

INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONALS IN TAXATION

**2006
Sales and Use Tax Symposium
September 26-29**

**Westin La Paloma Hotel
Tucson, Arizona**



PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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”? These questions and other items of interest to tax professionals who are new to the sales and use tax practice will be addressed during an open discussion.

Speakers:

Lisa M. Bettencourt, CMI

Director, State and Local Taxes
Tyco / Fire & Security
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 12 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 representatives for the states are

Arizona/Nevada - James M. Susa, Esq. - Bancroft Susa & Galloway

California - Julian Chavez, CPA - Stafford, Chavez, & Associates, Inc.

Florida - Mark E. Holcomb, Esq. - Holland & Knight LLP

Illinois - Mary Pat Kohberger, Deloitte Tax LLP

Louisiana - William Backstrom, Jr., Esq., Jones Walker

New Jersey/New York - Albert H. Cornell, PricewaterhouseCoopers, **David J. Gutowski**, Dechert LLP

Ohio/Pennsylvania - David R. Kraus - Dechert LLP, **William F. Vohsing** - Ernst & Young LLP

Texas - Mark Eidman, Esq. - Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP

Washington - Bob Heller - Ernst & Young LLP

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.

Opening of Symposium

President
Institute for Professionals in Taxation

Kyle O. Sollie, Esq.
Chair, 2006 Sales and Use
Tax Symposium Committee
Dechert
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Faranak Naghavi, CPA
Vice Chair, 2006 Sales and Use
Tax Symposium Committee
Ernst & Young LLP
Washington, DC

8:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

▣ General Session

"How To Soar Like An Eagle In A World Full Of Turkeys"
This "double-edged sword" presentation cuts to the core of both business and personal performance. With continued budget crunches, increasing global competition and pressure to make quicker and better decisions, businesses must be creative, aggressive and innovative in order to be successful. The success of any organization depends upon the success of its people. The ultimate cause for change is the customer. The customer wants it better...easier to use...cheaper . . . and the customer wants it now. Everyone is standing on shaky ground. Today's "King of the Mountain" could be tomorrow's case study on failure. Kmart, IBM, and Kodak have all found out the power of change from a position of power to a fight for survival. This fast-paced, informative session penetrates the very core of success breaking down the causes, so they can be identified, understood and accepted by the audience. Come explore ways to ensure your success.

Speaker:

Robert Stevenson

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

▣ General Session

"Streamlined Sales Tax: The Fundamentals and the Future"
Streamlined Sales Tax may well be the most significant sales tax development in your lifetime. Things are starting to happen; statutes have been changed, the agreement is now effective and amnesty is available. The Governing Board has been established, yet unresolved issues remain. And, is congressional action likely? This session will present the latest update and outstanding issues on this most important topic.

Speakers:

Kendall L. Houghton, Esq.
Partner
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
Washington, DC

John A. Swain, Esq.
Associate Professor of Law
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

■ General Session

“Sarbanes-Oxley and Tax Reserves Update”

Does your company or client have adequate controls and supporting documentation in place to be in compliance for reserve purposes? What lessons can be learned from other companies that have had their sales and use tax controls and processes scrutinized by the “police”? This session will provide updated guidelines and practical solutions to calculating and supporting sales and use tax reserves.

Speakers:

Michael H. Lippman, CPA

National Partner in Charge, Technical Client Services
State and Local Tax
KPMG LLP
McLean, Virginia

Eric S. Tresh, Esq.

Partner
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
Atlanta, Georgia

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

Lunch

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

■ Breakout Sessions

■ Class Action Sales Tax Litigation

This session will cover the increasing use of consumer class action lawsuits, *qui tam* actions, consumer protection statutes, and even RICO to recover alleged sales tax overcharges and to remedy other improper practices related to the collection of sales taxes. Come listen to the presenters explore the issues surrounding such litigation and how it might affect you.

Speakers

Robert W. Brownlie, Esq.

Partner
DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP
San Diego, California

Larry Katz

Director of Sales, Use, Property and Payroll Taxes
IKON Office Solutions, Inc.
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

■ Credits and Incentives (Offered Twice)

This session may help your company or clients save money by proactively pursuing state and local tax credits and incentives associated with capital or employee expansions. Find out which incentives are statutory and which are negotiated and how to obtain the full benefit of these opportunities. An update will also be provided on recent legislative and judicial developments in the credits and incentives area.

Speakers:

Amanda P. Brown, CPA

Senior Tax Manager
Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Jennifer Quinn, Esq.

Director, State and Local Tax
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Atlanta, Georgia

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▣ Global Transaction Taxes

Sales and use tax departments are increasingly exposed to non-US transactions, either because of integration of such functions for better management and control of global indirect taxes, or merely because of increased best practice sharing. Even personnel of smaller companies are likely to be exposed to such issues because of increased global trade activity and treaties. This session will cover key issues in the management of global transaction taxes including, compliance and Sarbanes-Oxley-related issues, audit issues, and tax planning opportunities.

Speakers:

Thomas A. Boniface

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

Bradley M. Gayton, Esq.

Director of Global Trade, Taxation and Customs
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

▣ Healthcare Industry Session

This session will cover the latest judicial and legislative updates in the healthcare industry. The speakers will discuss practical impacts of Streamlined Sales Tax for the taxpayers in this industry: Is life easier under Streamlined Sales Tax, or has the initiative made compliance more difficult for the industry members? Will the states start taxing products and services that were exempt prior to the changes?

Speakers:

Beth Ann Kendzierski

Director, Tax
Apria Healthcare, Inc.
Lake Forest, California

Sandra G. Long, CPA

Senior Manager - Sales/Use & License Taxes
HCA, Inc.
Nashville, Tennessee

▣ Manufacturing Industry Session (Offered Twice)

This session will focus on compliance and audit-related issues that are unique to the manufacturing industry. The latest judicial and legislative developments that specifically impact the manufacturing area will also be addressed in this discussion.

Speakers:

David R. Rennie, Esq.

Tax Director
RSM McGladrey, Inc.
Riverside, California

John H. Schneider, CMI

Sales & Use Tax Manager
Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.
Rancho Cucamonga, California

WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

■ Refund Procedures (Offered Twice)

Show me the money! This session is designed to give practical advice, best practices and potential pitfalls on recovering refunds of overpaid taxes, penalties and interest. The speakers will discuss various issues that could affect your company's ability to recover refunds. They, also, will cover the types of resources available to help secure and maximize the refunds. The discussion will include such topics as sampling vs. detail reviews, filing directly with the state vs. filing through vendors, filing protective claims, and procuring assignment forms. The session will highlight problem states and procedural mistakes that could negatively affect the realization of your company's refunds.

Speakers:

Mark W. Eidman, Esq.

Attorney
Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP
Austin, Texas

David J. Gutowski, Esq.

Attorney
Dechert LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

■ Retail/Wholesale Industry Session

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

Speakers:

Julian Chavez, CPA

Partner
Stafford, Chavez, & Associates, Inc.
Fairfax, California

Kathleen L. Peavley, CMI

Manager - Sales, Use and Excise Taxes
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

■ Tools For The Tax Department (Exemption Certificates, Data Mining)

The lack of sophisticated tax functions available in most financial systems compounds the complexities associated with tax compliance. Businesses with limited resources are using a wide variety of technology tools to help manage business processes and reduce risk. This interactive session will highlight examples of these tools, including how to implement, use and maintain them. These tools range from exemption-certificate-management software to data mining in multi-faceted database structures. Come prepared to share your best practices and expand your knowledge.

Speakers:

Theodore J. Mirenda, Jr., CMI

Manager, Sales/Use, Property & Excise Taxes
GE Water
Trevose, Pennsylvania

Scott H. Walters

Director Technology Solutions
The Gagnon Group, LLC
Boston, Massachusetts

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

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▣ Hospitality Industry Session

This session will focus on the latest sales, use, and local tax developments from the courts and legislatures, as well as cover trends in the hospitality industry. Learn about significant developments, hot audit issues, available incentives and exemptions while interacting with your industry colleagues.

Speakers:

Mike Fannon, CMI

Director - Sales and Lodging Taxes
Hilton Hotel Corporation
Memphis, Tennessee

Kenneth W. Helms, CMI

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

▣ Hot Issues In Sales And Use Taxation

This session will be an interactive and lively discussion covering recent cases, rulings and other developments. It will include a give-and-take offering dynamic viewpoints on current issues and topics in sales and use taxation.

Speakers:

Paul H. Frankel, Esq.

Partner
Morrison & Foerster
New York, New York

Maryann B. Gall, Esq.

Partner
Jones Day
Columbus, Ohio

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John H. Schneider, CMI

Sales & Use Tax Manager
Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.
Rancho Cucamonga, California

■ Oil, Gas & Chemical Industry Session

Increases in crude oil prices, along with other developments, have caused significant changes in business operations and challenges in tax compliance and audit management. This session will focus on audit issues, recent legislation, exemptions, and other sales and use tax matters relevant to exploration and production, pipelines, refining, and marketing. In addition, the session will cover similar issues relevant to companies in the chemicals industry.

Speakers:

Peter A. Conrad, Jr., CMI

Senior Tax Analyst
Chevron Corporation
Concord, California

Jennifer I. Jordan, CPA

Senior Manager
Deloitte Tax LLP
Houston, Texas

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▣ **Systems Transition and Compatibility**

In order to implement a sales and use tax software system successfully, many different groups with vastly different visions and goals must work together effectively. Business units must provide practical and relevant data. Tax departments must document the appropriate requirements and application of the tax laws. IT groups must make sure that the system properly functions to provide the correct result. This session will cover many of the practical concerns and potential traps for companies that are contemplating the automation or upgrade of their sales and use tax systems and controls.

Speakers:

Joann B. Hetzer
Manager - Tax Systems
Praxair, Inc.
Danbury, Connecticut

Lisa Krzyzaniak, CPA
Senior Manager
Ernst & Young LLP
Hartford, Connecticut

▣ **What's My Industry? –**

Traditional Exemptions – New Applications!

You think of your company as a service provider, but it may be a manufacturer, too...or a utility...or an airline. Have you ever wondered if your company might be “missing the boat” with respect to available sales and use tax exemptions (or exposures) because of non-core activities? In this session, the speakers will attempt to blend creativity with “out of the box” thinking to come up with exemptions that you thought would never apply to your business. Since exemptions are granted by legislation, the speakers will focus their discussion on state statutes and how one can interpret the statutory language in favor of your company.

Speakers:

Mark E. Holcomb, Esq.
Partner, State and Local Tax Group
Holland & Knight LLP
Tallahassee, Florida

Janette M. Lohman, Esq., CMI, CPA
Partner
Thompson Coburn LLP
St. Louis, Missouri

Charles J. Moll, III, Esq.
Partner
Winston & Strawn LLP
San Francisco, California

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

Reception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.

Day's Introduction

"Arizona Department of Revenue"

Speaker:

Gale L Garriott

Director

Arizona Department of Revenue

Phoenix, Arizona

8:20 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

▣ General Session

"Restoring Confidence in Business through Ethical Behavior"

Over the past few years, more companies have restated earnings than at any time in history. Some of those restatements caused the collapse of the companies. Decisions on everything from valuation to timing to expenses were often not evaluated from an ethical perspective and pushed the legal envelope. The indictment of the former Tyco CEO for sales tax evasion spoke volumes to investors. The question now is, "Can we ever trust again?" The past year has taught us a lesson: Trust is at the heart of good regulatory relations, customer service and investor faith; and, at the heart of trust, is ethics. This session will explore the importance of ethics for all aspects of business operations and all types of Decisions. It will emphasize the role of ethics in reestablishing trust. In fact, the capitalist system depends upon markets that function properly and such markets require trust and ethical conduct by participants.

Speaker:

Marianne Jennings, Esq.

Professor of Legal and Ethical Studies

Arizona State University

Mesa, Arizona

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

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Speakers:

Carolynn S. Iafrate, CPA, Esq.

Chief Operating Officer

Industry Sales Tax Solutions, LLC

Exton, Pennsylvania

Michael C. Radvansky

Senior Tax Analyst

General Electric Company

Fort Myers, Florida

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ **Effective Tax Rates, Direct Pay Permits and Use Tax Automation: Alternatives for Calculating Use Tax While Maintaining Proper Controls (Offered Twice)**

In today's environment of stringent internal controls, it is more important than ever to pay the correct amount of sales and use tax. In an effort to "get it right the first time," this session will compare and contrast the numerous ways to automate use tax calculations. Whether working with a large ERP or a Legacy system, automation of the process must ensure tight controls, accurate calculation and minimal audit adjustments. Come explore new alternatives for calculating the same old taxes.

Speakers:

Oscar L. Garza, Esq.

Director Tax Services
Deloitte Tax LLP
Houston, Texas

Morty Steindler

Manager
Multistate Tax Advisory Services LLC
Smyrna, Georgia

Gregory A. Stroud

Director - Sales, Use & Property Taxes
Koch Business Solutions, LP
Wichita, Kansas

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▣ **Nexus, Including Attributional Nexus (Offered Twice)**

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Partner
Bancroft, Susa & Galloway
Phoenix, Arizona

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McDermott Will & Emery, LLP
New York, New York

▣ **Property Tax Basics For Sales Tax Professionals**

This session will provide a high-level exposure to the real and personal property tax issues that our property tax counterparts deal with on a daily basis. The session will also explore how those issues affect the sales and use tax professional. What is the difference between realty and personalty—especially in the gray areas? How are real and personal property valued and taxed? What is the audit process like for property taxes? What are some common crossover issues between sales and property tax? What are the hot issues in today's property tax world? Answers to these questions and more will be revealed in this information-packed session.

Speakers:

Arthur E. Bennett, CMI

Vice President - National Property Tax Services
Property Tax Assistance Co., Inc.
Bellflower, California

Gilbert G. Diaz, CPA

Tax Manager
Eclipse Aviation
Albuquerque, New Mexico

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Sales Tax Department Management Best Practices

Effectively managing a tax department is challenging. It requires balancing tax planning, managing audits, responding to changes in business operations, keeping up to date with changes in the law, filing returns on time and being involved in accounting system upgrades. Sales tax managers and directors also need to interact effectively with other departments, clearly communicate the value of their department to the executive staff, and manage their staffs (hiring, reviewing and motivating). Learn some best practices based on the experience of how others successfully juggle these responsibilities and create value for their company.

Speakers:

Vicki K. Smith, CPA

Director Domestic Taxes
Harsco
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Diane L. Yetter

President
Yetter Consulting Services, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois

▣ Sampling – The Science Behind the Statistics

What you always wanted to know about sampling theory, but were afraid to ask! Online computer simulations and sampling experiments are used to demonstrate statistical concepts. Don't be intimidated by statements such as, "We are 95% confident that the total tax assessment is between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million with 2% precision." Come to this session and learn what this statement and other similar statistical statements used in sales and use tax audits really mean.

Speakers:

W. Tom Baker

Manager Excise Tax Audit
BP Corporation North America
Houston, Texas

Stacie E. Taylor, Ph.D. Candidate

President/Statistical Consultant
Tailored Statistical Solutions, LLC
Beavercreek, Ohio

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Services

"At Your Service...

An Exploration of Sales and Use Tax on Services"

This session focuses on issues related to the taxation of services including discussions regarding taxable and nontaxable services, sourcing of services for sales and use tax purposes, services with multiple points of use, taxation of mixed and bundled service transactions, purchases of services for resale, purchases of materials used to render services, and jurisdiction over service providers.

Speakers:

CJ Masciovecchio

Tax Analyst

Hewlett-Packard Company

Roseville, California

David J. Shipley, Esq.

Special Counsel

McCarter & English, LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

Lunch

Multistate Tax Commission - Is it practical? How does it affect my company? The lunch speaker will cover the MTC's latest initiatives, discuss the benefits of using the MTC for voluntary disclosure agreements or audits and summarize MTC audit activity in terms of number, size, industry and geography.

Speaker:

Joe Huddleston, Esq.

Executive Director

Multistate Tax Commission

Washington, DC

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▣ Outsourcing Sales and Use Tax Functions

Outsourcing of sales and use tax functions is now fairly common. The confluence of macro-economic forces such as increasing global competition combined with the advent of various technologies, such as electronic payments and internet-filings, have provided a fertile environment for continued and improved outsourcing. This session will provide practical insights into the pros and cons of outsourcing sales and use tax functions, describe the process of evaluating outsource service providers, discuss Service Level Agreements and related performance-measurement issues, and also discuss the growing use of "off-shoring" as a form of outsourcing.

Speakers:

Kurt N. Burr

Co-Founder
Burr Wolff, L.P.
Houston, Texas

David S. Clapp

Vice President, Business Development
Thomson Tax & Accounting
Atlanta, Georgia

▣ Sales Tax Planning (Offered Twice)

As federal and state regulators have intensified their scrutiny of business transactions and structures, taxpayers have become increasingly conservative with their tax planning. However, while abusive transactions have been rightly targeted, legitimate tax planning remains a viable option for companies looking to realign their business operations. In this session, we will discuss the characteristics of legitimate tax planning, which would satisfy the regulators and auditors and still benefit the company.

