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## OVERVIEW

Steve Barge's practice is a distinct blend of domestic and cross-border corporate and business tax planning and transactional knowledge coupled with a robust tax controversy and litigation practice. His deep experience spans multiple industries in which he has negotiated and structured acquisitions, dispositions, expansions, contractions, restructurings, and financing transactions for corporate and pass-through entities in the United States and abroad and has resolved tax controversies at the audit, appeal and litigation stages. Steve's transactional work focuses not only on pre-transaction design and execution but also on post-transaction integration structures that obtain maximum tax benefits and preserve favorable tax attributes while balancing non-tax issues of other stakeholders. He has prepared and received numerous private rulings from the IRS National Office and foreign taxing authorities. Steve is experienced in virtually all aspects of United States federal taxation that affect business activities and brings a practical and collaborative approach to the most sophisticated issues facing taxpayers in the United States taxing regimes.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Steve has published several articles on a variety of federal income taxation matters and has spoken nationally, regionally and locally. For the past 15 years, he has been selected by his peers each year for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® as “Lawyer of the Year” for Litigation and Controversy - Tax in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2024
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
  - Tax Law, 2001-2024
  - Litigation and Controversy - Tax, 2011-2024
  - corporate Governance Law - Tax, 2023-2024

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® as “Lawyer of the Year” for Tax in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2021

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Allegheny Tax Society
- American Bar Association (*Tax Section*)
- International Fiscal Association (*U.S. Branch*)
- Pittsburgh Tax Club

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1989 (*Order of the Coif; Member, Duke Law Journal*)
- B.A., Illinois Wesleyan University, 1986

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States Tax Court

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 28 October 2020, IRS Issues Section 1446(f) Final Regulations
- 14 August 2018, Proposed Regulations Provide Welcome Guidance for 20% Pass-Through Deduction
- March 2018, The New Tax Law – Challenges and Opportunities
- 27 October 2016, Tax Evasion - Nowhere Left to Hide
- 18 May 2016, Investing in India? Take a Look at the Amended India-Mauritius Tax Treaty Before You Do
- 24 July 2015, Recent Legislative Developments Will Create Headaches and Increase Financial Risks for Mortgage Servicers and Originators
- 23 July 2015, Recent Legislative Developments Will Create Headaches and Increase Financial Risks for Mortgage Servicers and Originators
- 12 May 2015, New MLP Rules Provide Bright Lines and New Challenges

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Investing In India? Time To Rethink Structures,” *Law360*, 3 June 2016

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 17 August 2023, Nearly 400 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2024 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 18 May 2022, K&L Gates Advises Albemarle Corporation on \$1.7 Billion Senior Notes Offering
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 6 November 2020, K&L Gates Advises Exact Sciences Corporation on Acquisitions of Cancer Detection Companies, Common Stock Sale
- 17 August 2020, K&L Gates Advises Tokyo Gas America on Two Acquisitions
- 30 March 2020, K&L Gates Advises Accion Labs on Investment by TA Associates
- 4 October 2017, K&L Gates Advises on Tokyo Century Corporation

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Tax
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions