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Mike Donohue is a respected corporate tax attorney and certified public accountant, representing U.S. and multinational companies with complex tax issues, including in the private equity sector. A partner in the firm's Taxation Practice, clients rely on his experience as a transactional tax attorney to handle income tax planning for complex business transactions involving C corporations, S corporations, and partnerships.

He has significant, first-hand experience analyzing tax issues including with respect to structuring and negotiating large-scale mergers and acquisitions, complex business restructurings and divestures, equity and debt financing, and formation of entities.

Mike is often brought into a transaction to implement a tax efficient structure that accomplishes the business objectives of his clients. He has over 35 years of experience and has worked in the private equity space since the early 2000s.

Representative Experience

- Represented a purchaser in connection with tax issues relating to the acquisition of a beverage distributor having a value of US\$962m.
- Advised on the structuring and tax issues relating to the securities purchase of all of the equity of an LLC with an enterprise value of US\$420m.
- Structured and analyzed the tax issues with respect to the equity investment of a technology company with a post-investment value of US\$320m.
- Advised a private equity purchaser in connection with tax issues resulting from acquisition of entity having a post-closing value of US\$296m.
- Represented the owners in analyzing the tax issues from the sale and rollover of a company with a post-closing value of US\$282m.
- Advised sellers on tax issues relating to sale of service company having a value of US\$272m.

- Represented a private equity seller regarding tax issues with the US\$242m sale of company in the environmental space.
- Advised a food manufacturer in connection with tax issues regarding a partial equity sale using an UpC structure.
- Represented a health administration corporation with tax issues relating to divesture of a corporate subsidiary in a US\$112.5m stock for stock transaction.
- Advised a start up company in connection with income tax structuring and planning relating to compliance with special tax incentive.

Awards and Recognition

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of Tax Law (2010 – 2024) and Litigation and Controversy – Tax (2012 – 2021)
- Selected for inclusion to the Texas Super Lawyers® list in the field of Tax Law (2012 – 2014)
- Recognized, AV Preeminent® 5.0 out of 5 Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™

Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, American Bar Association
 - Member, Taxation Section
 - Member, Corporate Tax Committee
- Member, Dallas Bar Association

Sectors

- [Hospitality & Leisure](#)

Practice Areas

- [Corporate](#)
- [Transactions](#)

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1983)
- Canisius College (B.S., 1976)
 - Accounting

Admissions

- Texas State Courts
- Texas