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Andrius Kontrimas is a partner in the Tax, Employee Benefits, and Trust & Estate Practice Group in the firm's Houston office.

### Areas of Practice

Andrius has extensive experience handling a wide range of tax matters and is consistently recognized as a leading practitioner.

Andrius currently counsels clients in Global Tax Planning and Structuring, Transfer Pricing, Joint Ventures, Cross Border M&A, Global Mobility, Private Client and Family Offices, Contested Tax Matters, Corporate Counseling, Private Foundations and other Exempt Organizations, and Art Law.

### Honors

Chambers USA, Texas: Tax, Chambers & Partners, 2008-2022

The Best Lawyers in America, Best Lawyers, 2012-2021

Texas Super Lawyer, Thomson Reuters, 2003, 2008-2021

Legal 500 US, Recommended Lawyer, Tax: International Tax, The Legal 500, 2017-2021

Expert Guides, Tax, Legal Media Group, 2021

Tax Leader, Texas, International Tax Review, Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, 2020

### Articles

- Co-Author, "IRS changes offshore asset voluntary disclosure programs," June 23, 2014
- Co-Author, "IRS is aggressively targeting foreign vessel owners and US companies for outer continental shelf activities," November 18, 2013
- "Direct Investment Issues (Including Competition and U.S./Mexico Taxation Treaty)," *NAFTA and Beyond: A New Framework for Doing Business in the Americas*, ed. Joseph Jude Norton et al., Martinus Nijhoff, 1995
- Co-Author, "Focus on FATCA, A White Paper Providing an overview of the Final Regulations," May 30, 2013
- Co-Author, "IRS Provides Updated Information For 2012 Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program," August 1, 2012

- "2010 Year in Review - Tax Law," *Texas Bar Journal*, January 2011
- Co-Author, "Caution: New IRS Procedures Allow Whistleblowers to Gain Access to a Taxpayer's Confidential Information," June 2010
- Co-Author, "June 30, 2010 Deadline Approaching for Certain U.S. Persons Required to File Reports Relating to Foreign Bank Accounts," June 15, 2010
- Co-Author, "HIRE Act Imposes New Reporting and Withholding Requirements on Foreign Financial Institutions," April 1, 2010
- Co-Author, "IRS About To Start Detailed Employment Tax Examinations," February 24, 2010
- "IRS is Targeting Foreign Work Vessels Operating on the Outer Continental Shelf," *Oil & Gas Financial Journal*, January 2010
- Co-Author, "Undisclosed Offshore Accounts," *Texas Lawyer*, 21 December 2009
- Co-Author, "IRS Takes Aim at Offshore Services to the Oil & Gas Industry," November 5, 2009
- "International Philanthropy a U.S. Tax Perspective," *Texas Tax Lawyer*, Fall 2009
- Co-Author, "IRS Extends Deadline For Voluntary Disclosure Program Until October 15, 2009," September 22, 2009
- Co-Author, "IRS Extends FBAR Filing Deadline for Certain US. Persons Until June 30, 2010," August 10, 2009
- Co-Author, "Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts Must be Reported by June 30, 2009," May 26, 2009
- Co-Author, "Where Is the United States for Federal Tax Purposes?," *Texas Tax Lawyer*, May 2009
- Co-Author, "IRS Continues Audits of U.S. Virgin Islands Residency Status," March 27, 2009
- "World Law Group, International Expatriate Employment Handbook," *Kluwer Law International*, 2006

## Speaking Engagements

- "Corporate Transparency Act and Select International Tax Compliance Topics," Texas Bar College, August 3, 2022
- "Stranded: Tax Consequences for Nonresidents and Corporations From the Global Pandemic," 68th Annual Taxation Conference, The University of Texas-Law, Webcast, December 2-3, 2020
- "The Impact of the Economic Downturn on Transfer Pricing and Valuation Issues," International Fiscal Association, Webinar, October 28, 2020
- "Select International Tax Ethics Issues," TEI Houston Chapter Annual Ethics Course, Houston, Texas, April 17, 2019
- "International Tax Controversies," USA Branch of the International Fiscal Association, Houston, Texas, February 23 & 24, 2018
- "The LNG Industry: US LNG and Global Transformation," Energy Tax Symposium of The International Fiscal Association, Houston, Texas, February 21, 2018
- "International Aspects of Art Donations and Acquisitions," Canadian Bar Association Charities Symposium, Toronto, Canada, May 12, 2017
- "Select US Legislative and Case Law Developments," IFA Canada 2017 International Tax Conference, Toronto, Canada, April 25-26, 2017

