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Main Bio

Geoff Gunnerson's practice is concentrated in federal, state and local tax matters. Geoff regularly advises clients involved in complex transactions involving corporations (including S corporations), partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-exempt entities. Geoff's experience includes advising clients on state and local tax matters; including, but not limited to, multistate nexus issues, transaction privilege taxes, sales and use taxes, commercial activity taxes, franchise and income taxes, employment taxes and withholding, special assessments, and special taxing districts. Geoff's experience also includes advising clients on tax matters related to various segments of the life cycle of a business (including advising start-up and emerging-growth companies, from formation through liquidity in matters such as governance, debt and equity financing, equity incentive compensation, real estate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and other tax planning matters). Additionally, Geoff assists clients with tax credit financing transactions (e.g., low-income housing tax credit, new markets tax credit, rehabilitation tax credit, renewable energy tax credit).

Geoff was a Tax associate based in the Phoenix office of Snell & Wilmer from 2011-2017. Immediately prior to rejoining the firm, he was the Tax Attorney at Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough, PC in Salt Lake City.

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (LL.M., Taxation, 2008)
- University of Wyoming College of Law (J.D., 2007)
 - Dean's List
- Westminster College (B.S., Business, 2004)
 - Dean's List

Languages

- Spanish

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association, Tax Section
- State Bar of Arizona, Tax Section
 - Formerly: Annual Convention Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Member at Large, Executive Council, Tax Section

- State Bar of Utah, Tax Section

Representative Presentations & Publications

- “Accessing Tax Credits for Employers under the FFCRA and the CARES Act,” Author, Jones Waldo Legal Alert (April 2020)
- “Retirement Plan Distributions and Loan in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act),” Author, Jones Waldo Legal Alert (April 2020)
- “Unrelated Business Income,” Presenter, ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation (January 2015)
- “[Employer Identification Numbers: Updating Responsible Party Information](#),” Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (February 18, 2014)
- “When is a Limited Partner a Limited Partner?” Co- Author, Journal of Real Estate Taxation (First Quarter 2013)
- “[The IRS Modifies the Voluntary Classification Settlement Program](#),” Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (January 9, 2013)
- “[Tax-Exempt Hospitals to Undergo Community Benefit Review](#),” Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (November 6, 2012), republished by [JDSupra](#)
- “Information and Practical Advice Regarding Current IRS Programs, Voluntary Classification Settlement Program,” Presenter, State Bar of Arizona, Tax Section (August 2012)
- “[Reducing Federal Employment Tax on Worker Misclassifications: The IRS’s ‘Voluntary Classification Settlement Program’](#),” Author, Tax News, a publication of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Arizona (April 2012)
- “[IRS Announces the ‘Voluntary Classification Settlement Program’ to Reduce Federal Employment Tax on Worker Misclassification](#),” Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (October 4, 2011)
- “[Tax Amnesty—States’ Empty Coffers Spell Opportunity](#),” Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (September 2, 2011)

Community Involvement

- Boy Scouts of America, Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), Volunteer

Previous Professional Experience

- Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough, P.C., Attorney (2019-2022)
- Burbidge & White L.L.C., Attorney (2017-2019)
- Snell & Wilmer, Associate (2011-2017)
- United States Tax Court, Attorney-Advisor to Hon. Robert P. Ruwe (2008-2011)
- Fidelity Investments, Senior Retirement Specialist (2000-2004)

Bar Admissions

- Utah
- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Utah
- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Tax Court