Tax Law Section

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Adam B. Landy

Adam B. Landy is an associate in the Columbia office of McNair Law Firm, P.A. Adam practice in the area of federal and state tax controversy, estate planning, and probate administration.
Adam attended the University of South Carolina, earning a B.S. degree in Chemistry in 2004, and a M.S. degree in Sport & Entertainment Management in 2006. He received his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2009 and earned an LL.M. in Taxation from Northwestern University School of Law in May 2010. Adam is admitted to practice in South Carolina and before the United States Tax Court. Prior to joining McNair, Adam was a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable J. Michelle Childs, of the Fifth Circuit Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions.
Adam is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, South Carolina Young Lawyers Division, Richland County Bar Association, Columbia Tax Study Group, and Columbia Estate Planning Council. In his limited free time, Adam uses his time, talents, and treasures to assist the United Way of the Midlands, as a member of its Young Leaders Society, and as a participant and Chair of the South Carolina Young Lawyers Division Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Douglas B. O'Neal

Mr. O'Neal is an associate at Merline & Meacham, P.A. He is listed in Super Lawyers magazine as a Rising Star for 2013 in the field of Tax for Greenville, SC. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Furman University, his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law, and his Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Mr. O'Neal was Senior Articles Editor of the ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Journal, a member of the Moot Court Bar, and recipient of the American Jurisprudence Awards in Corporate Taxation and Limited Liability Company Planning at the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was a Graduate Editor for the Florida Tax Review, and recipient of the Richard B. Stephens Scholarship in Graduate Tax at the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

G.P. Diminich

G.P. Diminich is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charleston, South Carolina. He is a Certified Specialist in Taxation Law as well as a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning & Probate Law, distinctions supervised by the S.C. Supreme Court. He practices in the areas of tax law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law, partnership law, wills, trusts, probate, estate planning, tax-exempt organizations, state and local taxation, business litigation, and probate litigation. He has Martindale-Hubbell's top ("AV") Peer Review Rating. Mr. Diminich is a past legal writing instructor for the University of South Carolina School of Law. He earned his B.A. degree, with honors, from Davidson College, his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law, his International M.B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina Moore School of Business, and his LL.M. degree in Taxation from the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Diminich is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association's Probate, Estate Planning & Trust Section, Article 5 Section 5 Durable Powers of Attorney Revision Group; American Bar Association (member, Taxation, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, and Business Law sections); the South Carolina Bar Association (member, Tax Law, Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Law, and Corporate, Banking and Securities Law sections); the Charleston Tax Council (past President); the Charleston Estate Planning Council; and the Charleston Tax Roundtable. He is admitted to the U.S. Tax Court and is a Certified Circuit Court Mediator. Mr. Diminich is also a member of the S.C. Supreme Court's Estate Planning & Probate Law Specialization Advisory Board and the S.C. Bar Association's Tax Section Council, and serves as a Mentor in the S.C. Supreme Court's lawyer mentoring program.

Mr. Diminich has obtained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification. Additionally, he teaches taxation courses as an Adjunct Professor at the College of Charleston's Master of Science (M.S.) in Accountancy program and has published articles and organized and lectured on numerous topics for CLE and CPE credit concerning taxation, business law, and estate planning and probate law for a variety of organizations, including the CLE divisions of the S.C. Bar Association and the N.C. Bar Association.

Mr. Diminich is a member of The Rotary Club of Charleston (Paul Harris Fellow) and the Charleston Metro Exchange Club, and is on the Community Investment Review Team (Finance) of the Trident United Way, the Finance Committee of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Taxation and Small Business Committees of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Charleston program. In 2013, the Charleston Regional Business Journal recognized Mr. Diminich as "40 Leaders under Forty".

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