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■ *State and local practitioners, including returning alumni, will obtain up-to-date analyses of current developments on state income taxation of multistate business and explore the planning opportunities arising therefrom. Delivery Method: Group-Live. No advance preparation required. However, prior attendance at a three-day Interstate Tax Planning conference, this course, or two years' experience in the field are suggested as prerequisites. Estimated continuing education credit: 16 based on a 50-minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics; 13.33 based on a 60-minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics.*

Jurisdiction and Nexus

The latest interpretations by the states and the Multistate Tax Commission of *Wrigley* and *Quill*. State tax treatment of passive investment companies, financial institutions, service companies, credit card and Internet activities. Effect of having sales reps working at home, officers residing in-state, deliveries in company and third-party trucks, leased or mobile property, in-state affiliates, and other in-state activities. Impact of voluntarily registering to do business in a state. Nexus standards under recently revised state tax systems such as the Ohio CAT and Texas Margin Tax. Planning ideas for minimizing state income taxes.

The Unitary Concept

An analysis of current cases interpreting the extent of a state's authority to apply the unitary concept in its many forms, e.g., domestic, worldwide, water's edge combination. Unique statutory and regulatory definitions. The MTC approach. Legislative developments. Structuring business to best take advantage of unitary reporting. Application of the unitary concept to non-income taxes.

Business and Nonbusiness Income

Recent interpretations of the business/nonbusiness distinction by UDITPA and non-UDITPA states before and after *Mead*. Determining "operational significance." Using the functional, transactional, and unitary tests to minimize state taxation of short and long-term investment income, dividends, capital gains, rents, royalties, 338(h)(10) income, and other intangibles. Effect of operating under centralized cash management, through divisions, partnerships, S corporations and LLCs on a business/nonbusiness determination. Treatment of complete and partial liquidations. Legislative developments; update on MTC efforts to reconsider the UDITPA definition of business income.

Accounting for Uncertainty in State Income Taxes

FIN 48: its requirements and the impact this FASB interpretation has had on the priorities of multistate corporate tax departments and their advisors. Discussion of the major issues in accounting for state income taxes on the financial statement. Practical application of FIN 48 and recent developments, including the effect of IRS Statement 2010-09.

Conformity and Tax Base Issues

Limitations imposed by states on the deductibility of NOLs, depreciation, taxes imposed by other states. State tax treatment of related party dividends and fees, foreign source income, federal obligations and 338(h)(10) transactions. Computation of state AMTs, such as the Kentucky "alternative minimum calculation."

Apportionment Factors

Characterizing business activities for purposes of apportionment. Does the company sell tangibles, intangibles, services, mixed products, or a combination? Discussion of sourcing issues and methods, including cost of performance and market sourcing. Treatment of installment, intercompany, drop shipment and dock sales; investment activities, service providers and specialized industries. Recent challenges to throwback and throwout rules, including the latest in the *Joyce/Finnigan* controversy and the *Pfizer/Whirlpool* case. Proving distortion to obtain relief from unfair apportionment. Update on MTC proposal to revise UDITPA apportionment rules.

Flow-Through Entities and Their Owners

Nexus, unitary, apportionment, tax base, conformity issues as applied to flow-through entities and their owners. Hot topics in this area such as how to handle non-resident owner withholding and coping with the various state tax reforms designed to reach the income of flow-through entities.

Ethical and Procedural Issues

Ethical and strategic dilemmas involved in conducting state income tax audits and running the state tax department, including application of ethical standards set by the AICPA, ABA, local state CPA societies and bar associations. Determining the availability of refunds and the associated procedural requirements, such as payment under protest and "pay to play." Writing a protest; alternative dispute resolution; the right to an administrative appeal. Statute of limitations issues, including the effect of RARs, waivers, settling with the IRS, and choosing the date from which the limitations period should be measured. Using nonrefundable overpayments to offset deficiencies and interest.

Problems Session

Practical application of the concepts presented.

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ADVANCED SALES & USE

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■ Sales and use tax practitioners, including returning alumni, will obtain up-to-date analyses of current developments on the most critical topics in the field and explore the planning opportunities arising therefrom. Delivery Method: Group-Live. No advance preparation required. However, prior attendance at a Sales & Use Tax Planning conference, this course, or two years' experience in the field are suggested as prerequisites. Estimated continuing education credit: 16 based on a 50-minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics; 13.33 based on a 60-minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics.

