. Others are Certified Public Accountants or Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Many of our attorneys have worked for the government as trial attorneys for the U.S. Department of Justice or the Internal Revenue Service including one who



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served as Senior Trial Attorney nationally for the IRS based in Washington, D.C.. One attorney has taught federal tax procedure as an adjunct faculty member at SMU's Dedman School of Law for over 25 years and another has taught as an instructor for the SMU Certification Program in Financial Planning. In addition, one of our attorneys has served as president of the Texas Society of CPAs and has served on the American Institute of CPA's national tax executive committee.

Our over-riding goal is to lead clients efficiently and professionally through the ever-changing maze of tax issues and ensure that a client's existing or contemplated financial affairs are structured in a practical and cost-effective manner that achieves a client's business or personal objectives with minimal exposure to tax.