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Tax considerations affect every aspect of business, investment and individual income and wealth—and the practice of tax law requires innovation and creativity. Sheppard Mullin's tax attorneys provide sophisticated advice in all areas of corporate, partnership, real estate, and international taxation; employee benefits; executive compensation; private equity and hedge fund formation and operation; debt and equity financing and derivative and hybrid securities; tax-exempt organizations; and estate planning and wealth transfer. Based on our understanding of evolving and complex tax law, we are often able to design sophisticated transactions that are advantageous for our clients.

Because tax issues are integrated into virtually all areas of the firm's practice, our tax attorneys are known for their ability to collaborate. Our tax attorneys regularly work with members of the Corporate, International Business, Entertainment and Media, Finance, Real Estate, Labor and Employment, Bankruptcy, and Intellectual Property practices to advise our clients in structuring transactions that comply with federal, state and foreign tax laws. They also advise clients concerning the taxation of amounts paid or received in litigation. Areas of taxation handled by Sheppard Mullin tax attorneys include the following:

- Corporate Tax
- Real Estate Tax
- International Tax
- Hedge Funds and Private Equity
- Employee Benefits
- Executive Compensation
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs)
- Non-Profit and Tax-Exempt Entities
- Estate Planning

In conjunction with the firm's Litigation attorneys, we have also handled tax related matters in state and federal courts and before the United States Tax Court. Our attorneys consistently foster and maintain contacts with government officials and are active in the Tax Sections of the American Bar Association, California Bar Association and County Bar Associations.