Jurisdiction and Nexus

Advanced issues in determining "substantial nexus" for sales and use tax purposes after *Quill*. What current business practices cause nexus: drop shipments, advertising, delivery in company-owned trucks, use of independent contractors, unpaid representatives, maintenance of inventory, occasional visits by employees? Affiliate and economic nexus. Consequences of using the Internet to conduct business, voluntarily registering to collect sales taxes and establishing "temporary nexus." The latest on state attempts to tax Internet and mail order sales.

The Streamlined Sales Tax Project

Detailed update and discussion on the current status of, and issues surrounding, the SSTP. Why the Streamlined Sales Tax Project has been important. Substantive state tax changes already made. Which states are participating and at what level? Related federal legislation. Prospects for the future.

Ethical and Procedural Issues

Sufficiency of evidence and ethical issues on audit — maintaining exemption certificates and other records, including those kept electronically, defining good faith, using statistical sampling. The effect of Sarbanes-Oxley on recordkeeping for sales and use taxes; how to put internal controls in place to ensure that the sales and use tax department is run with ethics and integrity.

Contractors and Tax Exempt Entities

Distinguishing between exempt sales to the federal government and taxable sales to government employees. Treatment of purchases made with GSA-Smart Pay and other types of government cards. Sales to state, county, city governments, branches and agencies; religious, charitable, educational and not-for-profit organizations. Critical differences in tax treatment between the states. Structuring the transaction to produce the best result.

Manufacturing Exemptions

Determining whether a manufacturing exemption is available in a particular state and how far it extends — to manufacturing, processing, fabricating, packaging, R&D, testing, pollution control; to machinery, materials, chemicals, electricity, natural gas, computers, transportation equipment; to the production of intangibles; to retail or service industries. Must the final product be sold? Proving substantial transformation. Manufacturing incentives.

Services and Mixed Transactions

Identifying the type of transaction involved — pure service, mixed or bundled. Sourcing issues, especially for services offered electronically or through "cloud computing." Sales and use tax treatment of computer software and other digital products, data processing, telecommunications, engineering services, delivery charges, maintenance, access to information and the Internet, and other services. Planning methods to minimize sales and use taxes on mixed transactions. Efforts to clarify this area, including the Streamlined Sales Tax Project and Internet Tax Freedom Act.

Accounting for Undisclosed Sales and Use Tax Liabilities

Discussion of obligations under FASB Statement No. 5 (FAS 5 or ASC 450) to book appropriate reserves for undisclosed sales and use tax liabilities. Impact of recent SEC orders related to failure to maintain appropriate internal controls and adequately reflect sales tax liabilities for both public and private companies. Identification of typical tax risk drivers which contribute to undisclosed liabilities. Discussion of undisclosed liabilities and their impact on M&A. Strategies for identifying, quantifying and mitigating tax exposure, thus reducing undisclosed sales and use tax liabilities.

Problems Session

Practical application of the concepts presented.

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■ *An intensive two-day immersion into the concepts, problems and planning opportunities involved with sales, use and gross receipts taxes. This course is designed for the beginner to intermediate level practitioner; however, even the most experienced state tax professional will obtain practical ideas and valuable information concerning the latest administrative, judicial and legislative developments in sales and use taxation. Delivery Method: Group-Live. No prerequisites or advance preparation required. Estimated continuing education credit: 16 based on a 50-minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics; 13.33 based on a 60-minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics.*

Fundamental Concepts and the Streamlined Sales Tax Project

Sales, use, gross receipts taxes – their similarities and differences. Determining whether the tax is imposed on the purchaser or seller. Taxation of services, tangible personal property, contractors, corporate and partnership transactions. Sales and use taxes on the local level. The administrative aspect: licenses, permits, collection fees, exemption certificates, filing requirements. The effect of the Streamlined Sales Tax Project on promoting sales and use tax compliance and uniformity between the jurisdictions. Recent developments.

Jurisdiction, Nexus and the Internet

Coping with increased sales tax collection and use tax remittance requirements. Impact of in-state order acceptance versus telephone, direct mail or Internet solicitation, drop shipments, distribution from out-of-state, delivery in company trucks, warehousing, national versus local advertising, collection, financing, other service activities. Destination and title passage issues. Economic, physical, electronic presence and their tax consequences. How to respond to nexus questionnaires. Recent administrative, court and legislative developments.

Taxation of Services, Software, Leases and Other Special Transactions

Application of sales and use taxes to the various forms of computer software – canned, custom, electronic, load-and-leave; pure services and mixed transactions; installation and fabrication labor; repairs and warranties; leases, short-term rentals, installment sales, sale/leasebacks, leases with an operator; sales of assets in mergers, acquisitions, liquidations or corporate reorganizations; sales to government, exempt and charitable organizations; construction contractors. Supporting the exemptions – problems of proof. Planning and refund opportunities.

