



Steve Britt

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Overview

Steve practices with the firm's state and local tax litigation group representing large and small companies in administrative protests of tax assessments before various taxing authorities. He also litigates tax assessments in Texas district courts and advises clients concerning the tax implications of business transactions. Prior to joining SD&M, Steve was a high school teacher and a coach for ten years.

Experience

Representative Matters

Currently representing oil & gas service providers seeking refund of sales and use taxes paid on equipment used in saltwater disposal facilities.

Represents software service providers in disputes regarding the taxation of SaaS, and the line between the taxable sale of software and the nontaxable sale of software services performed on software not sold by the service provider.

Represents construction companies in audit and refund disputes related to sales and use tax.

Represents numerous restaurants, bars, nightclubs, hotels, restaurants and private clubs in audit disputes related to Texas mixed beverage taxes.

Resolved multi-million dollar audit and refund dispute for chemical manufacturer.

Awards

- Member, Texas Law Review
- Recipient, Robert S. Strauss Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law

Articles & Presentations

- Presenter, "Texas Mixed Beverage Audits", Annual Convention, Texas Bar and Nightclub Alliance, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Presenter, "Recent Developments in Texas: Issues and Opportunities," with Robert Topp of Deloitte Tax, LLP and Eric Hagenswold of SD&M, Council on State Taxation, West Regional State Tax Seminar, Houston, TX August 8, 2019
- Co-Author, "Hot Topics for Retailers," IPT Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, June 25, 2019
- Presenter, "National State Tax Cases and Issues," with Ferdinand Hogroain of COST, Council on State Taxation Regional Seminar, Houston, TX, August 14, 2017
- Presenter, "State Tax Policy Update: Including the State Tax Implications of Federal Tax Reform," with Doug Mazuir of KPMG, Council on State Taxation Regional Seminar, Houston, TX, August 14, 2017
- Co-Author, "Lonestar State Update," presented by Curtis Osterloh of SD&M and Kirk Lyda of Jones Day, COST 2017 Sales Tax Conference

News & Insights

- Curtis Osterloh and Steve Britt Talk Tax Audits at the Texas Bar and Nightclub Convention

Practice Areas

- State & Local Tax
- Administrative Appeals of Audits & Refund Claims
- Mixed Beverage Audits
- Tax Litigation in District Court & Court of Appeals

Education

- Vanderbilt University, B.A., Literature, 1992
- Reformed Theological Seminary, M.A, Biblical Studies, 1999
- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors, 2009

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas