

INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONALS IN TAXATION

**2005
Sales and Use Tax Symposium
September 25-28**

**Hyatt Hill Country Hotel
San Antonio, Texas**



PROGRAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

■ Beginner Basic

This session provides a basic understanding of the terms and definitions used in everyday sales and use tax discussions. Some questions that will be discussed during this session will include: What is a separate sale at retail? Are "sales tax" and "use tax" treated as the same tax? What is "tangible personal property"? An open discussion will be used to cover these questions and other items of interest to tax professionals who are new to the sales and use tax practice.

Speakers:

Lisa M. Bettencourt, CMI

Director, State and Local Taxes
ADT Security Services, Inc.
Boca Raton, Florida

Linda A. Falcone, CMI

Director, Sales & Use Tax Services
Grant Thornton LLP
Weston, Florida

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

■ What's Your Issue?

Come to a breakout session designed solely to discuss and answer your specific sales tax questions or issues. Facilitated by experts in 15 states, plan on attending to get the answer to your issues and to learn what is challenging others operating within the state or region. The 17 states' and representatives for the state are:

Arkansas/Louisiana - B.J. Pritchett, Peter Hurt

California - Steve Oldroyd, CPA

Florida - H. Michael Madsen, Esq.

Georgia - Valerie H. Jordan

Illinois/Wisconsin - James Kranjc, CPA

Indiana/Ohio - Jeffrey A. Greene, CMI, Esq.

New Jersey/New York - Fred Jenkin, CMI

North Carolina/South Carolina - William Smith, Sr., CMI

Pennsylvania - Douglas J. DeRito, CMI

Texas - Mark W. Eidman, Esq.

To submit your questions or issues for the "What's Your Issue?" session, please e-mail them to Chuck O'Connor at: cocon11391@aol.com. The speakers will receive your questions on an anonymous basis.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

■ CMI - Sales Tax Review

This is a review of the Sales/Use Tax professional designation certification program. What are some of the study tools you can use? How is the written exam structured? Do you know there is an IPT Code of Ethics? This session will give a high-level overview of the requirements, test composition, and suggested study references.

Speaker: **A Member of the CMI Committee**

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Welcoming Reception

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Opening of Symposium

Carolyn L. Elerson, CMI

President
Institute for Professionals in Taxation

Ginny Buckner Kissling

Chair, 2005 Sales and Use
Tax Symposium Committee
Ryan & Company, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

Kyle O. Sollie, Esq.

Vice Chair, 2005 Sales and Use
Tax Symposium Committee
Dechert
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

▣ General Session

"Sizzle or Fizzle" - A Recipe for Leadership Country Style
Many believe the road to success belongs to the individual that can make the bottom line boom. This is simply not true. Growing organizations realize that to get to the top floor of success requires you to take the stairs. The future belongs to the listeners, the communicators, and those passionate and dedicated leaders who not only have an enormous amount of energy, but who can energize those around them. This program is designed to help leaders:

● *Listen*

Are you a master communicator? SOFTen your communications with others.

● *Expect the Unexpected*

Be alert to unforeseen circumstances.

● *Admire Those Around Them*

Use the untapped wealth of your most important resource—people.

● *Be Determined*

Never give up. Millions have failed because they quit only moments before a major breakthrough.

● *Embrace Change*

The only constant in today's society. Learn how to discover and use this valuable tool.

● *Be Resourceful*

Looking inside at the person you want to be—a Leader. Leadership in any occupation means staying on top and being profitable into the next decade and beyond.

Speaker:

M. Dale Henry, Ph.D.

Your Best Unlimited
Kingston, Tennessee

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

▣ General Session

SSTP In 2005 And Beyond

What happened this year and what is expected to happen in the years to come. What if we had a crystal ball?

The session will begin with a brief overview of relevant background information and an explanation of the SSTP process, with an emphasis on how businesses can have a meaningful impact on ultimate SSTP decisions. This will be followed by a description of the Streamlined requirements that member states must follow, including uniform definitions, sourcing rules, exemption administration, and tax return processes. The session will conclude with discussions of what is almost certain to happen during the balance of 2005 and what may happen in 2006.