Problems

Practical application of the concepts presented.

Determining the Taxable Base

The inclusion or exclusion of specific items in determining the gross proceeds or sales upon which the tax is based. Treatment of cash and trade discounts, coupons, rebates, returns and allowances, transportation expenses, trade-ins, finance charges, repossessed property, bad debts and taxes paid to other jurisdictions. Impact of the separately stated rule on the taxability of gross receipts and how transactions may be structured to minimize the imposition of tax.

Hot Topics in Sales and Use Taxation

The latest administrative, court and legislative developments on various hot topics in sales and use taxation such as: qualifying for the manufacturing and sale for resale exemptions; how states are taxing intercompany, Internet, telecommunication, advertising and other services; sourcing issues in multijurisdictional transactions on the state and local level; procedural limitations on refunds and assessments; and more, with a focus on the planning and refund opportunities arising therefrom.

Ethics and Managing the Sales and Use Tax Function

Structuring the sales and use tax function to maximize effectiveness while complying with personal ethical standards and those set by the AICPA, ABA, local state CPA societies and bar associations. Organizing and maintaining electronic records that can be trusted. Motivating and training staff to apply sales and use tax laws correctly to both purchases and sales. Cost saving strategies. Using computer software programs to manage exemption certificates and file sales and use tax returns.

Preparing for Audits and Litigation

How to handle a sales or use tax audit, from the arrival of the audit notice to the post-audit review. Ethical considerations. Statistical samplings – their benefits and burdens. Analyzing whether to protest an assessment to the administrative, trial and appellate levels. Working effectively with outside counsel.

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■ *An intensive three-day immersion into the concepts, problems and planning opportunities involved primarily with state income taxation of multistate business. This course is designed for the beginner to intermediate level practitioner; however, even the most experienced state tax professional will obtain practical ideas and valuable information concerning the latest administrative, judicial and legislative developments in interstate taxation. Delivery Method: Group-Live. No advance preparation required. Estimated continuing education credit: 24.5 based on a 50 minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics; 20.58 based on a 60 minute hour, including 1 hour for ethics.*

Jurisdiction and Nexus

Constitutional limitations on state powers to tax interstate business. Protected solicitation and *de minimis* activities under Public Law 86-272. Attributional nexus. Consequences of selling over the Internet, through employees or independent contractors, advertising, delivering, owning or leasing property in a state, other issues. Dealing effectively with nexus questionnaires. The applicable standard for franchise, privilege, other non-income taxes and service companies.

Unitary and Separate Accounting

Unitary, combined, consolidated and separate returns: When does the state or the taxpayer have the right to choose? Limitations on forced combination. Tests for determining when a business is unitary after *Container* and how they may be turned into planning opportunities for the astute tax practitioner.

Business and Nonbusiness Income

The business/nonbusiness distinction as interpreted by UDITPA, Multistate Tax Compact and other states. The latest on the transactional versus functional tests. State taxation of capital gains, dividends, interest, rents and royalties after *ASARCO/Woolworth*, *Allied-Signal* and *Mead*. Factor representation and adjustment opportunities.

The Tax Base and Conformity Issues

State tax treatment of income from federal obligations, taxes paid to other jurisdictions, depreciation, net operating losses, 338(h)(10) transactions, passive investment companies, corporate distributions, foreign source income. State imposition of alternative minimum taxes and the use of other alternative tax bases. Planning and refund opportunities.

Flow-Through Entities

State taxation of flow-through entities and their owners. Types of entities used. Conformity, nexus, unitary, apportionment and tax base issues. Planning opportunities.

Ethics and Managing the State Tax Function

Organizing state tax planning, compliance and audit activities in light of Sarbanes-Oxley, Fin 48 and other developments that have made ethics a more important part of the state tax practice. Conducting effective state tax research that can be relied upon. Computerization of state tax returns.

The Property Factor

Relevant property and the timing of its inclusion. Capitalizing leasehold interests. Using original cost, net book value, basis or fair market value to measure the property factor. Impact of depreciation strategies on, and the role of inventories in, the formula. Situs issues. Treatment of specialized industries.

The Payroll Factor

Scope of the payroll factor — wages, salaries and other personal service compensation. Treatment of management fees, partnership reimbursements, outside contractors, leased or shared employees, specialized industries. Ascertaining the place where services are performed — defining “incidental services” and “base of operations.” Using the cash versus accrual method.

The Sales Factor

Type of receipts included and the proper sourcing method to apply. Treatment of returns, allowances, installment and occasional sales, discounts; services, rents, royalties, investment income, other intangibles. Throwback, throwout and dock sales.

