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EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, with Honors, The University of Texas School of Law
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Review of Litigation Law Review
December 1989

B.B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Southwestern University (G.P.A. 3.97)
Honors: Outstanding Accountancy Award (Top Accounting Graduate)
May 1987

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER

Professor of Law September 2017 – Present
Law Foundation Professor September 2018 – Present
George Butler Research Professor of Law September 2016 – August 2018
UH Energy Fellow September 2016 – August 2017
Associate Professor of Law September 2014 to August 2016
Assistant Professor of Law January 2011 to September 2014
Visiting Professor September 2010- December 2010

Awards: Order of the Barons “Professor of the Year” (2012-2013 & 2014-2015)
Provost Certificate of Excellence (2015)

Previous teaching experience as a Visiting Professor with the University of Houston Law Center from September 2010 to December 2010 and prior to that as an adjunct professor from 1999 to 2009. Courses taught are as follows:

Course: Federal Income Taxation, University of Houston Law Center	Fall 2010-2018
Course: Texas Oil and Gas Law, University of Houston Law Center	Fall 2011-2018
Course: U.S. International Taxation, University of Houston Law Center	Spring 2005, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018-2019
Course: Corporate Taxation, University of Houston Law Center	Spring 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018
Course: Advanced Corporate Taxation, University of Houston Law Center	Spring 2009 & 2010
Course: Corporate Finance, University of Houston Law Center	Fall 2010; Summer 2011
Course: Federal Income Tax Accounting, University of Houston Law Center	Fall 2008, Spring 2011
Course: Taxation of Financial Products, University of Houston Law Center	Spring 2006

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

OIL AND GAS LAW

1. *The Exceptions Prove the Rule: Recalibrating the Discovery Rule and Equitable Fraud Exceptions to the Legal Injury Rule*, 71 BAYLOR LAW REV. 72 (2019)
2. *Abandoned But Not Forgotten, Improperly Plugged and Orphaned Wells May Pose Serious Concerns for Shale Development*, 8 MICH. J. ENV. & ADMIN. L. 115 (2018) (with T. Hester)
3. *Allocation Wells: Lessor’s Remedies for Multi-Tract Horizontal Wells Drilled Without Pooling Authority*, 68 BAYLOR LAW REV. 1 (2016)
4. *The Dominant Mineral Estate in the Horizontal Well Context: Time to Extend Moser Horizontally*, 53 HOUS. L. REV. 193 (2015)
5. *Please Give Us One More Oil Boom – I Promise Not to Screw It Up This Time: The Broken Promise of Casinghead Gas Flaring in the Eagle Ford Shale*, 9 TEX. J. OIL, GAS & ENERGY LAW 319 (2014)

TAX LAW

1. *Reform of Section 355*, 68 Am. U. L. Rev. 447 (2018)
2. *Reform of Corporate Distributions in Subchapter C*, 37 VIRGINIA TAX REV. 365 (2018)
3. *International Tax Reform By Means of Corporate Integration*, 20 FLORIDA TAX REV. 71 (2016)
4. *The Foreign Tax Credit War*, 2016 BYU L. REV. 1895 (2016)
5. *Revisiting §367(d): How Treasury Took the Bite Out of Section 367(d) and What Should Be Done About It*, 16 FLORIDA TAX REV. 519 (2014)
6. *Tax Base Erosion: Reformation of Section 482’s Arm’s Length Standard* 15 FLORIDA TAX REV. 737 (2014) (with C. Lowell)
7. *Pass-Through Entity Taxation: A Tempest in the Tax Reform Teapot*, 14 HOUS. BUS. & TAX L.J. 1 (2014)
8. *Income Tax Treaty Policy in the 21st Century: Residence vs. Source*, 5 COLUM. TAX J. 1 (2013) (with C. Lowell)
republished in India in 10 INT’L TAX’N 181 (March 2014) (India).
9. *Territorial Taxation: Homeless Income is the Achilles Heel*, 12 HOUS. BUS. & TAX L.J. 1 (2012)