Speakers:

Jeremiah T. Lynch, CMI

Principal
Ryan & Company
New York, New York

Arthur R. Rosen, Esq.

Partner
McDermott Will & Emery, LLP
New York, New York

12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

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Breakout Sessions

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■ Audit Trends (Offered Twice)

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■ Industry Telecommunications

This session will provide a current update of the converging technology trends in telecommunications and their related impacts upon federal, state, and local taxation. The most recent cases and significant rulings will be discussed as well as the current state tax law changes resulting from the 2005 legislative sessions.

Speakers:

James Kranjc, CPA

Principal
Ryan & Company
Downers Grove, Illinois

David White, Esq.

Assistant VP Tax Policy
SBC Communications, Inc.
San Antonio, Texas

MONDAY

▣ Mixed Transactions

Why do you separate materials and labor? Are you purchasing software and related services? How should the transaction be structured? This session will include discussions of the true object test, exemptions for tangible personal property incident to a service, relevance of contract language, accounting treatment, back up documentation, and separation of pertinent items on the invoice in order to pay the proper amount of tax, if any is due at all.

Speakers:

Jesse R. Adams, III, Esq.

Attorney

Oreck, Bradley, Crighton, Adams & Chase, LLC
New Orleans, Louisiana

Timmy Hulin, CMI

Senior Manager

Ryan & Company
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

▣ Sampling Trends

Have you ever wondered if the State's projected tax liability is representative of your business operations? Have you ever wanted to make sampling easier and become more confident in assessments determined by sampling? If you answered yes to these questions, this session's for you! As a part of this session, the all-star panel will provide real life examples using sampling software including how to identify items that unfairly increase tax liabilities. The panel consists of highly regarded experts in their field that have been involved with sampling and statistical analysis at every level including state tax audits. Session will include a step-by-step analysis of generating a sample using sampling software. Learn the possible pitfalls of sampling and don't just accept that projected tax liability because you don't understand! This session on sampling is beyond the basics and will be geared towards individuals possessing intermediate level experience.

Speakers:

Robert J. Fields, CMI

Managing Director

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Orwell, Vermont

Jason McGlamery

Manager

Ryan & Company, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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Executive Director
DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc.
Alpharetta, Georgia

Frederick W. Jenkin, CMI

Manager, Sales and Use Taxes
BASF Corporation
Mount Olive, New Jersey

3:30 p.m - 5:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

MONDAY

■ European VAT, Mexico, Puerto Rico

Responsibilities for transactional taxes from around the world. The session will focus on European VAT issues, interaction with export/customs issues, and global trends in VAT, including "new VAT regimes" such as Australia, Canada, and Japan. The session will also cover transaction taxes and relevant considerations in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Speakers:

Thomas A. Boniface

Director, International Value Added Tax Center
KPMG LLP
New York, New York

Richard J. Prem

Director of Worldwide Indirect Tax
Amazon.com
Seattle, Washington

■ Freedom of Information Acts

Unpublished letter rulings, audit manuals and guidelines, draft regulations, regulatory review documents--even information about your company's own audit and tax situation: All of this is information that you may be able to get a hold of, if you know how to ask for (or demand) it. This session will focus on how to do just that. Freedom of information acts, sunshine laws, statutes and regulations governing the operation of revenue departments, and other compulsory and non-compulsory techniques to get the information that will help give your company every advantage in planning, audits, appeals, and litigation of state and local tax issues.

Speakers:

William J. McConnell, CMI, CPA, Esq.

Manager--Sales, Use and Excise Taxes
General Electric Company
Fort Myers, Florida

Lee A. Zoeller, CMI, Esq.

