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Bio

Chris Stevenson is a tax attorney and Co-Leader of the Business Services practice group, who advises clients on a wide range of federal and state tax compliance issues and tax controversies before taxing authorities. Also a Certified Public Accountant, Chris delivers exceptional value to his clients, who are looking for practical, comprehensible and efficient solutions to complex legal problems.

In his transactional tax practice, Chris frequently advises businesses on the tax aspects of mergers, acquisitions. He also works with nonprofits on organizational and operational compliance with federal tax rules, as well as establishing joint ventures with for profit entities. Chris regularly represents individuals and businesses before the IRS, as well as state taxing authorities. He's had repeat success in securing waivers of large civil penalties from the IRS, in some cases for assessments in excess of \$1,000,000.

Chris regularly advises Tribal Nations on wide-ranging federal, state, and tribal tax matters, including the establishment of tax-qualified general welfare programs, compliance with the ACA, and the implementation of tribal tax ordinances and associated preemption of state tax laws. He has assisted Tribal Nations in issuing tax-exempt tribal economic development bonds to finance expansive economic development projects, and implementing IHS purchased referred care programs under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Chris also has extensive experience counseling businesses, nonprofits, Tribal Nations, and public employers on qualified and nonqualified deferred compensation plans, health plans, and other employee benefit

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate
Mergers & Acquisitions
Non-Profit & Tax Exempt
Entities
Restaurant, Hospitality,
Specialty Food & Beverage
Employment & Labor
Employee Benefits
Health Care
HIPAA Compliance
Public Finance
School & Education
School Employment
Tax
Tribal Nations Law

Admissions

Maine
U.S. Tax Court

arrangements. Chris assists employers in drafting retirement plan and health plan documents, and navigating IRS and DOL retirement plan voluntary correction programs. He's also a leading expert in Affordable Care Act compliance for large employers, and is frequently invited to present at the local and national levels on tax and employee benefit topics.

Chris enjoys spending time with his family and friends, skiing and playing racquet sports. He also serves on the Advisory Committee for the Maine Tax Forum and as a Little League Baseball Coach.

Education

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007

University of Vermont, B.S., 2001

Recognition

Best Lawyers USA, Tax Law

New England Super Lawyers, Tax, Employee Benefits, Rising Star

Chambers and Partners, USA Guide, *Maine, Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, Band 2*

Publications

Maine's Dynasty Trust Statute: the Product of an Informed Judgment?,
Maine Bar Journal

Application of §105(h) Nondiscrimination Rules to Fully Insured Health Plans, National School Board Association Inquiry and Analysis

Memberships

Maine Bar Association

Maine Society of CPAs

Community / Public Service

Maine Tax Forum
Advisory Committee

Little League Baseball Coach

Oceanside Conservation Trust
Former Director and Treasurer