Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations & Restructurings 2006

- Effects of 2004 and 2006 Tax Legislation on Tax Strategies
- Recent Developments in Tax-Free Reorganizations
- Panel on Spin-offs Including Recent IRS Guidance
- Panel on Dealing with Restricted Stock, Stock Options and Executive Compensation in Corporate M&A Transactions including Effects of New Section 409A
- 3-hour Session on the Consolidated Return Regulations
- Breakfast Panel on Interesting Transactions of the Past Year
- An Afternoon on International M&A
- Session on Private Equity Funds
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Dear Colleague:

I am honored to chair this year’s **Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-Offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations & Restructurings**. The program will focus on the entire spectrum of modern major corporate transactions and will update you on the latest regulations and rulings affecting tax practice.

I’d like to take this opportunity to tell you about three aspects of this year’s program that make it well worth your time to attend:

1. You’ll get three packed-full days of instruction from leading tax practitioners from law firms, the Big 4, corporations and academia from across the United States.

2. You’ll also get to hear from policymakers at the IRS and Department of the Treasury at the luncheon programs and on the panels, including an “IRS Speaks” panel chaired by the Deputy Chief Counsel-Technical and featuring the Associate Chief Counsels of Corporate, of Passthroughs and Special Industries, and of International.

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I encourage you to review the program content carefully, read the **10 Compelling Reasons to Attend PLI’s Tax Strategies** and **What Past Attendees Have Said** (on page 5), and then decide if you can afford to miss this unique program.

Very truly yours,

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MAJOR TOPICS & SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Overview and Strategies in Representing Sellers
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- Tax Accounting Issues in Mergers and Acquisitions
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- Strategies for Private Equity Funds
- Interesting Corporate Transactions of the Past Year
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- Financial Products and Transactions
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- Ethical and Practice Issues Raised by Recent Tax Shelter Regulations and Legislation and by Circular 230
- Treasury Luncheon Speaker
- Consolidated Return Planning and Strategies Under the New Regulations
  - Intercompany Transactions
  - Investment Adjustments
  - Loss Disallowance
  - SRLY and Consolidated Section 382
  - Making and Breaking Affiliation
  - Utilizing LLCs in a Consolidated Return Context

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   - the consolidated return regulations
   - partnership strategies in M&A
   - exploring the limits of the evolving economic substance and business purpose doctrines

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   - international acquisitions
   - the tax due diligence process and negotiating and drafting tax provisions in acquisition agreements

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Morning Session: 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

8:45 Overview and Strategies in Representing Sellers
Stock sale/asset sale strategies; nonliquidation format; deferral techniques; National Starch/Unilever; Tel-Communication/Liberty Media; MCA/Matsushita; Times Mirror/Mathew Bender/Reed Elsevier; effects of Section 351(g) and amended Section 351(e); combined sale/redeemption; corporate inversion, recapitalization, and other techniques; Seagram/DuPont and its aftermath; Petrie Stores/Toys “R” Us and its aftermath; anatomy of an LBO; special securities, monetization techniques; contingent payments, convertibles, putables, exchangeables; installment treatment; open transaction treatment; effects of recent legislation; IRS Business Plan topics.

NY, BH & CHI: Peter L. Faber, Richard Reinhold, Robert Willens
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11:45 Tax Accounting Issues in Mergers and Acquisitions
Amortization of intangibles; INDOPOC issues; Section 162(k) and redemptions; break-up fees; evolving time value of money strategies and issues; other tax accounting concerns; legislative changes and IRS Business Plan topics.

NY: Glenn R. Carrington, C. Ellen MacNeill
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CHI: Jody J. Brewster, John B. Palmer, III

12:30 – 1:45 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session: 1:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

1:45 Section 338(h)(10) Strategies
Use of the election under Section 338(h)(10); concerns and traps; opportunities; regulations under Sections 1060 and 338; Section 338(h)(10) and IPOs; the final selectivity regulations; bifurcated purchase of part assets and part stock; selectivity through other devices; unresolved allocation issues; treatment of contingent consideration and other special issues.

NY: Mark J. Silverman, Mark L. Yecies
BH & CHI: Mark J. Silverman, Karen Gilbreath Sowell

3:00 Contingent Liabilities in Acquisition Transactions
Assumption and payment of contingent liabilities in taxable asset acquisitions (Section 1060 and Section 338(h)(10)), stock acquisitions, and tax-free transactions; basis or deduction to buyer; gain (and offsetting deduction) to seller; timing issues; suggested solutions.

NY: Mark L. Yecies, Mark J. Silverman
BH & CHI: Karen Gilbreath Sowell, Mark J. Silverman

4:00 Dealing with Restricted Stock, Stock Options and Executive Compensation in Corporate M&A Transactions
Impact of New Section 409A; Impact of unvested restricted stock on tax-free qualification of corporate reorganizations and Section 351 transactions; strategies for dealing with outstanding compensatory stock options; new executive compensation techniques for companies in the technology sector and other industries; recent regulations and notices.

NY: Kathleen L. Ferrell, Robert A. Rizzi
BH: Jean M. McLoughlin, Robert H. “Buff” Miller
CHI: Pamela Baker, Michael A. Lawson

5:00 Corporate Tax Strategies and Techniques Using Partnerships, LLCs and Other Strategic Alliances
Use of partnerships and other pass-through entities as the joint venture format or the acquiring entity; mixing bowl partnerships; leveraged partnerships including the Arco/Arch Coal strategy; treatment of Section 197 intangibles in a partnership context; the “Check-the-Box” regulations; single-member LLCs; opportunities, problems and issues on formation, during the operating life and on wind up; exit strategies; special allocation strategies; legislative changes.

NY: Gary Mandel, Stuart L. Rosow
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Second Day: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Morning Session: 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

7:00 Corporate Transactions Continental Breakfast
Participate in a discussion of audience-selected corporate transactions.

NY, BH & CHI: Mark J. Silverman

8:15 Structuring Buyouts/Venture Capital Deals
Form of LBOs; asset acquisitions, recapitalizations, holding companies; structuring layers of debt and equity; tax issues in financing techniques, including debt/equity, Section 279, original issue discount; effects of legislative changes; venture capital preferred stock; PIK preferred as “plain vanilla”; the effects of amendments to Section 305(c) and Section 305 regulations; strategies in representing management; net exercise warrants.

NH: Donald E. Rocap, Deborah L. Paul
BH: David R. Gerson, Jodi J. Schwartz
CHI: Jack S. Levin

9:15 Tax-Free and Partially Tax-Free Reorganizations
Recent use of tax-free and partially tax-free strategies; observations concerning structuring reorganizations in a world without General Utilities; current issues in the reorganization area and illustrative case studies; multi-step reorganizations and effects of recent revenue rulings; downstream mergers and group inversions; all-cash “D” reorganization; issues involving control and continuity; effects of COBE and COI regulations; reorganizations within a consolidated group; “Yoc” Heating developments; the “substantially all” requirement; the Bausch & Lomb regulations; triangular reorganization basis regulations; avoiding reorganization treatment; legislative changes and IRS Business Plan topics.

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CHI: Samuel C. Thompson, Timothy Sherck, Bernita L. Thigpen, William D. Alexander (Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate), Internal Revenue Service)

10:30 Break
10:45 Divisive Strategies — Spin-Offs and Synthetic Spin-Offs
Tax-free spin-offs, split-offs and split-ups under Section 355; recent examples of divisive transactions; developing IRS/Treasury views on current topical issues; effects of IRS no-ruling policy; business purpose; effects of leveraging up; 2004 and 2006 Act changes; aftermath of Viacom; obsoleting of Rev. Rul. 96-30; difficult interpretive and practical problems raised by Sections 355(d) and (e); combining spin-offs and acquisitive reorganizations after the 1997 Act amendments: surrogates for Morris Trust; cash-rich split-offs; IRS Business Plan topics.