Partner
Dechert LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MONDAY

▣ **Managing a Tax Department (Offered Twice)**

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Wendy S. Harhay, CMI

Sales Tax Coordinator
Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc.
Detroit, Michigan

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Cadence Design Systems
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Partner
IntegriTax
Woodstock, Georgia

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Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP
Austin, Texas

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Senior Tax Manager
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Bill Loew, CPA

Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
San Jose, California

Joseph A. Vinatieri, Esq.

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Bewley, Lassleben & Miller
Whittier, California

■ Using Systems: Government and Industry Panel Discussion:

Maximize Your Systems to Minimize Audit Impact

How are states leveraging technology to become more proficient in the audit process? Hear a state DOR representative discuss automation and audits. Are you fully utilizing the reporting capabilities of your systems? Industry representatives will share their thoughts and best practices related to reports and audits. How can you help the state help you? Gain actionable intelligence from experts in the public and private sector about how your tax compliance system may help shorten the time an auditor is at your office. No sales pitches - just a discussion on how to maximize your system to minimize audit impact.

Speakers:

Anita M. DeGumbia

Audit Administrator
Georgia Department of Revenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Kenneth W. Helms, CMI

Director, Sales & Property Tax Group
InterContinental Hotels Group
Atlanta, Georgia

Carolynn S. Iafrate, Esq., CPA

Chief Operating Officer
Industry Sales Tax Solutions, LLC
Exton, Pennsylvania

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

Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

▣ General Session

Internet Tax Research - Tools and Techniques

Tax departments are continually being asked to do more with less and, as a result, tax professionals must constantly seek to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness whenever and wherever possible – tax research is no exception. The Internet has become an indispensable research tool for today's tax professional. It provides instant access to the most current tax information available. This session will aid in sharpening one's tax research skills in order to improve his/her competitive edge in the industry. It will also provide a demonstration of the practical application of the Internet as an essential means for conducting tax research. Discussion will include an assessment of commercial subscription services, as well as various government, news, and other tax related Web sites. This session will provide tax professionals from all levels of experience with the tools necessary for conducting more efficient and effective tax research.

Speaker:

Gregg Perry, Esq.

Attorney
Austin, Texas

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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▣ Ethics – Daily Ethical Considerations for Sales Tax Practitioners

The panel will discuss the various state, local and professional ethical standards and guidelines applicable to sales tax practitioners. Real life examples will be the basis for an interactive discussion.

Speakers:

Janette M. Lohman, CPA, Esq.

Partner
Thompson Coburn LLP
St. Louis, Missouri

William B. Prugh, Esq.

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▣ Sarbanes-Oxley Today

The implementation is over. Where do we go from here? You may have passed, but is there a to do list for the following year? What does the second year of Sarbanes-Oxley bring?

Speakers:

Cathey Barry, CPA

Partner, Tax Services
Smart and Associates, LLP
Devon, Pennsylvania

David L. Moore

Manager Transaction Taxes
American Electric Power
Canton, Ohio

TUESDAY

▣ Supporting Sales and Use Tax Reserves (Offered Twice)

This session will consider the accounting and ethical considerations in connection with establishing, documenting, evaluating, and protecting state tax accruals and contingency reserves. Specifically, this session will consider the state tax manager's view of evaluating the need for state tax contingency reserves, the documentation, the amount of reserves, and the related issues.

Speakers:

Timothy H. Gillis

Partner
KPMG LLP
Washington, DC

Ralph Gilman

Partner and National Leader Sales/Use Tax Practice
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chicago, Illinois

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▣ Industry Contractors

Taxation of construction contracts continues to be a difficult and complex area that affects virtually every taxpayer. Whether you are providing or receiving contracting services, this session will be of interest to you. The session will focus on recent legislative, judicial, and administrative developments affecting the industry, as well as industry trends, audit issues, technology, and refund/planning opportunities. We also will explore trends in special topic areas related to the contracting industry, including: exemption issues, defining real versus personal property, self-manufactured materials, inventory withdrawals, and equipment rental.

Speaker:

Anne R. Glasco, CMI

Senior Manager - IT Accounting & Finance
Kellogg Brown & Root Inc.
Houston, Texas

Janette M. Lohman, CPA, Esq.

Partner
Thompson Coburn LLP
St. Louis, Missouri

TUESDAY

▣ Industry Hotel, Travel, & Food Service

This session will track changes and trends in the industries most dramatically affected by 9/11. Learn about tax pitfalls and take advantage of available incentives and exemptions while interacting with your industry peers. Session will include compliance and audit insights. Expect to cover material that is common to airline, hotel, and food service firms as well as issues that are unique to each industry.

Speakers:

Allen L. Leistner, CMI, CPA

Tax Manager
Yum! Brands, Inc.
Louisville, Kentucky

Angela K. Mathis, CMI

Manager, Corporate Sales Tax
Hilton Hotel Corporation
Memphis, Tennessee

Harry E. McCoy, CMI

Supervisor, Sales/Use & Payroll Tax
Continental Airlines, Inc.
Houston, Texas

▣ Industry Oil & Gas

Mergers/divestitures in oil and gas companies and increases in crude oil prices have caused significant changes in business operations and challenges in tax compliance and audit management. The speakers will focus on taxability and exemptions, services, audit issues, and other sales tax matters relevant to exploration and production, pipelines, refining/chemicals, and marketing.

Speakers:

Debra Reeves, CPA

Sales Tax Manager
Valero Energy Corporation
San Antonio, Texas

Brenda J. Thompson

Tax Manager (Sales & Use)
Deloitte Tax LLP
Houston, Texas

▣ Industry Retail/Wholesale

With a focus on retailers, wholesalers, and distributors, this session will present recent developments in the courts and legislatures with additional attention on audit issues, technology, and emerging trends.

Speakers:

Julian Chavez, CPA

CEO
JC Sales & Excise Tax Advisors
Fairfax, California

Kathleen L. Peavley, CMI

Senior Manager - Audits and Planning
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Bentonville, Arkansas

TUESDAY

▣ Industry Technology

This session is targeted at companies that are involved in the high-technology industry, such as computer-component manufacturers, computer-service providers, and software providers. The speakers will discuss topics that are unique or pervasive in the industry, such as technology-transfer agreements, cutting-edge software licensing arrangements, and high-technology manufacturing issues.

Speakers:

Norman Jung, CMI

State Tax Manager
Sun Microsystems
Santa Clara, California

Steve Oldroyd, CPA

Director
BDO Seidman
San Jose, California

▣ Related Party Transactions (Offered Twice)

This session will focus on related party transactions and the sales and use tax consequences associated with these transactions. The primary focus will be on management companies and shared service organizations. The pros and cons of using structural alternatives such as procurement companies and leasing companies will also be addressed.

Speakers:

Deborah M. Elmo

Manager, Sales & Use Taxes
Johnson & Johnson
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Mark E. Holcomb, Esq.

Partner, State and Local Tax Group
Holland & Knight LLP
Tallahassee, Florida

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▣ Sales and Use Tax Incentives (Offered Twice)

General update on statutory and non-statutory sales and use tax credits, refunds and exemptions that are available for a wide spectrum of companies. Session will provide an overview of statutory benefits available in states with a large degree of diverse industry as well as specifics on qualifying for the credits, refunds and exemptions. Focus will be placed on the type of industry and activity taking place as well as on the geographic location of the business. This session will also discuss the sales and use tax exemptions and abatements that can be negotiated with states by companies that are either looking to expand an existing facility and/or to construct a new facility. In today's competitive economic environment, states are eager to attract major companies where they will provide companies with millions of dollars in sales tax abatements in exchange for the major capital spending and job creation that would take place.

Speakers:

Patricia J. Herrera

Vice President
Mintax, Inc.
East Brunswick, New Jersey

Michael Huber

Director, Location Strategies
Mintax
East Brunswick, New Jersey

▣ The Terms of the Deal (Offered Twice)

This topic focuses on the sales and use tax implications of transactions where the buyer and seller have control over certain terms and conditions of the transactions and will discuss various ways for the buyer and seller to minimize the sales and use tax on a particular transaction. The issues discussed will include where title is transferred, how the property is shipped or delivered, the effect of different payment methods (installment sales, conditional sales, rentals, rentals with an option to purchase), the ability to shift the tax burden among the parties, how to document exemptions from tax, the effects of bundled transactions, the taxability of drop shipments, and the implications of temporarily storing property in a state.