Speakers:

Jeremiah T. Lynch, CMI

Principal
Ryan and Company
New York, New York

Julie Stakenburg, CPA

Director of US Sales & Use Tax
Accenture
Walnut Creek, California

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ **Sampling Applied – State-Specific Procedures Update on States' Sales and Use Tax Sample Audit Policies, Practices and Trends (Offered Twice)**

Welcome to the magical mystery tour through the labyrinth of policies and practices employed by states for conducting sales and use tax audits. If you have been confused by these policies and practices, and have been frustrated by the differences among states in their audit sampling methods, then this session is for you. This session will provide a state-by-state update on sales and use tax audit methods. Among the issues discussed will be the treatment of sampled items with missing documentation, policies on the use of samples to project overpayments, methods used to determine sample sizes, the treatment of negatively-valued transactions, and methods of projecting the sample errors to the audit population. Special emphasis will be given to conducting due diligence to ensure that you have a complete understanding of a state's audit-sampling policies and procedures when notified of an audit. In addition, special attention will be given to avoiding pitfalls and hazards commonly encountered in negotiating with the state on the methods used for the sample audit.

Speakers:

Kenneth W. Helms, CMI

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

Roger Pfaffenberger, Ph.D.

Director, Audit Sampling Practice
Ryan & Company
Dallas, Texas

▣ **Telecommunications Industry Session**

This session will cover current and timely issues affecting the telecommunications industry and its key players.

Speakers:

Richard Heller, Esq.

Tax Director
AT&T Inc.
Bedminster, New Jersey

James Nason

Tax Managing Partner, Telecommunications
Deloitte Tax LLP
Parsippany, New Jersey

Kathleen Saxton, CPA

Senior Manager
Deloitte Tax LLP
Atlanta, Georgia

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Voluntary Disclosure, Amnesty and Closing Agreements

Many states are stepping-up their efforts in identifying non-compliant, non-registered and non-permitted companies through various methods such as business activity research initiatives (i.e. industry targeting) and cross checking registrations within their various departments. In addition, many states offer voluntary disclosure programs (VDA) or amnesty programs, such as the one currently open under Streamlined Sales Tax, to allow businesses to come forward on their own and to settle outstanding tax liabilities. As part of this session, we will discuss and outline various voluntary disclosure and amnesty opportunities that are available, and the advantages, drawbacks and limitations of these programs. Additionally, as part of this session, we will discuss the availability and feasibility of entering into formal closing agreements as part of the audit or VDA process, as well as provide a forum for discussion for the session participants to share with each other both good and bad experiences or unforeseen circumstances surrounding the participation in specific state amnesty, voluntary-disclosure programs and closing agreements.

Speakers:

James G. Busby, Jr., Esq., CPA

Shareholder
Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A.
Phoenix, Arizona

Mary Pat Kohberger

Senior Manager
Deloitte Tax LLP
Chicago, Illinois

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

Breakout Sessions

▣ Audit Management - Sales Side

On the sales-side of an audit, administrative errors can turn into huge liabilities. This session will provide insight into managing the sales review portion of the audit, focusing on proper exemption documentation, good-faith acceptance, and normal course of business issues. The session will include a discussion of issues raised in various types of industries and techniques to counteract auditors' assertions.

Speakers:

Lynn L. Monsalvatge, CMI

Senior Manager
The Home Depot
Atlanta, Georgia

Mark F. Russo

Senior Manager
ADP Tax Credit Services
Atlanta, Georgia

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Canadian GST/PST (Offered Twice)

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Speakers:

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Director
DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc.
Billerica, Massachusetts

Robert Martini, Esq.

Partner
Aird & Berlis LLP
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

▣ Construction Contractors Industry Session

Taxation of construction contracts continues to be a difficult and complex area that affects virtually every taxpayer. Whether you are providing or receiving contractor 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 and planning opportunities. It will also explore trends in important topic areas related to the construction industry, including: exemption issues, defining real vs. personal property, self-manufactured materials, inventory withdrawals, and equipment rental.

Speakers:

Anne R Glasco, CMI

Director - Accounting & Finance
Kellogg Brown & Root
Houston, TX

Janette M. Lohman, CMI, CPA, Esq.

Partner
Thompson Coburn LLP
St. Louis, Missouri

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ **Effective Tax Rates, Direct Pay Permits and Use Tax Automation: Alternatives for Calculating Use Tax While Maintaining Proper Controls (Offered Twice)**

In today's environment of stringent internal controls, it is more important than ever to pay the correct amount of sales and use tax. In an effort to "get it right the first time," this session will compare and contrast the numerous ways to automate use tax calculations. Whether working with a large ERP or a Legacy system, automation of the process must ensure tight controls, accurate calculation and minimal audit adjustments. Come explore new alternatives for calculating the same old taxes.

Speakers:

Oscar L. Garza, Esq.

Director Tax Services
Deloitte Tax LLP
Houston, Texas

Morty Steindler

Manager
Multistate Tax Advisory Services LLC
Smyrna, Georgia

Gregory A. Stroud

Director - Sales, Use & Property Taxes
Koch Business Solutions, LP
Wichita, Kansas

▣ **Investing In Outside Providers**

This session will cover when to use outside providers (consultants, accountants, and lawyers), when not to use them, what to expect from them, and how to negotiate fees to get the best loyalty, service, and advice at a reasonable cost. This session will include the pros and cons of using and managing a few advisors versus many; and fixed fee versus hourly fee versus contingency fee.

Speakers:

Peter A. Habzda

Manager, Tax Technology
UTC
Farmington, Connecticut

David R. Kraus, Esq.

Partner
Dechert LLP
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Local Taxes

Does your company struggle with local tax issues? What are some of the recent developments and resolutions in dealing with local taxes? While this session may not be able to fix all of your company's local tax problems, the speakers will provide insights on dealing with local taxes, including local taxes in Colorado and Louisiana, and discuss the most recent legislative, administrative and judicial developments.

Speakers:

Jesse R. Adams, III, Esq.

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

Rona Daigle, CMI

Senior Tax Specialist
The Dow Chemical Company
Plaquemine, Louisiana

▣ Sales Tax Planning (Offered Twice)

As federal and state regulators have intensified their scrutiny of business transactions and structures, taxpayers have become increasingly conservative with their tax planning. However, while abusive transactions have been rightly targeted, legitimate tax planning remains a viable option for companies looking to realign their business operations. In this session, we will discuss the characteristics of legitimate tax planning, which would satisfy the regulators and auditors and still benefit the company.

Speakers:

Jeremiah T. Lynch, CMI

Principal
Ryan and Company
New York, New York

Julie Stakenburg, CPA

Director of US Sales & Use Tax
Accenture
Walnut Creek, California

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)/FRIDAY

▣ Sampling Applied – State-Specific Procedures Update on States' Sales and Use Tax Sample Audit Policies, Practices and Trends (Offered Twice)

Welcome to the magical mystery tour through the labyrinth of policies and practices employed by states for conducting sales and use tax audits. If you have been confused by these policies and practices, and have been frustrated by the differences among states in their audit sampling methods, then this session is for you. This session will provide a state-by-state update on sales and use tax audit methods. Among the issues discussed will be the treatment of sampled items with missing documentation, policies on the use of samples to project overpayments, methods used to determine sample sizes, the treatment of negatively-valued transactions, and methods of projecting the sample errors to the audit population. Special emphasis will be given to conducting due diligence to ensure that you have a complete understanding of a state's audit-sampling policies and procedures when notified of an audit. In addition, special attention will be given to avoiding pitfalls and hazards commonly encountered in negotiating with the state on the methods used for the sample audit.

Speakers:

Kenneth W. Helms, CMI

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

Roger Pfaffenberger, Ph.D.

Director, Audit Sampling Practice
Ryan & Company
Dallas, Texas

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

Reception

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

Continental Breakfast

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

Day's Introduction

"IPT Works For You"

Speaker:

Billy D. Cook

Executive Director
Institute For Professionals In Taxation
Atlanta, Georgia

FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

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

■ General Session

“Six Sigma and the Tax Department”

This session will explore the application of Six Sigma Quality concepts and tools to the day-to-day operations of the tax department. Six Sigma experts will explain everything from Attribute Data to Z-tables. Regardless of what particular continuous improvement discipline is being employed in your organization (or should be), you will come away from this session with tangible tools that can be applied to any process. In addition to covering many of the more commonly applied Six Sigma tools, such as run charts, control charts, Pareto charts, and fish-bone diagrams, the session will also cover actual examples of how the tools can be employed in a tax department as well as some advanced tools, such as Failure Modes and Effects Analysis.

Speakers:

Jason M. Morwick

Engagement Manager
Cisco Systems, Inc.
San Jose, California

Jean Watts

Master Black Belt - Corporate Tax
General Electric Company
Albany, New York

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

Breakout Sessions

■ Alternative Payments (P-Cards, ERS)

Compliance and Audit Concerns

This session will cover the systems and processes, along with the related business concerns, for implementing, managing, and otherwise dealing with non-traditional payment and transaction documentation methods in a way that will satisfy sales and use tax auditors. The session will include an analysis of what auditors will accept, what they won't accept, and when they will compromise based on audit experiences.