NY: Joseph M. Pari, Stephen E. Wells, Thomas F. Wessel, Eric Solomon (Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory Affairs), Department of the Treasury)
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9:00 Tax Strategies of Private Equity Funds
General tax considerations in the formation and structure of private equity funds; current issues regarding taxation of the carried interest; avoiding ECI and UBTI; tax structuring aspects of European private equity transactions.

NY: Andrew N. Berg, David R. Sicilar, Victor Zonana
BH: Paul H. Asofsky, Steven K. Matthias, Victor Zonana
CHI: Paul H. Asofsky, Andrew W. Needham, Victor Zonana

4:00 Break

4:15 Strategies and Issues for International Acquisitions
Taxable acquisition of U.S.-owned foreign corporations — U.S. seller’s treatment; taxable acquisition of foreign corporations — U.S. purchaser’s treatment; taxable acquisition of U.S. corporations — foreign purchaser’s treatment; interest-stripping; impact of the interest allocation rules; foreign targets with U.S. subsidiaries; Section 338 election and Subpart F income; use of partnerships; use of hybrid entities and hybrid securities in the international context.

NY, BH & CHI: James P. Fuller

12:00 “Picnic Lunch” Program:
“The IRS Speaks”
NY, BH & CHI: Deputy Chief Counsel (Technical), William D. Alexander (Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate)), Heather C. Maloy (Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs & Special Industries)), Steven A. Musher (Associate Chief Counsel (International))

12:30 “Treasury” Luncheon Program:
Keynote Speaker
NY, BH & CHI: Eric Solomon (Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory Affairs), Department of the Treasury)

3:00 Tax Strategies for Financially Troubled Businesses and Other Loss Companies
Debt for debt exchanges and debt modification; effect of Cottage Savings and final Section 1001 regulations; issues under the Section 382 regulations; guidance on identification of BIG’s and BILs; effects of options, convertibles, purchase contracts, buy-sell arrangements; strategies for acquirers with losses; strategies for targets with losses; creeping acquisitions of targets coupled with alienability limiting devices; interplay between Section 382 and Section 384; recent strategies in bankruptcies.

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10:15 Financial Products and Transactions
Tax strategies for swaps and other notional principal contracts; use of caps, floors, collars, options, forwards and other current financial transactions including DECS, TRUPS, STRYPS, PEPS, PERCS, LYONS, FELINE PRIDES, CHIPS, YEELDS, SAILS, ACES, ELKS, PRIDES, and PRIZEs; contingent convertible zeros, contingent swaps, enhanced income or income depositary securities, recent regulatory developments; effects of legislative changes.

NY: Erika W. Nijenhuis
BH: Edward D. Kleinbard
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11:15 Exploring the Limits of the Evolving Economic Substance and Business Purpose
Doctrines and Ethical and Practice Issues
Raised by Recent Tax Shelter Regulations and Legislation and by Circular 230
Recent cases and Notices; the IRS litigation position; when to apply which test; application to some tax planning while other tax planning requires neither substance or business purpose; effects of possible codification; how much substance is enough; effects of factual changes on “ACM-type” and other such transactions; bifurcation of transactions; relative benefits testing; expansion of anti-tax shelter positions into ordinary tax planning; recent tax shelter regulations and legislation; Circular 230; implications, effects, ethical and practice issues.

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Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2:00 Consolidated Return Planning and Strategies
The final intercompany transaction regulations; the final investment adjustment, earnings and profits and related regulations, the new loss disallowance regime; effect of recent court decisions; reverse acquisitions; consolidated Section 382 limitations; SRLY regulations; Section 1504(a)(5) regulations; making and breaking affiliation; planning for acquisitions and dispositions; use of single-member LLCs in a consolidated return context; legislative changes and IRS Business Plan topics.

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