Speaker:

David J. Shipley, Esq.

Special Counsel
McCarter & English, LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

TUESDAY

▣ Canadian Taxes (Offered Twice)

Canadian transaction taxes (such as the Federal Goods and Services Tax and the various provincial transaction taxes) will often impact upon the manner in which a non-resident will carry on activities in Canada and the form of business structure. When dealing with such taxes, non-residents are often faced with questions such as:

- Do we need to register for and collect GST and other Canadian/provincial sales taxes? If so, will this affect our liability for Canadian income taxes?
- Will we be able to recover any or all of the Canadian transaction taxes that we incur?
- What happens if we provide services to Canadian-based customers or license or sell intangibles to such customers?
- What are the various choices for exporting into Canada and how will transaction tax consequences vary as a result?

Non-residents will wish to avoid traps with respect to Canadian transaction taxes such as the payment of non-recoverable taxes and would wish to minimize compliance obligations in Canada. Non-residents are also interested in tips that may be exploited. This session will provide an intermediate level overview (with a 10 minute basic review) of how the Canadian GST system operates and will update you with the main issues relating to Canadian transaction taxes impacting non-residents. Knowing the tips and traps of Canadian transaction taxes will allow non-resident suppliers to minimize their exposure and maximize the benefits of entering into the Canadian marketplace.

Speakers:

Carlos V. Hernandez

Senior Tax Manger
DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc.
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Robert Martini, Esq.

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▣ Nexus – Adventures in Nexus; Blurring the Bright Line (Offered Twice)

This topic will begin with an overview of basic sales and use tax nexus concepts and then address cutting edge nexus issues including flash nexus, trailing nexus, affiliate nexus, agency nexus, qui tam ("whistleblower") lawsuits, RICO actions, state contractor registration requirements, voluntary compliance agreements and the potential effect of the SSTP on nexus issues.

Speakers:

J. Whitney Compton, Esq.

Director
Compton & Associates, LLP
Marietta, Georgia

Stephanie Lipinski Galland, Esq.

Of Counsel
Steel Hector & Davis LLP
Washington, DC

▣ Refunds - Navigating the Road to Refunds.

How to Avoid Roadblocks and Costly Mistakes (Offered Twice)

This session will cover the recent changes and trends in restrictions imposed by states on requesting refunds. The session includes a discussion of procedural mistakes that can delay, reduce or eliminate the refund or the interest associated with the refund including "deemed denied" statutes.

Speakers:

Susan Breaux, CPA

Principal
Ernst & Young LLP
New Orleans, Louisiana

Robert C. Cobb

Tax Supervisor, Sales & Use Tax
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
The Woodlands, Texas

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Kansas City, Missouri

■ Update - Northeast (Offered Twice)

This session will cover recent legislative, judicial and administrative developments in the Northeast Region of the country, including CT/MA/ME/NJ/NY/PA/RI/VT. The session will include a discussion of recent cases, rulings, and other developments that are significant, including major audit issues in the states.

Speakers:

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Manager, Sales and Use Taxes
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■ Written Communication (Offered Twice)

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American Electric Power
Canton, Ohio

