

2025 D.C. Bar Tax Conference

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Presented by: D.C. Bar Taxation Community

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AGENDA

DAY 1

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registrant Check-in and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Welcome

**9:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
Breakout Session 1**

International Taxation: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Loren Ponds, Member, Miller & Chevalier Chartered

PANELISTS:

- Danielle Rolfes, Partner, KPMG US LLP
- Gretchen Sierra, Principal, Deloitte Tax LLP
- Wade Sutton, Principal, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center
- Government Panelists TBA

Corporate Taxation: Taxation of Troubled Companies

MODERATOR: Joe Pari, Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center

PANELISTS:

- Nicole Field, Principal, Ernst & Young LLP
- Kevin M. Jacobs, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal Tax, LLC
- Colleen Laduzinski, Partner, Jones Day
- Government Panelists TBA

Partnership Taxation: Technical Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Eric Sloan, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

PANELISTS:

- Steve Rosenthal, Senior Fellow, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center
- Monisha Santamaria, Principal, KPMG US LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

Tax Credits: Hot Topics IRA

MODERATOR: Amish Shah, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP

PANELISTS:

- Mary Alexander, Counsel, Vinson & Elkins LLP
- Shariff Barakat, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Jaime Park, Managing Director, Deloitte Tax LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

10:25 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Break

**10:45 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.
Breakout Session 2**

International Taxation: Info Reporting & Penalties

MODERATOR: Melissa Wiley, Partner, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

PANELISTS:

- Maricarmen Cuello, Area Director, International, Independent Office of Appeals, Internal Revenue Service (Invited)
- Daniel Price, Managing Member, Law Offices of Daniel N. Price, PLLC
- Larry Sannicandro, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
- Potential Additional Government Panelists TBA

Corporate Taxation: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Eileen Marshall, Partner, Cooley LLP

PANELISTS:

- Andrew Davis, Partner, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- Michael Schler, Retired, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- Jay Singer, Partner, A&O Shearman LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

Private Foundation: Excise Taxes

MODERATOR: Meghan Biss, Partner, Loeb & Loeb LLP

PANELISTS:

- Ann Batlle, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
- Brian Galle, Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center
- Shira Helmstrom, Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP
- Randall Thomas, Senior Counsel, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (Exempt Organizations), Internal Revenue Service

Artificial Intelligence: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Travis Thompson, Counsel, Boutin Jones Inc.

PANELISTS:

- Alec Oveis, Director, US Tax, Blue J
- Caitlin Tharp, Associate, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- Potential Government Panelists TBA

11:55 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Lunch buffet

12:40 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

Plenary Session 1

Legislative Update and Tax Reform

MODERATOR: Tom West, Partner, Capitol Tax Partners

PANELISTS:

- Staff from Joint Committee on Taxation, Senate Finance Committee and House Committee on Ways and Means TBA

1:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Plenary Session 2

A Conversation with Erin Collins, National Taxpayer Advocate

Interviewed by Caroline Ciruolo, Partner, Kostelanetz LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center

2:10 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
Breakout Session 3

Corporate/International Taxation: Cross-Border M&A Update

MODERATOR: Devon Bodoh, Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

PANELISTS:

- Layla Asali, Member, Miller & Chevalier Chartered
- Michael Caballero, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP
- Tim Shuman, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery
- Government Panelists TBA

Partnership Taxation/Tax Controversy: BBA Audits

MODERATOR: Rochelle Hodes, Principal, Crowe LLP

PANELISTS:

- Miri Forster, Partner and Tax Controversy Leader, Eisner Advisory Group LLC
- Mary Slonina, Managing Director, KPMG US LLP
- Todd Welty, Partner, Kostelanetz LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

Compensation/Benefits: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Dominic DeMatties, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP

PANELISTS:

- Christa Bierma, Principal, Ernst & Young LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center
- Viv Hunter Turner, Principal, Groom Law Group, Chartered
- Veena Murthy, Managing Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

Tax Credits: Employee Retention

MODERATOR: Ligeia Donis, Partner, Baker McKenzie LLP

PANELISTS:

- Tom Cullinan, Shareholder, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry
- Eric Hylton, National Director, alliantgroup
- Amber Salotto, Compensation & Benefits Tax Managing Director, RSM Washington National Tax
- Government Panelists TBA

3:40 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Plenary Session 3

A Conversation with Commissioner Danny Werfel, Internal Revenue Service

Interviewed by Eric Solomon, Partner, Ivins, Phillips & Barker, Chartered and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Plenary Session 4

Keynote/Conversation (TBD) with Scott Levine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Tax Affairs), United States Department of the Treasury

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Networking Reception

DAY 2

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Breakout Session 4

International Taxation: Pillar One Update

MODERATOR: Barbara Angus, Global Tax Policy Leader, Ernst & Young LLP

PANELISTS:

