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PRACTICE AREAS

- International Practice
- Tax
- Corporate

INDUSTRIES

- Emerging Growth/Venture Capital

OVERVIEW

Area of Practice

Taxation of mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions, and bankruptcy reorganizations.

Mr. Bonn leads the Firm's tax practice group. Among clients he advises are the tax and legal departments of The Boeing Company (e.g., sale of commercial aircraft manufacturing operations to Onex and commercial finance operations to General Electric), Northrop Grumman Corporation (business development through middle market acquisitions and issuance of "equity security units"), The Walt Disney Company (certain transactions involving Miramax and Harvey and Robert Weinstein), and General Electric Capital Corporation (real estate joint ventures).

Mr. Bonn has represented both creditors and debtors with respect to tax issues relating to federal bankruptcy proceedings. Examples include representing the debtors in the chapter 11 proceedings of Dillingham Construction, a multinational diversified construction and engineering firm; representing Bank of America as the senior lender with respect to reorganization transactions and tax sharing agreements proposed by a national real estate development firm in its chapter 11 reorganization; advising and representing the senior lender in connection with multiple tax disputes with the debtors and numerous asset sales in the chapter 11 liquidation proceedings of a multi-state cellular phone operator; and representation of Advanced Telcom Group, Inc., and its subsidiaries, as debtors and taxpayers in contesting IRS claims for federal income and excise taxes and obtaining refunds and expedited final determinations of the absence of any tax liability of the debtors.

Professional Activities and Accomplishments

John Bonn is admitted to practice in California and Massachusetts and before the United States Tax Court. He has been named in every edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* since its first publication in 1987.

Mr. Bonn has spoken frequently on tax matters before professional groups, including the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, New York University Tax Institute, University of Southern California Tax Institute, and state taxation sections.

Mr. Bonn is the author of a two volume treatise entitled "*Partnership Taxation*," first published in 1987, and papers entitled "*Acquiring or Disposing of an S Corporation*," and

"Choice of Entity" presented at the 49th and 51st (respectively) convocations of the Institute of the University of Southern California on Major Tax Planning in 1997 and 1999 (respectively); as well as *"Buy-Sell Agreements"* presented at the 48th New York University Institute on Federal Taxation (1990). He also co authored the California Continuing Education of the Bar publications entitled, "Advising California Partnerships"; the *"Advanced Course of Study: Mergers and Acquisitions"*; and *"Selecting & Forming Business Entities."*

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

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