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

Reception

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

■ General Session

Settling Your Dispute: Tips, Tricks, Traps and Tools

Sales and use tax issues, by nature, are given to controversy. Taxpayers and taxing bodies rarely have a true “meeting of the minds” as to what creates a fair result. Traditional litigation forces the court to decide when parties cannot agree themselves. More jurisdictions are looking to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods as a means to settle disputes. Properly managed negotiations and mediations can bring earlier, less expensive and more durable resolutions to sales and use tax issues. Our speaker is an experienced attorney, negotiator, mediator and conflict resolution trainer. He has settled disputes in everything from “Admiralty to Zoning.” Learn practical tools you can use in your sales and use tax discussions. Learn techniques to reach “resolution,” not just “settlement” where both sides walk away unhappy! Learn to disagree without being disagreeable, explore – not debate, and fix problems without fixing blame. Recognize when someone is attempting to “play” you and how to refocus the discussion. Learn strategies for dealing with confrontation, the “pit-bull” and apparent impasse. *No touchy-feely psychobabble or incomprehensible legalese. Just plain talk, uncovering hidden agendas and getting the job done!*

Speaker:

Sam Imperati, Esq.

Executive Director
Institute for Conflict Management, Inc.
Portland, Oregon

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Breakout Sessions

■ Canadian Taxes (Offered Twice)

Canadian transaction taxes (such as the Federal Goods and Services Tax and the various provincial transaction taxes) will often impact upon the manner in which a non-resident will carry on activities in Canada and the form of business structure. When dealing with such taxes, non-residents are often faced with questions such as:

- Do we need to register for and collect GST and other Canadian/provincial sales taxes? If so, will this affect our liability for Canadian income taxes?
- Will we be able to recover any or all of the Canadian transaction taxes that we incur?
- What happens if we provide services to Canadian-based customers or license or sell intangibles to such customers?
- What are the various choices for exporting into Canada and how will transaction tax consequences vary as a result?

Non-residents will wish to avoid traps with respect to Canadian transaction taxes such as the payment of non-recoverable taxes and would wish to minimize compliance obligations in Canada. Non-residents are also interested in tips that may be exploited. This session will provide an intermediate level overview (with a 10 minute basic review) of how the Canadian GST system operates and will update you with the main issues relating to Canadian transaction taxes impacting non-residents. Knowing the tips and traps of Canadian transaction taxes will allow non-resident suppliers to minimize their exposure and maximize the benefits of entering into the Canadian marketplace.

WEDNESDAY

Speakers:

Carlos V. Hernandez

Senior Tax Manger
DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc.
Billerica, Massachusetts

Robert Martini, Esq.

Partner
Aird & Berlis LLP
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

■ **Nexus – Adventures in Nexus; Blurring the Bright Line (Offered Twice)**

This topic will begin with an overview of basic sales and use tax nexus concepts and then address cutting edge nexus issues including flash nexus, trailing nexus, affiliate nexus, agency nexus, qui tam ("whistleblower") lawsuits, RICO actions, state contractor registration requirements, voluntary compliance agreements and the potential effect of the SSTP on nexus issues.

Speakers:

J. Whitney Compton, Esq.

Director
Compton & Associates, LLP
Marietta, Georgia

Stephanie Lipinski Galland, Esq.

Of Counsel
Steel Hector & Davis LLP
Washington, DC

■ **Refunds - Navigating the Road to Refunds.**

How to Avoid Roadblocks and Costly Mistakes (Offered Twice)

This session will cover the recent changes and trends in restrictions imposed by states on requesting refunds. The session includes a discussion of procedural mistakes that can delay, reduce or eliminate the refund or the interest associated with the refund including "deemed denied" statutes.

Speakers:

Susan Breaux, CPA

Principal
Ernst & Young LLP
New Orleans, Louisiana

Robert C. Cobb

Tax Supervisor, Sales & Use Tax
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
The Woodlands, Texas

WEDNESDAY

▣ Related Party Transactions (Offered Twice)

This session will focus on related party transactions and the sales and use tax consequences associated with these transactions. The primary focus will be on management companies and shared service organizations. The pros and cons of using structural alternatives such as procurement companies and leasing companies will also be addressed.

Speakers:

Deborah M. Elmo

Manager, Sales & Use Taxes
Johnson & Johnson
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Mark E. Holcomb, Esq.