Current Developments

Current administrative, court and legislative developments on such critical interstate tax topics as: whether states may deny refunds of unconstitutional taxes or limit the applicability of NOLs; challenges to discriminatory state tax statutes; how states define the unitary concept and business/nonbusiness distinction; jurisdictional standards after *Wrigley*, *Quill* and *Geoffrey*; apportionment sourcing issues for services and other industries; procedural traps for the unwary; changes to state tax systems such as those enacted by Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Texas. Planning and refund opportunities.

Problems Session

Practical application of the concepts presented.

State and Multistate Tax Audits

The audit process — from information requests and extensions of the statute to the final conference. Ethical considerations. Dealing with the consequences of centralized versus decentralized records. Handling a Multistate Tax Commission audit. Conducting audits in an electronic environment. The burden of monitoring unclaimed property: reporting responsibilities, recovering funds, potential audits.

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Ron Bueing, Member, Pivotal Law Group, Seattle, WA (S&U-GA)

Nicole Crighton, Principal, KPMG LLP, New York, NY (INT-NY)

Douglas J. DeRito, Principal, Ryan, Inc., Atlanta, GA (S&U-FL)

Benjamin Diaz, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal Taxand, LLC, Miami, FL (INT-FL)

Maryann Evans, Senior Manager, KPMG LLP, Washington, DC (INT-FL)

C. Eric Fader, Senior Manager State Tax, Navistar, Inc., Warrenville, IL (INT-CA)

Paul H. Frankel, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP, New York, NY (INT-NY)

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Jeffrey C. Glickman, Partner, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, GA (S&U-FL, GA; INT-GA)

John B. Harper, Director, KPMG LLP, Los Angeles, CA (INT-CA)

David A. Hughes, Partner, Horwood, Marcus & Berk, Chicago, IL (INT-FL)

Katie Jaques, Instructor, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (INT-CA)

John E. Kinney, VP-State & Local Taxes, Time Warner, Inc., New York, NY (INT-NY)

Jose S. Lamela, Jr., Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal Taxand, LLC, Miami, FL (INT-FL)

J. Mark McCormick, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal Taxand, LLC, Atlanta, GA (INT-GA)

Caryl Nackenson-Sheiber, Attorney/Editor, Interstate Tax Insights, Norwalk, CT (INT, S&U-FL, CA, GA, NY)

Eric Newhart, Senior Manager, KPMG LLP, New York, NY (INT-NY)

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Breen M. Schiller, Associate, Horwood, Marcus & Berk, Chicago, IL (S&U-NY)

Kelly W. Smith, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Atlanta, GA (INT-GA)

Mark N. Stefan, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP, San Jose, CA (S&U-CA)

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Prentiss Willson, Jr., Consultant, Ernst & Young LLP, Larkspur, CA (INT-CA)

Aaron M. Young, Partner, Reed Smith LLP, New York, NY (INT-FL)

Jennifer A. Zimmerman, Partner, Horwood, Marcus & Berk, Chicago, IL (S&U-NY)

INTERSTATE TAX INSIGHTS



Wayne Farms: The Alabama Administrative Law Division Overrules Its Own State Legislature

J. ELAINE BIALCZAK

Ingredient or Component Part Exemption

On January 14, 2008, the Alabama Administrative Law Division misconstrued and evaded 66 years of Alabama sales tax law when it denied the taxpayer's application for rehearing in *Wayne Farms LLC v. Alabama Department of Revenue*. The division refused to exempt as an ingredient or component part carbon dioxide sprayed onto chickens to cool them during processing because the resulting presence of the carbon dioxide was "merely incidental" to the cooling function. This never has been the test for allowing the ingredient exemption in Alabama. The division's action rejects its own earlier objective analysis of Alabama Code Section 40-23-10(b), which defines "wholesale sale" and overrules the Alabama Legislature's amendments to the statute.

Initial Decision in *Wayne Farms*

Wayne Farms sprays carbon dioxide on chickens twice while processing them: first, to cool the chicken after cooking, and second, during packaging to freeze and preserve the chicken for shipment. Wayne Farms initially paid sales tax on its purchases of carbon dioxide, but then requested a refund based on its claim that the carbon dioxide became an exempt ingredient and component part of the chicken.² It also asserted that the second application

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■ **Upcoming articles** will discuss recent examples of the growing use of alternative apportionment by both states and taxpayers, Wisconsin developments concerning the distinction between canned and custom software, challenges to New York's website "linking" nexus statute and New Jersey's throwout rule, how states treat pollution control equipment for sales and use tax purposes, and other hot topics in interstate taxation.

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