Taxation

Related Practices

Nonprofits & Tax-Exempt Organizations

Related Industries

Automotive, OEM & Supplier

Business Services

Dental Service Organizations Industry Group

Electric Cooperatives

Electric Transmission

Energy Corporate

Energy Regulatory

Siting, Zoning, Licensing & Energy Infrastructure

Overview

Dykema lawyers are well-versed in the complexities of federal, state and local tax law, and provide high level representation on the full range of tax issues to business, nonprofit and government entities as well as high-net-worth individuals. Our lawyers craft strategic solutions that help clients defer or reduce their tax liabilities and comply with the evolving tax law landscape, as well as structure a range of economically sound, tax-efficient transactions. We represent clients in adversarial tax proceedings—such as audit controversies, administrative proceedings and litigation in all judicial forums available to taxpayers. Our experience also includes representation on legislative and regulation projects before the tax-writing committees of Congress and the Treasury Department.

Employee Benefits

Experienced Dykema employee benefits attorneys work hand-in-hand with their colleagues throughout the firm to provide clients with effective representation in both traditional and emerging areas of employee benefits law. **Read more**.

Estate Planning and Administration

We approach estate planning and probate issues with special sensitivity to client concerns, offering complete counsel on everything from wills and trusts to contested probate matters. **Read more**.

Federal Tax

For a broad range of corporate clients and high net worth individuals, we develop strategically appropriate solutions to both mundane and complex federal tax problems. **Read more**.

Nonprofits and Tax-Exempt Organizations

Our diverse group of private and public nonprofit organization clients benefits from exceptional corporate, tax, compliance, regulatory, employment, licensing, government relations, real estate, litigation and pensions and benefit services and support. **Read more**.

Property Tax Appeals

Dykema attorneys regularly achieve successful outcomes for clients by appealing property taxes in all available forums. **Read more**.

Real Estate Tax Incentives and Economic Development

Dykema's tax attorneys work with the firm's real estate and corporate attorneys and government policy advisors to help corporate, nonprofit, state and tribal government entities maximize opportunity and minimize overall project costs through federal and state economic development and tax incentive programs. **Read more**.

State and Local Tax

Dykema provides exceptional representation on state and local tax issues to business entities and high-net-worth individuals. **Read more**.

Tax Controversies and Litigation

A rare combination of litigation skills and experience in complicated tax matters positions our team of attorneys to provide successful representation on such issues as appealing property taxes; handling tax litigation in state and federal courts; income, gift, and estate matters; audits and appeals; and the resolution of disputes through litigation. **Read more**.

Publications

"Michigan Asset Protection Trusts"
November 2018
Michigan Bar Journal

"2017 Tax Act Impact on Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation"
2018
Published by Lexis Practice Advisor®, a comprehensive practical guidance resource providing insight from leading practitioners

“Michigan Taxation of Pass-Through Entities and Their Owners”
August 1, 2017
Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives

“Why Charities Shouldn't Start Ignoring the Ban on Partisan Politicking”
July 11, 2017
Chronicle of Philanthropy

"New Tax Regulations Impact Many Partnership Transactions"
January 10, 2017
Law360

"Partnership and LLC Equity Compensation"
2017
Published by Lexis Practice Advisor®, a comprehensive practical guidance resource providing insight from leading practitioners

"Tax Risks of Equity-Based Compensation"
2017
Published by Lexis Practice Advisor®, a comprehensive practical guidance resource providing insight from leading practitioners

“The Quagmire of Apportionment for a Multistate Services Provider”
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Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives

“Significant Changes Made to Partnership Tax Audit Procedures Will Require Modifications to Partnership Agreements and Operating Agreements”
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"Trends in HAMP Litigation"
February 2015
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“The Application of State Sales Tax in a Digital World: Considerations for Corporate Counsel,”
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Issue 3, Fall 2014
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"Being an effective inside counsel for your company's tax department"
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"Possible Benefits of Personal Goodwill in the Sale of Closely-Held Businesses," Co-authored by Douglas S. Parker and Anthony Ilardi, Jr.
Fall 2013
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"Using Forensic Accounting in Trust Disputes,"
Spring 2013, Vol. 14, No. 3
ABA Commercial & Business Litigation

2013 Guidebook to Michigan Taxes (Co-editor)
January 2013
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"Real Property Taxes in Michigan," (editor and chapter author)
October 24, 2011
Institute of Continuing Legal Education

"Assessing Value: How Appealing Your Property Taxes Can Return Money to Your Bottom Line"
October 2011, December 2012
Smart Business Detroit

"Michigan Again Revises Its Primary Business Tax, Along With Personal Income Tax Changes and Technical Corrections"
August 2011
Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives, Vol. 21, No. 5

"State Tax Treatment of Federally Disregarded Entities: Michigan's Kmart Saga"
August 2010
Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives

"Interest on State and Local Bonds," Chapter 8
2007
Mertens, The Law of Federal Income Taxation

"Don't Relegate the New IRS Practice Standards Amendments to the Circular [230] File!"
No. 2, Spring 2005
31 Mich. Tax Law 7

"Opining on the 501(c)(3) Tax-Free Bond Transaction: Avoiding Common Borrower's Counsel Misconceptions"
2004
31 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 147

Speaking Engagements

Opportunity Zones – Detroit
November 29, 2018

Opportunity Zones – Chicago
November 27, 2018

Partnership Mergers, Acquisitions, and Tax Issues, Webinar
October 4, 2016

IRC 754 and Partnership Tax Issues – On-Demand, Webinar
July 27, 2016

Inheriting an IRA or Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan, Webinar
July 12, 2016

Negotiating and Executing the Deal, MICPA Anti-Fraud Issues; Litigation & Business Valuation; Mergers & Acquisitions Conferences, Livonia, Michigan
May 24, 2016

Tax & Estate Planning in Preparation for a Transaction, 6th Annual Hot Topics for Financial Executives Seminar, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
May 11, 2016

Tax and Estate Planning, Transitioning Closely Held Businesses, First Midwest Wealth Management, La Grange, Illinois
May 3, 2016

Transitioning Closely Held Businesses, Co-Presenter, First Midwest Wealth Management, LaGrange, Illinois
May 3, 2016

Sales and Use Tax for Manufacturers in Michigan, Webinar
March 30, 2016

Practitioner Issues with Treasury Notices and the Power of Attorney Form, Michigan Tax Conference SALT Case Study Forum
November 2015

Transactional State Tax Traps and Planning Opportunities in Mergers, Acquisitions & Restructurings, MICPA 2015 Michigan Tax Conference, Novi, Michigan
November 4, 2015

Mergers, Acquisitions and those Pesky Tax Issues, MICPA Litigation & Business Valuation Conference, Livonia, Michigan
May 19, 2015

What Every Lawyer Should Know About Tax Law, 16th Annual Conference of the Texas Aggie Bar Association, College Station, Texas
March 7, 2015

IRC 754: Partnership and Pass-Through Entity Basis Adjustments, Co-Presenter, Strafford Tax Webinar
March 3, 2015

Your FATCA Overview, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Webinar
November 14, 2014

Gillette, IBM, UDITPA and Whither the Multistate Tax Commission, Moderator and Conference Chair, 2014 Michigan Tax Conference, Novi, Michigan
November 5, 2014

Property Tax Hot, Hot, Hot Topics, Moderator, MICPA 2014 Michigan Tax Conference, Novi, Michigan
November 5, 2014

Recent Developments and Legislation Regarding Officer Liability For Taxes and Successor Tax Liability in Acquisitions: Pitfalls and Planning Opportunities, Panelist, 2014 Michigan Tax Conference, Novi, Michigan
November 5, 2014

Professionalism – Pro Bono for Tax Lawyers; State Tax Courts; Other State Bar Issues, 35th Annual Conference for the National Association of State Bar Taxation Sections, San Francisco, California
October 2014

Driving Enhanced Value in a Transaction Through Preparation
September 18, 2014

Presenter and Panelist, COST Midwest Regional Tax Seminar, Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 22, 2014

The DOMA Supreme Court Case and its Tax Implications, Institute of Continuing Legal Education Annual Tax Conference
May 2014

Historic Tax Credits: New IRS Safe Harbor Rules After Historic Boardwalk Hall, Strafford CLE Webinar
March 6, 2014

Teaching Ethics, Whose Responsibility, ABA Section of Taxation, 2014 Midyear Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
January 2014

Disclaimers and Joint Property, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Speaker at and Moderator of day-long seminar entitled, "Planning Techniques for the Taxable Estate"
December, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013

The State of the Historic Tax Credit Post-Historic Boardwalk Hall, Novogradac Historic Tax Credit Conference
September 2013

Getting Equity Compensation Right, Ann Arbor Spark
September 16, 2013

Standards of Federal Tax Practice Circular 230 Panel, Institute of Continuing Legal Education Annual Tax Conference
May 2013

State Tax Controversies, A View from Many Angles, 26th Annual Tax Conference, Institute of Continuing Legal Education
May 23, 2013

Tax Planning with Conservation Easements, Strafford CLE Webinar
March 7, 2013

New Markets Tax Credits and Other Incentives for Real Estate Development, Strafford CLE Webinar
July 31, 2012

They Don't Call Me Counselor for Nothing - Adding Value to Your Product and Strengthening Your Client Relationships, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel 2011 Annual Meeting

New Section 2053 Regulations, The University of Texas School of Law, 58th Annual Taxation Conference, Stanley M. Johanson Estate Planning Workshop