Partner, State and Local Tax Group
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Tallahassee, Florida

▣ Supporting Sales and Use Tax Reserves (Offered Twice)

This session will consider the accounting and ethical considerations in connection with establishing, documenting, evaluating, and protecting state tax accruals and contingency reserves. Specifically, this session will consider the state tax manager's view of evaluating the need for state tax contingency reserves, the documentation, the amount of reserves, and the related issues.

Speakers:

Timothy H. Gillis

Partner
KPMG LLP
Washington, DC

Ralph Gilman

Partner and National Leader Sales/Use Tax Practice
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chicago, Illinois

WEDNESDAY

■ Sales and Use Tax Incentives (Offered Twice)

General update on statutory and non-statutory sales and use tax credits, refunds and exemptions that are available for a wide spectrum of companies. Session will provide an overview of statutory benefits available in states with a large degree of diverse industry as well as specifics on qualifying for the credits, refunds and exemptions. Focus will be placed on the type of industry and activity taking place as well as on the geographic location of the business. This session will also discuss the sales and use tax exemptions and abatements that can be negotiated with states by companies that are either looking to expand an existing facility and/or to construct a new facility. In today's competitive economic environment, states are eager to attract major companies where they will provide companies with millions of dollars in sales tax abatements in exchange for the major capital spending and job creation that would take place.

Speakers:

Patricia J. Herrera

Vice President
Mintax, Inc.
East Brunswick, New Jersey

Michael Huber

Director, Location Strategies
Mintax
East Brunswick, New Jersey

■ The Terms of the Deal (Offered Twice)

This topic focuses on the sales and use tax implications of transactions where the buyer and seller have control over certain terms and conditions of the transactions and will discuss various ways for the buyer and seller to minimize the sales and use tax on a particular transaction. The issues discussed will include where title is transferred, how the property is shipped or delivered, the effect of different payment methods (installment sales, conditional sales, rentals, rentals with an option to purchase), the ability to shift the tax burden among the parties, how to document exemptions from tax, the effects of bundled transactions, the taxability of drop shipments, and the implications of temporarily storing property in a state.

Speaker:

David J. Shipley, Esq.

Special Counsel
McCarter & English, LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Quad Occupancy:	\$219 + tax

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Hotel Information

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Prerequisites: None
Program Level: Multiple
Field of Study: Taxation

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

(Choose Up To Two Of The Following Sessions. Make Selections Carefully As The Last Two Sessions Are Concurrent)

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Beginner Basic

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (OR)

What's Your Issue? (*Indicate Choice(s)*)
 AL/MS AR/LA CA FL
 GA IL/WI IN/OH NJ/NY
 NC/SC PA TX

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CMI - Sales Tax Review

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Choose One Of The Eight Breakout Sessions)

Audit Trends * Industry - Manufacturing * Industry - Telecommunications Mixed Transactions
 Sampling Trends Update - Mid-Atlantic * Update - Midwest * Update - Northeast *

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Choose One Of The Seven Breakout Sessions)

European VAT, Mexico, Puerto Rico Freedom of Information Acts Managing A Tax Department *
 Update - Southeast * Update - Southwest * Update - West * Using Systems

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

(Choose One Of The Eight Breakout Sessions)

Audit Trends * Ethics Managing A Tax Department * Sarbanes-Oxley Today
 Supporting S/U Tax Reserves * Update - Southeast * Update - Southwest * Update - West *

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Choose One Of The Eight Breakout Sessions)

Industry - Contractors Industry - Hotel, Travel, Food Service Industry - Oil & Gas Industry - Retail/Wholesale
 Industry - Technology Related Party Transactions * SUT Incentives * The Terms Of The Deal *

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Choose One Of The Eight Breakout Sessions)

Canadian Taxes * Industry - Manufacturing * Nexus * Refunds *
 Update - Mid-Atlantic * Update - Midwest * Update - Northeast * Written Communication *

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

(Choose One Of The Eight Breakout Sessions)

Canadian Taxes * Nexus * Refunds * Related Party Transactions *
 Supporting S/U Tax Reserves * SUT Incentives * The Terms Of The Deal * Written Communication *