Speakers:

B.J. Pritchett, CMI

Owner
Pritchett Sales and Use Tax Consulting
Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

TBA (Tentative Acceptance)

FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Appeals And Litigation

This session will address current issues involving tax appeals, tax controversies, litigation of tax issues before state agencies, tax appeals tribunals, trial courts and appellate courts. It will also explore the use of open government and freedom of information laws to obtain valuable information from the states.

Speakers:

Scott M. Edwards, Esq.

Partner
Perkins Coie LLP
Seattle, Washington

Joseph A. Vinatieri, Esq.

Partner
Bewley, Lassleben & Miller
Whittier, California

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FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Leasing Transactions Session

Lease transactions are becoming an increasingly important financing tool for a variety of businesses. Not surprisingly, the States' interest and sophistication in auditing these transactions are on the rise. This session will cover recent legislation, audit trends, and significant court cases that affect common lease transactions, like sale-leasebacks, and will cover leasing from the perspective of both lessors and lessees. In addition, the effect of the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement on the sourcing of lease transactions will be highlighted.

Speakers:

Sheryl L. Flynn

Senior Manager - Sales and Use Tax
DaimlerChrysler Financial Services Americas LLC
Farmington Hills, Michigan

James M. Hoagland, Esq.

Senior Exams Analyst
General Electric Company
Fort Myers, Florida

▣ Mergers And Acquisitions/Spin Offs

This session will explore the sales and use tax implications of corporate transactions. In addition, it will cover cutting-edge developments and address such questions as, Are mergers, acquisitions and spin/off's scrutinized more rigorously by the taxing authorities than regular business transactions? What are companies facing today in terms of regulatory requirements? Have due diligence standards changed because of 404 requirements?

Speakers:

William M. Backstrom, Jr., Esq.

Partner
Jones Walker
New Orleans, Louisiana

Jordan M. Goodman, Esq., CPA

Partner
Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered
Chicago, Illinois

FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

■ Nuisance Taxes - Who Handles *That*?

Loosely defined as any tax or tax-like fee that is neither sales, use, gross receipts, property, income nor franchise tax, these “nuisance” taxes are often the orphans of the tax department. Responsibility for them may be consolidated or may be dispersed widely throughout a company's tax, accounting and finance departments. Examples of these taxes are business license filings and fees, annual reports, environmental fees for tires, batteries, and computer monitors, motor fuels taxes, lube and oil taxes, and unclaimed property. Lack of adequate organizational attention and proper staffing and management can cause such nuisances to grow into big problems. This session will identify current developments and best practices.

Speakers:

Christopher A. Mucke, CPA

State and Local Tax Planning
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

Larry Roth, Esq.

Tax Counsel
The JohnBernard Company
Royal Oak, Michigan

■ Technology, Software, and Software Related Services

Is your company a user or consumer of technology? Does your CFO have questions regarding the application of sales taxes to technology purchases? Are there opportunities to structure technology purchases that will minimize sales taxes? This session is specifically tailored for consumers and users of technology. The speakers will address hardware, software, and consulting services, and will discuss topics that are unique or pervasive in the industry, such as hardware purchasing vs. leasing, software licensing arrangements, consulting contracts and mixed transactions.

Speakers:

Jim Balthaser, Esq., CPA

Partner
Thompson Hine LLP
Columbus, Ohio

Lisa M. Bettencourt, CMI

Director, State and Local Taxes
Tyco / Fire & Security
Boca Raton, Florida

FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

▣ Writing Tips And Communication Traps

Success in the workplace depends on how successful we are at communicating our thoughts and ideas. Whether it is presenting an idea to our boss or arguing our position with a government official, the idea or position will get nowhere without effective writing. In this session, we will discuss what you need to know about how to write effectively. In addition, the speaker will discuss electronic communication traps that we need to be watchful for, and how to deliver our electronic messages. For example, the speaker will offer tips on how to avoid transmitting hidden information that may be embedded in electronic messages.

Speaker:

Judy B. Birchfield

Senior Consultant
Ryan & Company
Dallas, Texas

12:00 Noon

Symposium Conclusion

Hotel Accommodations

The symposium is being held at the Westin La Paloma Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. Reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by either using the provided hotel reply form, which can be **faxed** to the hotel Reservation Department at the following number: 520-577-5877, or by **calling** Westin Central Reservations at : 800-937-8461 (be sure to mention that you are with IPT to secure the special negotiated hotel rate). The **mailing address** for the form is: Westin La Paloma, Reservations Department, 3800 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718. **You may also go to a specially created web site for IPT reservations at:** <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0603240159&key=2A970> (**this site also provides all resort information**). **Reservations must be made with the hotel no later than August 28, 2006; the hotel will sell out, so make your reservations as soon as possible.** After this date, there is no assurance that rooms will be available at the conference rates. The room rates are as follows:

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| Single Occupancy: | \$175 + 11.5% tax |
| Double Occupancy: | \$197 + 11.5% tax |

This room rate includes a continental breakfast Monday through Friday.

Hotel Information

The Tucson International Airport is located just 30 - 40 minutes and about 18 miles from the Resort. Tucson International Airport provides nonstop service to 18 cities and connections to more than 121 destinations. There are 67 daily flights with approximately 7,500 seats available . You may go to the official web site of the hotel for full resort information at: <http://www.westinlapalomaresort.com/>.

The atmosphere of the resort offers unmistakably refined country club elegance which stems from the adjoining La Paloma Country Club, Tucson's premiere private club. Surrounding the resort are the lush greens of La Paloma's 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course. Century-old Saguaro cacti stand guard amidst the brilliant colors of desert wild flowers. This spectacular course is exclusive to resort guests and La Paloma Country Club members. Acclaimed for excellence, Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and Conde Nast Traveler rate the course among the best in the United States. And Golf for Women has recognized La Paloma as one of the country's most women-friendly courses.

Those who prefer tennis can choose from ten championship courts— four of clay and all lighted. The Tennis & Health Center, which has been recognized as one of the "Top 50" in the United States by Tennis Magazine, offers indoor racquet ball, a pro shop, aerobics room, Nautilus and Personal Services Center. There's even The Kactus Kids Club, an entertaining experience for our younger guests. Additionally, desert trails provide the ideal environment for hiking or mountain biking.

Ground Transportation

The Westin La Paloma is located about 18 miles from the Tucson International Airport. (Should you choose to arrive in Phoenix, it is about a 1 1/2 hour freeway drive to Tucson). Cab fare from the airport to the hotel

averages around \$50.00 one way. There is parking at the hotel: valet is \$12.00 per day, and self parking is free. Please contact the hotel bell stand directly if you have further transportation questions (520-742-6000).

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The IPT Registration Form follows. Carefully complete **BOTH** portions of it and return to the IPT Office. **Exercise particular care when making the session selections on that form -- it is imperative that this be done to insure adequate session seating.** Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to all applicants.

All registrations must be completed in advance of the symposium. As well as covering the usual symposium expenses, the fee includes Tuesday through Thursday night receptions, two luncheons, refreshment breaks, and course materials. Course materials and registration packets may be picked up at the IPT Registration Desk in the hotel between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26th. Those who arrive after the desk closes may pick up registration materials after 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. There will be early registration available on Monday afternoon, September 25th, from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

To encourage early registration, the fee structure is as follows for registration fees received by the IPT Office:

Through August 25th:

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| Individual Personally Belongs To IPT: | \$575.00 |
| Individual Does Not Belong, Someone In Company Does: | \$775.00 |
| No One From Company Belongs To IPT: | \$1000.00 |

After August 25th:

There is an additional charge of \$25.00 for each of the above categories.

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\$100 for any filed registration. After September 22nd, no refunds will be made.

Substitution Fee

Prior to August 25th: \$40.00 After August 25th: \$50.00

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The Institute accepts the following credit cards: American Express, Master Card, and Visa. Please carefully follow the instructions on the IPT Registration Form if paying by credit card. Also be sure to note, where indicated, the correct and **complete** billing address for the credit card if it differs from your registration address.

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| <i>Prerequisites:</i> | None |
| <i>Program Level:</i> | Multiple |
| <i>Field of Study:</i> | Taxation |
| <i>Instructional Method:</i> | Group Live |
| <i>Advanced Preparation Required:</i> | None |

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The Institute for Professionals in Taxation's designation "Certified Member of the Institute" (CMI) is available to anyone who has been a sales tax member of the Institute in good standing for at least one year and who meets all other requirements. The purpose of the certification program is to further the professional development of its members. For further information, please contact the IPT Office or visit the Institute's web site (www.ipt.org).

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