Day 1 - TUESDAY, Sept. 15 (PDT)

9:00  Some of the Best Creative Tax Planning Techniques for Trusts

Trusts can have an array of tax profiles. Acronyms abound and mystify clients and advisors alike. Gain clarity by evaluating the varieties of trust income tax designs.

Stacy Eastland, Goldman Sachs & Co., Houston, TX

10:30  Break

10:40  Don’t Forget the Acronyms - “AET,” “PHC,” and “PSC” - The Accumulated Earnings Tax, the Personal Holding Company Tax, and the Personal Service Corporation Rules After the 2017 Tax Act

The lower corporate income tax rate of 21% and the zero tax upon the sale of qualified small business stock has increased the attractiveness of C corporations after the 2017 Tax Act. Explore the provisions of the Code that must be considered before electing out of pass through treatment to take advantage of the lower 21% corporate tax rate, such as the accumulated earnings tax, the personal holding company tax, the personal service corporation rules, and the powers granted to the IRS under Sections 269 and 269A to allocate income, deductions, credits and other items between controlled corporations and their employee-owners.

C. Wells Hall, III, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Charlotte, NC
Day 2 - WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16 (PDT)

9:00 Joint Ventures: U.S. or Foreign, They’re Not Like They Used to Be
Take a look at the changing landscape for key business, financial, employment/contractor, and tax implications of joint ventures after TCJA. The impact of U.S. versus non-U.S. entities and partners, evaluating the choice of entity of the joint venture and its owners will be included, as well as the implications of FDII and GILTI income as they impact those choices.

Kenneth Levinson, Fredrikson & Byron, Minneapolis, MN

10:15 Transition

10:20 Access to Justice in Oregon: Serving Oregon’s Low-Income and Vulnerable Communities
Consider the issues faced by low-income taxpayers, including ensuring access to the Code’s anti-poverty measures such as EIC, CTC, innocent spouse relief, and collections. Gain an understanding about Oregon’s Low Income Taxpayer Clinics and examine portions of Barriers to Justice: 2018 Civil Legal Needs Study, which documents the civil legal needs of low-income Oregonians.

Sarah Lora, Lewis & Clark Law School, Low Income Tax Clinic, Portland, OR
Janice Morgan, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Portland, OR
Maya Crawford Peacock, Campaign for Equal Justice, Portland, OR

12:45 Adjourn

Day 3 - THURSDAY, Sept. 17 (PDT)

9:00 Carried Interest After the TCJA: New Rules and Potential Solutions
The TCJA introduced Section 1061 of the Code, which changes the holding period necessary for fund managers to receive long-term capital gain treatment with respect to their carried interests. Examine new rules and discover potential solutions to help optimize the tax treatment of carried interest.

Billy Abbott, O’Melveny & Myers, Menlo Park, CA
Alexander Anderson, O’Melveny & Myers, New York, NY

10:15 Break

10:30 Qualified Small Business Stock: The Quest for Quantum Exclusions (Queries, Qualms, Qualifications, and QOZ)
Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) under Section 1202 is not just for tech companies anymore. It’s time to reconsider QSBS because the new tax act has paved the way for closely-held companies to benefit “bigly.” QSBS provides an exciting array of benefits (and a surprising alternative) for owners of new and pre-existing business (large and small): (i) 100% gain exclusion on sale; (ii) tax-free rollover of gains; and (3) a chance to “stack” (multiply) and “pack” the exclusion by 10 times (maybe more). While the benefits of QSBS are straightforward, the qualifications and questions surrounding QSBS planning are far from it. Discover planning opportunities, including how QSBS can be combined with Qualified Opportunity Zone (cont.)
Investments, unanswered questions, potential pitfalls, and best practices in the quest for quantum QSBS exclusions.

Paul Lee, Northern Trust, New York, NY

12:15 Adjourn

Day 4 - FRIDAY, Sept. 18 (PDT)

9:00 Federal Income Tax Update
Professor Cassady “Cass” Brewer, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Professor James Delaney, University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, WY
Professor Bruce McGovern, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX

10:30 Break

10:45 Federal Income Tax Update (cont.)
Professor Cassady “Cass” Brewer, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Professor James Delaney, University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, WY
Professor Bruce McGovern, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX

12:15 Adjourn

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