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35th Annual American Institute on Federal Taxation Offers Varied Topics and Expert Speakers

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Upcoming Seminars Involving Members Of Our SALT Practice Group

June 9, 2011

The 92nd annual meeting of the Alabama Society of CPAs will be held at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center in Birmingham. Stuart Frentz, Bruce Ely, Will Thistle and other BABC attorneys will lead a 3.5 hour panel presentation on "Choice of Business Entity—an Overview". For more information (assuming you are an ASCPA member), visit their website at www.ascpa.org.

June 24, 2011

The Tax Executives Institute (TEI) Region VII Annual Conference will be held on Hilton Head Island. Chris Grissom and David Huizenga of Jefferson Wells will be co-presenting "Developing State Tax Audit Management Strategies & Current Trends". For more information, visit the TEI website at www.tei.org.

June 27, 2011

The Institute for Professionals in Taxation's (IPT) Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Chris Grissom and Ben Turner of Aaron's Inc. will be co-presenting "Developing State Tax Audit and Appeals Strategies and Audit Maxims to Live By". For more information, visit the IPT website at www.ipt.org.

The 35th Annual American Institute on Federal Taxation will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Hoover, Alabama on June 15-17, and will cover a wide variety of both federal and state topics that will benefit tax practitioners as well as company tax officials. Some of the topics to be discussed at the 2½ day institute include:

- An update on employee vs. independent contractor reclassification challenges and collateral damage by Larry Campagna of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka in Houston.
- A panel discussion of the tangle of regulations faced by return preparers and other tax advisers, including the newly-issued final Circular 230 regulations, by David Wooldridge of Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham, and Stuart Frentz of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Birmingham. This qualifies for one hour of CLE Ethics Credit.
- A panel discussion of the top 20 state and local tax issues facing businesses and state revenue departments these days, led by Cass Vickers of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT), Mike Petrik of Alston & Bird in Atlanta, Joe Garrett of the Alabama Department of Revenue, and Bruce Ely of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Birmingham.
- What employers must know about health care reform by Alson Martin of Overland Park, Kansas.
- A federal tax controversy update by the indefatigable David Aughtry of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka in Atlanta.
- A comprehensive review of recent federal income tax and estate/gift tax developments by Professor Ira Shepherd of the University of Houston Law Center and by Skip Fox of McGuireWoods of Charlottesville, Virginia.
- An update on the use of various forms of IRAs and other forms of retirement plans by Alvin Golden of Ikard & Golden, Austin, Texas.

The full agenda and list of speakers is available at www.amfedtax.org including registration information. We hope you will take a moment to review the website and to register for what appears to be one of the best tax professional development programs in the country this year. You may also contact the Program Coordinator, Carol Short, at (205) 521-8175 with any questions.

U.S. News & World Report Ranking

Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP has received the fourth highest number of top-tier rankings in the country in the inaugural U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers list of top U.S. law firms. As it has done for many years for hospitals and colleges, this year U.S. News, working with the attorney ranking company Best Lawyers in America, ranked U.S. law firms based on a number of criteria, including client satisfaction. We are pleased to note that each member of our SALT Practice Group who is a partner in the firm was also included in Best Lawyers in America this year, and in many cases has been included for many years prior as well.



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