10. *Disposable Personal Goodwill, Frosty the Snowman, and Martin Ice Cream All Melt Away in the Bright Sunlight of Analysis*, 91 NEB. L. REV. 170 (2012) (with C. Bergez)
11. *Tax Base Erosion and Homeless Income: Collection at Source is the Linchpin*, 65 TAX L. REV. 535 (2012) (with C. Lowell)
12. *New Schedule UTP: Uncertain Tax Positions in the Age of Transparency*, 63 BAYLOR L. REV. 392 (2011), republished in 44 TEX. J. BUS. LAW 61 (2011)
13. *Economic Substance: How Codification Changes Decided Cases*, 10 FLORIDA TAX REV. 411 (2010)
14. *Voluntary Compliance: This Return Might Be Right But Probably Isn't*, 29 VIRGINIA TAX REV. 645 (2010)

SCHOLARLY ESSAYS AND COMMENTS

1. *The BEAT and Treaty Overrides: A Response to Rosenbloom and Shaheen*, 92 TAX NOTES INT'L 383 (Oct. 22, 2018).
2. *Get with the BEAT*, 158 TAX NOTES 1023 (February 19, 2018)
3. *Corporate Inversions and Whack-a-Mole Tax Policy*, 143 TAX NOTES 1429 (June 23, 2014)
4. *Cant and the Inconvenient Truth About Corporate Inversions*, 136 Tax Notes 429 (July 23, 2012)
5. *What Corporate Inversions Teach Us About International Tax Reform*, 127 TAX NOTES 1345 (June 21, 2010)
6. *Adopting the More Likely Than Not Standard for Tax Returns*, 2010 TNT 82-10, Doc. 2010-7488 (April 29, 2010)

BOOKS

JACQUELINE WEAVER AND BRET WELLS, TEXAS OIL AND GAS LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (LawCarta 1st ed. 2019)

MARTIN MCMAHON, DANIEL SIMMONS, CHARLENE LUKE, AND BRET WELLS, FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS (Foundation Press 5th ed. 2019)

MARTIN MCMAHON, DANIEL SIMMONS, CHARLENE LUKE, AND BRET WELLS, FEDERAL TAXATION OF PARTNERSHIPS AND S CORPORATIONS (Foundation Press 5th ed. 2020 forthcoming)

MARTIN MCMAHON, DANIEL SIMMONS, CHARLENE LUKE, AND BRET WELLS, FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (Foundation Press 5th ed. 2020 forthcoming)

JOSEPH ISENBERG & BRET WELLS, INTERNATIONAL TAXATION (Foundation Press 4th ed. 2019 forthcoming)

BOOK REVIEWS

FRANK L. BRUNETTI, FEDERAL TAX ACCOUNTING (Wolter Kluwer: 2017)

OPINION AND/OR PRACTITIONER PIECES

- Tax Base Defense: History and Reality*, 20 Int'l Transfer Pricing J. 72 (Mar.-Apr. 2013) (with C. Lowell)
- Tax Base Defense: Time to Update the Model Treaties?* 39 Int'l Tax J. 5 (Jan.-Feb. 2013) (with C. Lowell), republished at Global Tax Weekly, Feb. 7, 2013, at 43.

PUBLIC INTEREST WRITING PRIOR TO JOINING UHLC FACULTY

- Comment Letter: Proposed Change to §901 Definition of Foreign Tax, 2007 TNT 160-10, Doc 2007-18951
- Comment Letter: Proposed Change to Definition of Highway Vehicle, 2003 TNT 11-27, Doc. 2003-554
- Tax-Effective Methods to Finance Latin American Operations, 28 Int'l Tax J. 21 (2002)
- Interest Allocation: The Dog Days of Summer, 53 Tax Executive 365 (2001)
- Interest Allocation: A Regime in Desperate Need of Sound Policy, 53 Tax Law. 859 (2000)
- Tax Consequences of Participations in International Trade Finance, 13 Tax Notes Int'l 1883 (1996)

PUBLIC INTEREST TESTIMONY

Expert Witness Testimony before the United States Senate Finance Committee Hearing on International Tax Reform (October 3, 2017)

Expert Witness Testimony before the United States Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Integrating the Corporate and Individual Tax Systems: The Dividends Paid Deduction Considered (May 17, 2016)

Expert Witness Testimony before the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at the hearing on “Offshore Profit Shifting and the U.S. Tax Code—Part 3 (Caterpillar)” (April 1, 2014)

Expert Witness Testimony (by invitation) to the staff of the United States Senate Finance Committee as part of an Academic Roundtable discussion on fundamental tax reform (January 5-6, 2012)

Expert Witness Testimony (by invitation) to the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures on Tax Reform and Investment in the United States (June 23, 2011)

Prepared Testimony to the Internal Revenue Service on Proposed Regulations, 67 F.R. 38,913, Washington, D.C. (February 27, 2003)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2020

Presentation on International Taxation at the Houston International Tax Forum (Feb. 6, 2020)

2019

Panelist on the International Implications of the TCJA for the Oil and Gas Industry at the Parker Fielder Oil and Gas Taxation Conference (November 21, 2019)

Presentation on Mineral Deed Conveyance Ambiguities at the Oil and Gas Law Conference hosted by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (October 24, 2019)

Presentation on US International Tax to the Leadership Academy sponsored by the Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas (Sept. 20, 2019)

Presentation on Federal Taxation to Kaplan Bar Preparation Course (July 2, 2019)

Presentation on the International Tax Implications of the 2017 Tax Act to the Portland Tax Forum (June 20, 2019)

Presentation on the International Tax Implications of the 2017 Tax Act to the Houston IRS-CPA Society (June 13, 2019)

Presentation on Section 45Q’s carbon sequestration tax credit as part of the UH Energy’s Center for Carbon Management (June 12, 2019)

Presentation on International Taxation at the 1st Annual Denney Wright International Oil & Gas Taxation Conference (March 1, 2019)

Presentation on the Economic and Design Features of the 2017 Tax Act to the Texas Community College Teachers’ Association Annual Meeting (March 1, 2019)

Presentation on the International Tax Implications of the 2017 Tax Act to the Wednesday Tax Forum of Houston (February 26, 2019)

Presentation on the International Tax Implications of the 2017 Tax Act to the HBA Tax Section (January 16, 2019)

Moderator of Panel on Fixed v. Floating Non-Participating Oil and Gas Royalty for the Oil and Gas Section of the State Bar of Texas 2019 Conference on Oil and Gas Disputes (January 10, 2019)

2018

Discussant for paper presented as part of a session that addressed the topic “On Tax Havens” at the 111th Annual Conference of the National Tax Association (Nov. 17, 2018)

Presentation on the International Implications of the 2017 Tax Act to the 66th Annual Taxation Conference, University of Texas, Austin (Nov. 15, 2018)

Presented paper on Risk of Hydraulic Fracturing in Close Proximity to Improperly Abandoned Wells at Symposium at the 2018 Global Land & Resources Colloquium hosted by the University of Oklahoma College of Law (October 12, 2018)

Presented paper on Risk of Hydraulic Fracturing in Close Proximity to Improperly Abandoned Wells at a Symposium hosted by LSU Law School (September 7, 2018)

Panelist on Impact of Tax Reform in the Trump Era at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (August 10, 2018)

Panelist on Tax Compliance and Privacy at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (August 9, 2018)

Lectured on two sessions on Federal Income Taxation and one session on Oil & Gas Law to the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (June 11, 2017)

Presentation on Reform of Section 355 to the Texas Tax Faculty Workshop at Texas Tech Law School (June 1, 2018)

Presentation entitled US Tax Reform: Impact on International Investment as part of the UHLC CLE Series (May 24, 2018)

Presentation on Reform of Section 355 to the Association of Mid-Career Tax Law Professors at Georgetown Law Center (May 22, 2018)