- Lilian Faulhaber, Vice Dean, Ralph H. Dwan Chair in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center
- Rocco Femia, Member, Miller & Chevalier Chartered
- Additional Speakers TBA
- Government Panelists TBA

Corporate Taxation: Consolidated Update

MODERATOR: Andrew Dubroff, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP

PANELISTS:

- Marie Milnes-Vasquez, Ernst & Young LLP
- Olivia Orobona, Principal, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Jeff Vogel, Principal, KPMG US LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center
- Government Panelists TBA

Partnership Taxation: Controversy Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Chris Rizek, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP

PANELISTS:

- Stuart Leblang, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Kelley Miller, Partner, Reed Smith LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center
- Joe Sullivan, Associate, Covington & Burling LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

10:10 p.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Breakout Session 5

International Taxation: Technical Pillar Two

MODERATOR: Jason Yen, Principal, Ernst & Young LLP

PANELISTS:

- Mindy Herzfeld, Counsel, Potomac Law Group and Professor of Tax Practice at the University of Florida, Frederic G. Levin College of Law
- Jorge Oben-Cuadros, Senior Counsel, Procopio
- Joshua Odintz, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center
- Government Panelists TBA

Corporate Taxation: Spin-Offs

MODERATOR: Eric Solomon, Partner, Ivins, Phillips & Barker, Chartered and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center

PANELISTS:

- William Alexander, Of Counsel, Tax, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Derek Cain, Principal, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Sammy Evei, Director, National Tax, Andersen Tax LLC
- Government Panelists TBA

Exempt Organizations: Hot Topics/DAFs

MODERATOR: Bridget Weiss, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP

PANELISTS:

- Carrie Garber Siegrist, Senior Associate, Goodwin Procter LLP and Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law
- Elinor Ramey, Partner, Lowenstein Sandler LLP
- Alex Reid, Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

Low-Income Taxpayers: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Jessica Harris, Practitioner-in-Residence and Acting Director, Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic, American University Washington College of Law

PANELISTS:

- Paul Smith, DC Taxpayer Advocate, District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue
- Sakinah Tillman, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Tax Clinic, University of District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
- Potential Government Panelist TBA

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Plenary Session 5

A Conversation with Francesca Ugolini, Chief, Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice (Invited)

Interviewed by Diana Erbsen, Partner, DLA Piper, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Appellate and Review, Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice (Invited)

12:55 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.
Plenary Session 6

Supreme Court Update Panel

MODERATOR: Andy Weiner, Counsel, Kostelanetz LLP

PANELISTS:

- Dan Geyser, Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP
- Roman Martinez, Partner, Latham & Watkins LLP
- Rachel Miller-Ziegler, Partner, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP

1:55 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Break

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Breakout Session 6

Tax Insurance: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Patrick Browne, Jr., Senior Vice President, Marsh USA LLC and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center

PANELISTS:

- John Rayis, Senior Strategic Advisor, Lockton Companies
- Yoav Shans, Partner, McGill Global Risk Solutions, LLC
- Potential Additional Panelist TBA

Tax Controversy: Tax Litigation Update

MODERATOR: Caroline Ciralo, Partner, Kostelanetz LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center

PANELISTS:

- Justin Campolieta, Partner, Jones Day
- Lindsay Clayton, Assistant Chief, Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice (Invited)
- Andrew Strelka, Counsel, Latham & Watkins, LLP
- Additional Potential Government Panelist TBA

Financial Institution & Products: Hot Topics

MODERATOR: Mark Price, Principal, KPMG US LLP

PANELISTS:

- Richard Larkins, Managing Director, U.S. National Tax, Andersen
- Helen Yanchisin, Managing Director, Financial Instruments Group, Deloitte Tax LLP
- Lisa Zarlenga, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- Government Panelists TBA

Individual Taxation: Filing Season and Direct File

MODERATOR: Christine Speidel, Associate Professor and Director, Federal Tax Clinic, Villanova University

PANELISTS:

- Debora Gorman, Esq., Director, Legal Division, Comptroller of Maryland
- Jacqueline Lainez Flanagan, Deputy Director, Center for Taxpayer Rights
- Beverly Winstead, Professor and Director, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- Government Panelists TBA

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Plenary Session 7

Keynote/Conversation with Manal Corwin, Director of the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration at The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Plenary Session 8

Big Picture Pillar Two Panel

MODERATOR: Itai Grinberg, Professor of Law, The Georgetown University Law Center and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Tax Affairs), Office of Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury

PANELISTS:

- L.G. “Chip” Harter, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Tax Affairs), Office of Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Michael Plowgian, Principal, KPMG US LLP and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Tax Affairs), Office of Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Potential Additional Panelist TBA

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