

## News & Insights

### Dykema Sponsors 2011 Michigan Tax Conference

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**DETROIT**—Dykema, a leading national law firm, announces that it is a sponsor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 2011 Michigan Tax Conference being held November 8-10, 2011 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan. The Michigan tax conference is the <sup>one of the</sup> largest state tax conferences in the United States, and will feature a variety of topics of interest to all tax professionals including panel discussions on Michigan's Tax Climate, transitioning to the Michigan Corporate Income Tax, Property Taxes, Business Entity Changes and Tax Credits. Four of Dykema's top tax authorities will be speaking during the event.

**Steven E. Grob**, Co-leader of the firm's Taxation & Estates practice group, participated on the Conference Planning Task Force and is also speaking on "Business Entity Changes" on Thursday, November 10. This session will compare and contrast the tax characteristics of S corporations with C corporations, and understand the formation and exit strategy issues for both. Mr. Grob is both an attorney and a certified public accountant with nearly 35 years in tax practice, including extensive experience in state tax planning and state tax controversies. He is a frequent writer and lecturer, and a contributing editor for the *Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives*. Mr. Grob has been selected as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" for over 14 years.

**Wayne D. Roberts**, Co-leader of the firm's Taxation & Estates practice group, participated on the Conference Planning Task Force and is also speaking on "From MBT to CIT: A High-Speed Fly-Over" on Wednesday, November 9. This session will take a 40,000 foot view of the technicalities involved with transitioning to the Corporate Income Tax. Mr. Roberts is a tax attorney and his practice includes all aspects of federal and state tax planning and tax litigation. He has represented both closely held and Fortune 1000 companies in tax disputes with the Internal Revenue Service, the Michigan Department of Treasury, and revenue departments in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, New York, California, and numerous other state and local taxing jurisdictions. Wayne is the Vice Chair of the Tax Section Council of the State Bar of Michigan and also currently Adjunct Tax Faculty, Thomas M. Cooley Law School Graduate Tax Program.

**Sherrill D. Wolford**, a Member of the firm in the Detroit office, will provide a "Property Tax Update" on Thursday, November 10. This session will examine both real and personal property tax developments for business owners, including lessees. Ms. Wolford represents clients in federal and state tax controversies, tax planning and transactional strategies. Ms. Wolford's practice emphasizes Michigan business tax, state income, franchise, sales, use, and property taxes, and state and local tax incentives. Ms. Wolford is a frequent speaker on state and local tax issues.

**Anthony Ilardi, Jr.**, a Member of the firm in the Bloomfield Hills office, will present "Crazy for Credits – What's Left, What's New & What's Coming Down the Pike" on Wednesday, November 9. This session will detail which tax credits are still available, what credits have changed and what new incentives may be coming soon. Mr. Ilardi counsels developers, lenders, investors and community development entities with respect to tax incentives for economic development, including New Markets Tax Credit, Federal and State Historic Rehabilitation Credit, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and State Brownfield Redevelopment Credit.

For more information on the 2011 Michigan Tax Conference, please visit [www.michcpa.org](http://www.michcpa.org).

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