- "Issues Regarding the Use of Single Member LLC's," Managing legal and compliance risks for nonprofit organizations, Norton Rose Fulbright US LP and Blazek & Vetterling joining presentation, The Junior League of Houston, Houston, Texas, October 27, 2016
- "Focus on Permanent Establishment Issues," International Association of Drilling Contractors, Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, Texas, June 3, 2016
- "Brexit: What it is and how it will affect your company," Norton Rose Fulbright, The Houstonian Hotel, Houston, Texas, May 25, 2016
- "BEPS in Europe and the US," Client Seminar, Norton Rose Fulbright, London, England, November 19, 2015
- "EU tax probes and tax leaks-are you exposed?" Web Seminar, Norton Rose Fulbright, March 24, 2015
- "Economic Substance: Current Interpretations and Developments from Around the World," Tax Executives Institute, Houston Chapter, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, February 26, 2015
- S. - Hong Kong Private Family Investment Seminar - Norton Rose Fulbright, Hong Kong - October 9, 2014
- "Exploring the Implications of IRS Enforcement Efforts in the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf," BKD CPAs & Advisors' Inbound International Tax Training, Westin Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 26, 2014
- "US Estate and Tax Issues for Foreign Nationals," SHRM Global HR Conference, September 11, 2014
- "Updates From the Trenches: Section 199 Deduction and Outer Continental Shelf Initiative," TEI Houston Chapter Annual Tax School, May 9, 2014
- "FATCA: Current Status and Frequently Asked Questions," - Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Web Seminar, April 3, 2013
- "Exploring the Implications of IRS Enforcement Efforts in the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf," Offshore Support Vessel North America Conference, Houston, Texas - March 28, 2014
- "FATCA Frequently Asked Questions: Focus on Australia," Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Web Seminar, March 6, 2013
- "Hot Legal Topics in Using Dutch Entities for International Business Transactions," Fulbright & Jaworski and Norton Rose joint presentation, The Houstonian Hotel, Houston, Texas, March 5, 2013
- "Tax Treaty Primer - An Overview of Tax Treaties & Tax Planning Techniques," Tax Executives Institute, Houston Chapter, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, January 30, 2013
- "Blowing the Whistle for Tax Dollars and Early Retirement: Views from the Perspectives of Both Whistleblowers and Taxpayers," Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Web Seminar, Dec. 6, 2012
- "Important International Tax Considerations Pertaining to Foreign Activities of Multinational Employees," The Houstonian Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 7, 2012
- "Doing Business in the Middle East - Key Treasury Anti-Boycott Operational and Compliance Issues," State Bar of Texas, Section of Taxation International Tax Symposium, The Westin Oaks at the Galleria, Houston, Texas, November 1, 2012
- "Eurozone Crisis: What US Companies Need to Know To Manage Potential Risks," Houstonian, Houston, Texas, October 11, 2012
- "The IRS Enhanced Enforcement Regime: What's New and How to Prepare," Annual Tax Summit, Greater Houston Partnership, The Westin Oaks at the Galleria, Houston, Texas, November 15, 2011
- International Assignment Seminar 2011, Houston, Texas

- "FBAR Issues," State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, June 23 and 24, 2011
- "Offshore Financial Account Reporting: Risks & Penalties for Noncompliance," CPE Tax Expo, Omni Houston Hotel, Houston, Texas, January 10 and 11, 2011
- "Cross Border Transactions," Web Seminar, October 5, 2011
- "Compliance with the New Schedule UP Regime: Some Practical Suggestions from the Public Accounting and Tax Controversy Perspectives," Four Seasons Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 21, 2010
- "Change Has Come; Key Federal Tax Issues For Businesses in 2011" Webinar, October 19, 2010
- "Making Congressional Lemons into Lemonade -Estate Planning Considerations," The Houstonian Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 21, 2010
- "The Wave Approaches: Increased Exposure for CPAs from IRS Scrutiny of Offshore Arrangements and Uncertain Tax Positions," Senate Room, 2 Allen Center, Houston, Texas, April 26, 2010
- "Preserving Your Treasure, License and Practice Before the IRS: What Tax Return Preparers Should Know about Failures in Offshore Account Reporting," The Houstonian Hotel, Houston, Texas, January 20, 2010
- Quarry Golf Club, San Antonio, Texas, March 3, 2010

## Memberships

Fellow, American College of Tax Counsel

Member, American Bar Association - Section of Taxation

Former Chair, State Bar of Texas - Section of Taxation

Former Chair, Houston Bar Association - Tax Section

Member, United States Supreme Court Bar Association

Member, California Bar Association

Member, International Fiscal Association (IFA)

Certified in Tax Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1991)

Board of Trustees, Museum of Fine Arts Houston

Member of the Legal and Audit Committee, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and former Board member

Former Officer and Member of the Board of Directors, University of St. Thomas

## Practices

Corporate

Employee Benefits

Estate Planning and Wealth Transfer

Government Contracts, Investigations & International Trade

International Trade and Investment

Tax

## Industries

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Transportation

## Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

B.A., University of California Berkeley

## Admissions

California

Texas

## Languages

Lithuanian