Presentation on Permanent Establishment Issues to the Houston Tax Roundtable (May 9, 2018)

Presentation on Cross-Border Commerce & Differing Climate Policy at the 2nd Annual North American Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Conference hosted by the University of Houston Law Center (May 3, 2018)

Presentation on Permanent Establishment Issues to the Houston Bar Association Tax Section (April 18, 2018)

Presentation on Carbon Taxes at the Symposium on Federal Options to Price Carbon hosted by UHLC's Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Center in partnership with the Duke Nicholas Institute in Houston (February 21-22, 2018)

Presentation on Recent Developments in Oil and Gas Law to the Institute for Energy Law's Annual Oil and Gas Conference in Houston, Texas (February 15, 2018)

Presentation on International Implications of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act at the Houston International Tax Forum (February 1, 2018)

2017

Presentation on Permanent Establishment Issues to 20th Annual International Tax Symposium for the Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas (in Dallas on November 2) (in Houston on November 3)

Presentation on Business Tax Reform to the Young IFA Network of Houston (October 10, 2017)

Presentation of my paper entitled "Abandoned But Not Forgotten: Improperly Plugged and Orphaned Wells May Pose Serious Concerns for Shale Development at the Colloquium on Environmental Law Scholarship at Vermont Law School (September 23, 2017)

Presentation of Panelist on Current US and Mexican Cross-Border Tax Issues at the ABA Tax Section Fall Meeting in Austin, Texas (September 14, 2017)

Panelist on Tax Analysts webcast hosted by Vinson & Elkins in Houston entitled "Tax Reform: Perspectives From Across the Nation" (June 21, 2017)

Lectured on two sessions on Federal Income Taxation and one session on Oil & Gas Law to the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (June 12, 2017)

Organized the 3rd Annual Texas Tax Faculty Workshop hosted by the University of Houston Law Center (May 19, 2017)

Presentation on "Allocation Wells" at the 4th Annual GDHM Land & Mineral Owner Seminar in Austin, Texas (May 12, 2017)

Presentation on "Section 385 Traps and Pitfalls" to the Austin Tax Study Group (February 21, 2016)

Presentation on "Section 385 Traps and Pitfalls" at the Tax Section of the Houston Bar Association (February 16, 2017)

Presentation on “Texas Oil and Gas Law” to the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal’s Annual Symposium (February 10, 2016)

Panel Discussion on Allocation Wells, Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Oil and Gas Disputes Course (January 27, 2017)

2016

Presentation on “Section 385 Traps and Pitfalls” at the Wednesday Tax Forum (December 13, 2016)

Presentation on “Section 385 Traps and Pitfalls” at the International Tax Forum of Houston (December 1, 2016)

Presentation on “Section 385 Traps and Pitfalls” at the 64th Annual Taxation Conference, University of Texas, Austin, Texas (November 30, 2016)

Presentation on “Section 385 Traps and Pitfalls” at the 19th Annual International Tax Symposium for the State Bar of Texas (in Dallas on November 3) (in Houston on November 4)

Presentation of my paper entitled “*International Tax Reform By Means of Corporate Integration*” to the International Tax Symposium hosted by the University of Florida Levin College of Law (October 28, 2016)

Lectured on two sessions on Federal Income Taxation and one session on Oil & Gas Law to the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (June 13, 2016)

Presentation of my paper entitled “*International Tax Reform By Means of Corporate Integration*” to the Wednesday Tax Forum (May 24, 2016)

Presentation of my paper entitled “*International Tax Reform By Means of Corporate Integration*” to the Texas Tax Faculty Workshop hosted by SMU Law School (May 20, 2016)

Presentation of my paper entitled “*International Tax Reform By Means of Corporate Integration*” to the Houston Tax Roundtable (May 11, 2016)

Presentation of my paper entitled “*International Tax Reform By Means of Corporate Integration*” to the International Tax Forum (May 5, 2016)

Presentation on “International Tax Update” to the Tax Executive Institute (May 5, 2016)

Presentation of my paper entitled “*Allocation Wells: Lessor’s Remedies for Multi-Tract Horizontal Wells Drilled Without Pooling Authority*” to the Baylor Law Review Annual Symposium (April 7, 2016)

Presenter of my paper entitled “The Foreign Tax Credit War” to the BYU Law Review Symposium on International Taxation (March 11, 2016)

Presentation on Offset Well Clauses and Allocation Wells in the Horizontal Shale Development Context, UHLC EENR Speaker Series (March 4, 2016)

Presentation on “Texas Oil and Gas Law” to the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal’s Annual Symposium (February 26, 2016)

Panelist to discuss “Foreign Tax Credit Developments” at the 2016 IFA USA Annual Conference in Miami, Florida (February 25, 2016)

Presentation on “International Tax Update” to the Tax Section of the Houston Bar Association (February 17, 2016)

2015

Panel Member on Oil and Gas Taxation at the Parker Fielder Oil and Gas Tax Conference (November 19, 2015)

Presentation on “Revisiting Section 367(d)” at the 18th Annual International Tax Symposium for the State Bar of Texas (Dallas on November 12; Houston on November 13).

Commentator at the Invitational Tax Conference hosted by the University of Virginia Law School (November 6-7, 2015)

Presentation on “Status of Business Tax Reform” to the 33rd Annual Advanced Tax Law Symposium of the State Bar of Texas (October 30, 2015)

Presentation entitled “The Foreign Tax Credit War” to the ExxonMobil Tax Department Lunch & Learn (October 9, 2015)

Presentation entitled “The Foreign Tax Credit War” to the International Tax Forum of Houston (October 1, 2015)

Lecture on Federal Income Taxation to the UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (June 4, 2015)

Presenter of “The Foreign Tax Credit War” to the Texas Tax Faculty Workshop hosted by the UT Law School (June 3, 2015)

Presentation: “Revisiting §367(d) in Light of IP Migration Strategies: How Treasury Took the Bite Out of §367(d) and What Should be Done About It” to the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal’s Annual Symposium (April 16, 2015)

Presentation on “Corporate Inversions” to the SMU Tax Colloquium Speaker Series (March 3, 2015)

Presentation entitled “Update on Corporate Inversions” to the Houston Bar Association (February 18, 2015)

Panelist Member, “US Tax Treaty Issues,” Diversity Committee of the ABA Tax Section (January 31, 2015)

Moderator for Panel Discussion on International Taxation at the Andrews Kurth National Moot Court National Championship (January 22, 2015)

2014

One-Day Training Course on US Inbound International Taxation as part of the UHLC Advanced Legal Studies Program for Petrobras (December 9, 2014)

Presentation entitled “Corporate Inversions: What These Transactions Tell Us About Profit-Shifting and US International Tax Reform” to a joint meeting of the Houston Journal of International Law and Corporate and Tax Law Society (November 20, 2014)

Presentation on “Corporate Inversions” to the Houston Tax Roundtable (November 12, 2014)

Presented paper entitled “Revisiting §367(d): How Treasury Took the Bite Out of §367(d) and What Should Be Done About It,” as part of the Georgetown Law School’s Graduate Tax Program’s Speaker Series (November 6, 2014)

Presentation on “Revisiting Corporate Inversions” before IFA/ITF (October 3, 2014)

Invited Panelist to discuss “Corporate Inversions,” International Tax Policy Forum, Washington, D.C. (September 12, 2014)

Presentation on Tax Base Erosion: Reformation of Section 482’s Arm’s Length Standard at the Houston International Tax Forum (May 1, 2014)

Presentation on Tax Base Erosion: Reformation of Section 482’s Arm’s Length Standard as part of the Advanced Topics in Taxation Series, Northwestern University School of Law (April 3, 2014)

Conference Director for the first Federal Income Tax Update conference hosted by University of Houston Law Center (February 21, 2014)

Presentation on Base Erosion & Profit Shifting, Houston Bar Association (February 19, 2014)

Panel Moderator and Presentation on the OECD’S Initiative to Combat Base Erosion & Profit Shifting, International Fiscal Association (February 5, 2014).

2013

Presentation on Ethical Issues Related to Tax Opinions, Houston Bar Association (October 16, 2013)

Presentation on Ethical Issues Related to Tax Opinions, Wednesday Tax Forum (October 15, 2013)

Presentation on Ethical Issues Related to Tax Opinions, the Tax LLM Alumni Reunion (October 11, 2013)

Presentation on Tax Planning Implications from Small Business Tax Reform, Wednesday Tax Forum (September 17, 2013)

Presentation on State of Tax Reform, 30th Annual Advanced Tax Law Conference, Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas (August 15, 2013)

One-Day Training Course on US Inbound International Taxation as part of the UHLC Advanced Legal Studies Program for Petrobras (August 9, 2012)

University of Virginia School of Law, Virginia Tax Study Group Meeting: Panel Discussion of Corporate Inversions (March 22, 2013). Fellow panel participants included Hal Hicks (partner of Skadden Arps), Williard Taylor (partner of Sullivan & Cromwell), David Lenter (Legislative Counsel for Joint Committee on Taxation). My paper on Corporate Inversions was presented as part of the conference materials.

Presentation to the International Tax Forum entitled “Implications of a Territorial Tax Regime for the United States” (February 7, 2013)

Presentation to the Greater Houston Partnership entitled “Implications for Small Business of Business Tax Reform” as part of the University of Houston Law Center Legal Excellence Series (January 29, 2013)

Presentation to the Wednesday Tax Forum entitled: “Nothing Certain Except More Debt and Taxes” (January 15, 2013)

2012

One-Day Training Course on US Inbound International Taxation as part of the UHLC Advanced Legal Studies Program for Petrobras (December 14, 2012)

Presentation on Disposable Personal Goodwill in the Closely-Held Corporate Context, 29th Annual Advanced Tax Law Conference, Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas (August 17, 2012)

Intensive Short Course (20 hours) covering US inbound and outbound taxation issues as part of the UHLC Advanced Legal Studies Program for Sonangol (July 2-9, 2012)

One-Day Training Course on US Inbound International Taxation as part of the UHLC Advanced Legal Studies Program for Petrobras (June 29, 2012)

Presentation on the Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine to the Exxon Tax Department Lunch & Learn (April 12, 2012)

Presented paper entitled “Territorial Taxation: Homeless Income is the Achilles Heel” to the Annual Symposium sponsored by the Houston Business & Tax Law Journal (March 7, 2012).

Co-presented paper entitled “Disposable Personal Goodwill, Frosty the Snowman, and Martin Ice Cream All Melt Away in the Bright Sunlight of Analysis” to the Wednesday Tax Forum (February 28, 2012).

Co-speaker in series of Webcasts for Thomson Reuters ONESOURCE® on The Obama Administration and Transfer Pricing Evolutions. The first webcast was entitled “International Tax Reform: History, Current Needs, and the Obama Administration Proposals” (December 6 & 7). The second webcast was entitled the “Territorial Proposal of Chairman Camp of the House Ways & Means Committee (January 24 & 25). The third webcast was entitled "Planning Considerations for U.S. and Foreign-based Groups" (February 15 & 16).

Presentation to the Houston Bar Association: “Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine” (January 18, 2012)

2011

Presiding Officer for the 59th Annual Taxation Conference, University of Texas, Austin, Texas (December 7, 2011)

Presentation to the Houston Tax Roundtable: “Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine” (November 9, 2011)

Presented paper on “Homeless Income: Collection at Source is the Linchpin” at the American Tax Policy Institute Conference on International Taxation and Competitiveness in Washington, D.C. (October 17, 2011).

Presentation entitled “Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine—What Does It Mean?” to the 28th Annual Advanced Corporate Tax Course sponsored by the Taxation Section of the State Bar of Texas (August 19, 2011)

Presentation to the Wednesday Tax Forum: “A VAT Regime in the United States?” (July 26, 2011)

Intensive Short Course (20 hours) covering US inbound and outbound taxation issues as part of the UHLC Advanced Legal Studies Program for Sonangol (July 6-8 and 11-15)

Presentation as part of a Legal Ethics Seminar to the Tax Executive Institute on Ethical and Legal Issues: “Taking Uncertain Tax Positions” (June 14, 2011)

Presentation to the Wednesday Tax Forum: “Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine,” (April 19, 2011)

Presentation to the Wednesday Tax Forum: “Schedule UTP: Uncertain Tax Positions in the Age of Transparency,” (March 29, 2011)

Presentation to the International Tax Forum: “What Corporate Inversions Teach Us About U.S. International Tax Reform,” (March 3, 2011)

Presentation to the Council for International Tax Education: “Outbound Transfers Under Section 367(a) and Section 367(d),” Houston, Texas (January 26, 2011)

2010

Chairman for Panel Discussion: “*The Real Angel’s List: Transactions to Which the Economic Substance Doctrine Does and Does Not Apply*,” 58th Annual Taxation Conference, University of Texas, Austin, Texas (December 9, 2010)

Presentation to the Tax Section of the Houston Bar Association: “*Ethical Issues with Taking Uncertain Tax Positions on a Tax Return*” Houston, Texas (September 22, 2010)

Pre-2010

Presentation at the ATLAS TAX CONFERENCE: *Direct and Indirect Foreign US Tax Credits*,” Houston, Texas (November 11, 2003)

Panel discussion on US International Tax Policy with US Treasury International Tax Counsel at the 30th Annual Conference of the US Branch of the International Fiscal Association, Washington D.C. (March 12, 2002)

SERVICE TO MEDIA (Quoted as a Significant Source; Excludes Republication)

1. Richard Rubin & Jared S. Hopkins, “Going Out of Style: Tax-Driven Deals to Move Corporate HQs Outside U.S.” Wall Street Journal Online (August 1, 2019), available at <https://www.wsj.com/articles/inversion-reversions-arrive-as-companies-get-smaller-tax-edge-from-foreign-addresses-11564662353>.
2. Randy Diamond, Flaring fight is in the hands of Texas oil and gas regulators,” San Antonio Express-News (July 19, 2019)
3. Jonathan Curry, “Business of Tax: Allergen Flips Role in Pharma Mega-Merger,” 2019 TNTF 130-8, Doc. 2019-26033 (July 8, 2019)
4. Bret Wells, “Alberta Repealed its Carbon Tax. What Now?” Forbes.com (June 6, 2019), available at <https://www.forbes.com/sites/uhenergy/2019/06/06/alberta-repealed-its-carbon-tax-what-now/#3daeb7ed5dd1>.
5. Alex Parker, “Calls to Repeal Foreign Income Incentives May Be Misguided,” 2018 Law360 333-196 (Nov. 29, 2018)
6. Laura Davison, “U.S. Companies Flee No-Tax Caribbean Havens After EU Crackdown,” Bloomberg (Nov. 15, 2018), available at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-11-15/corporate-america-flees-zero-tax-caribbean-havens-post-crackdown>.
7. Kiah Collier, Jamie Smith Hopkins and Rachel Levin, “As oil and gas exports surge, West Texas becomes the world’s ‘extraction colony,’” Center for Public Integrity (Oct. 21, 2018), available at <https://apps.publicintegrity.org/blowout/>.
8. Vidya Kauri, “Easing of Debt-Equity Regs Won’t End Need for Documentation, Law 360 (Sept. 21, 2018)
9. Andrew Velarde, “Final Inversion Regs Stick to Previous Policy,” 2018 W.T.D. 134-1, Tax Doc. 2018-28754 (July 12, 2018)
10. Bret Wells, “The 2017 Tax Act’s Fascinating Change to the Tax Consequences of Alimony,” TaxProf Blog (July 4, 2018), available at https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2018/07/wells-the-2017-tax-acts-fascinating-change-to-the-tax-consequences-of-alimony.html.
11. Natalie Olivo, ‘Carbon-Related Tax Unlikely Under Int’l Rules, Prof Says,’ Law 360 (Feb. 21, 2018), available at <https://www.law360.com/energy/articles/1014575/carbon-related-tax-unlikely-under-int-l-rules-prof-says>
12. Jonathan D. Rockoff and Nina Trentmann, “New Tax Law Haunts Companies That Did ‘Inversion’ Deals,” Wall Street Journal (Feb. 11, 2018).
13. Amanda Athanasiou, “U.S. Tax Reform Will Affect Global M&A, Experts Say,” 2018 WTD 15-3 (Jan. 23, 2018).

14. Amanda Athnasiou, "U.S. Companies' Goals for Offshore Earnings Unlikely to Match Trump's," 89 Tax Notes Int'l 291 (Jan. 22, 2018)
15. Alex Parker, "Tax Pros Skeptical New Law Will Bring IP Home," Law 360 (Dec. 22, 2017),
16. Joe Nocera, "Don't Fix the Senate's Tax Goof. It's a Great Idea!" Bloomberg News (Dec. 6, 2017)
17. Lynnley Browning, "Senate's 'Unpleasant Surprise' Hurts Tax Breaks for Tech, Others," 232 Daily Tax Report G-6 (Dec. 5, 2017)
18. Mindy Herzfeld, "International Tax Changes: Too Late For Debate?" 2017 W.T.D. 232-1 (Dec. 5, 2017)
19. Lynnley Browning, "Future Tax Traps' Lurk for Multinationals in Senate's Proposal," Bloomberg (Nov. 22, 2017)
20. Lynnley Browning, "Senate GOP Tucks Future 'Traps' for Multinationals Into Tax Bill," Bloomberg (Nov. 22, 2017)
21. Alison Bennett, "Tough Balance for Base Erosion in Territorial Tax Plans," 224 Daily Tax Report G-2 (Nov. 22, 2017)
22. Emily L. Foster and Andrew Velarde, "Hatch Suggests 12.5 Percent Dividends Paid Deduction for 5 Years," 2017 TNT 220-3 (Nov. 15, 2017)
23. Lynnley Browning, "Senate's Offshore Tax Ideas Could Be a 'Goldmine' for Some Companies," Bloomberg (Nov. 14, 2017)
24. Alan Ota, "Senate GOP's Treatment of Intangible Property Gets Mixed Review," Congressional Quarterly (Nov. 13, 2017)
25. Barney Jopson, "US tax reform changes fails to quell outcry," Financial Times (Nov. 7, 2017)
26. Marie Sapirie, "Passthroughs Get 25 Percent Rate Under Brady Bill," 157 TAX NOTES 734 (Nov. 6, 2017)
27. Andrew Velarde, "Territoriality, Base Erosion at Center of International Tax Reforms," 88 Tax Notes Int'l 497 (Nov. 6, 2017)
28. Brian Faller, "House GOP plots crackdown on corporate tax dodges," Politico (Nov. 5, 2017), available at <https://www.politico.com/story/2017/11/06/house-gop-reform-corporate-tax-avoidance-244591>.
29. Barney Jopson, "Guide to the key points of Republican tax plan," Financial Times (Nov. 3, 2017), available at <https://www.ft.com/content/49e0743c-bff4-11e7-9836-b25f8adaa111>.
30. Barney Jopson, "US tax reform targets avoidance by multinationals," Financial Times (Nov. 3, 2017), available at <https://www.ft.com/content/23060b2c-c037-11e7-9836-b25f8adaa111>.
31. Lynnley Browning, "Tax Bill Takes Extra Bite of Apple and Other Global Companies," Bloomberg (Nov. 3, 2017), available at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-03/multinationals-may-take-a-hit-from-trio-of-taxes-in-house-bill>.
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