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Attendees return to work with a wealth of materials, including tools and strategies to more effectively represent their clients or employers and save them tax dollars.

Who is the Audience for the TexFed Institute?

The Institute is designed for tax practitioners and executives – lawyers, accountants and tax directors – who already are adept at Federal income tax principles and who seek to enhance their knowledge and understanding of strategies related to corporate, partnership, and real estate tax transactions, as well as international tax.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

INTERNATIONAL TAX

Moderator: Katrina Welch, Institute Board Member

Past Chair, Section of Taxation, State Bar of Texas, International Tax Committee

11:30 am Registration - Ballroom Foyer 12

12:55 pm Welcome

Kevin Thomason, Dallas, Texas, Institute Chairman

1:00 pm TCJA Policy Considerations: Where We Were, Where We

Ended Up and Unintended Consequences (0.25 hour ethics)

This panel of leading experts will discuss the drivers for the TCJA, an overview of what was enacted, its intended and unintended consequences, and its impact on professional

responsibilities.

Moderator: Eric Solomon, Washington, D.C.
Speakers: Seth Green, Washington, D.C.
Jose Murillo, Washington, D.C.

Loren C. Ponds, Washington, D.C.

2:00 pm TCJA: What Are We Seeing a Year Later?

Gain insights into the impact of the U.S. tax reform on USMNCs, including how the TCJA is shaping the tax compliance and planning landscape one year later. This panel will explore some of the surprises and opportunities presented by the TCJA and the associated regulations

in the international tax area.

Speakers: Devon M. Bodoh, *Washington, D.C.*

Mike Carew, Chicago, Illinois Jamie Wolfe, Austin, Texas

3:00 pm Coffee and Networking Break

3:15 pm Inbound/Outbound: New Rules, Developments and Planning

This panel will cover the developments since TCJA enactment, and planning opportunities and pitfalls that can mitigate the consequences of these new rules on inbound and outbound

transactions.

Moderator: James Howard, Houston, Texas

Speakers: James P. Fuller, Mountain View, California
4:15 pm Global Transfer Pricing in the Era of BEPS

This panel will discuss recent changes in the state of transfer pricing following the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD's) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) initiative. In addition to addressing the changes in the international landscape in terms of rules, reporting requirements and likely repercussions, this panel will

touch upon the U.S. response and the role of Tax Reform.

Moderator: James Howard, Houston, Texas Speakers: Val Albright, Dallas, Texas

Tracy Gomes, Dallas, Texas

5:15 pm Coffee and Networking Break

5:30 pm Hot Topics in International Enforcement and Controversies (0.25 hour ethics)

This panel will discuss both IRS and practitioner views of current issues in international tax controversy, including trending issues in IRS international enforcement and the new delinquent withholding tax return procedures. This discussion will include the revised voluntary disclosure practice and key ethical considerations in navigating the decision between making a voluntary disclosure and using the Streamlined Filing Compliance

Procedures.

Speakers: Jason B. Freeman, Frisco, Texas

Dan Price, Internal Revenue Service, Austin, Texas

6:30 pm Welcome Cocktail Reception

Hosted by KPMG LLP

A complimentary cocktail happy hour for all attendees.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

R. David Wheat, Institute Vice-President Moderator:

Past Chair, Section of Taxation, State Bar of Texas; Past Chair, ABA Tax Section, Corporate

Tax Committee

7:30 am The TexFed International Roundtable Breakfast

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tickets will be sold at the door.] George A. Hani, Washington, D.C.

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Jamie Wolfe, Austin, Texas

8:00 am Late Registration

8:50 am Welcome

Moderators:

Kevin Thomason, Dallas, Texas, Institute Chairman

9:00 am Current Corporate Tax Developments - TCJA Our expert panel provides an up to the minute analysis of the TCJA as applied to

corporations and their shareholders.

William D. Alexander, Washington, D.C. Speakers:

Eric Solomon, Washington, D.C.

Krishna P. Vallabhaneni, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. (invited)

10:00 am Coffee and Networking Break

Current Corporate Tax Developments - Beyond the TCJA (0.25 hour ethics) 10:15 am

Yes, not every ruling or case involves the TCJA! This panel analyzes the latest corporate tax

developments in other areas, including those affecting professional responsibility.

Eric Solomon, Washington, D.C. Speakers:

William D. Alexander, Washington, D.C.

Krishna P. Vallabhaneni, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. (invited)

11:15 am Corporate M&A and LBOs after Tax Reform

An in depth and practical review of how the new TCJA is impacting mergers and acquisitions in the market place, including the impact of bonus depreciation, the interest cap and new

Speaker: **Joe Pari,** Washington, D.C.

12:15 pm The Latham & Watkins LLP Tax Legends Luncheon (1.0 hour ethics)

William J. Wilkins will be interviewed about his extensive career at the forefront of federal tax administration, first as Democratic staff director and chief counsel for the Senate Finance Committee from 1981 to 1988 where he acted in a critical role in passage of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and later as one of the longest service IRS Chief Counsels, serving

for the entire eight years of the Obama Administration.

Interviewer: William D. Elliott, Dallas, Texas Interviewee: **William J. Wilkins,** *Washington, D.C.*

1:45 pm Back to the Future: Accumulated Earnings Tax and Personal Holding

Company Rules are in Vogue Again

Now that the corporate tax rate has plummeted to 21%, C corporations have an incentive to retain earnings. This panel will dust off the now relevant accumulated earnings tax and

personal holding company rules. We have to know them again!

Speaker: Gordon Warnke, New York, New York 2:45 pm Coffee and Networking Break

Hot Topics for Distressed Companies 3:00 pm

> Our leading expert highlights the current issues that distressed companies are facing, including NOL usage, managing CODI and disallowance or deferral of interest expenses

deductions.

Speaker: **Todd F. Maynes,** Chicago, Illinois

4:00 pm Evolving MLP Landscape - Consolidations, Simplifications and Conversions

> Investor sentiment, market forces and other developments, including the TCJA, have pushed MLPs to reevaluate their structure. Some MLPs are embracing the corporate form through UP-c and other conversion transactions. Other MLPs are simplifying their capital structure by eliminating the IDR's. And, of course, traditional MLP M&A continues. This panel gives

an update on the market and makes sense of these transactions and trends.

Bryant P. Lee, Houston, Texas. Speakers:

Angela T. Richards, Houston, Texas

Cocktails with the Stars Hosted by Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 5:00 pm

A complimentary cocktail happy hour for all attendees with many of our featured speakers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

Moderator: William P. Bowers, Institute Vice-President

Past Chair, Section of Taxation, State Bar of Texas

7:30 am The Locke Lord TexFed Roundtable Breakfast

A lively question and answer session on a variety of topics (including recent guidance under the TCJA) with many of our Government and other speakers. Tickets may be purchased for \$125 each. Please indicate the number of tickets you wish to purchase on the enclosed registration form. [Please note: A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.]

Moderators: Jonathan J. Macke, Dallas, TX

Steven R. Schneider, Washington, D.C.

Eric Solomon, Washington, D.C.

8:50 am Welcome

Kevin Thomason, Dallas, Texas, Institute Chairman

9:00 am Hot Topics in Partnership and Real Estate Taxation (0.25 hour ethics)

A review and analysis of recent and pending developments in partnership and real estate taxation, including recent guidance under the TCJA and noteworthy cases,

regulations, and rulings.

Moderator: Jennifer Alexander, Washington, D.C.

Speakers: Audrey Ellis, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. (invited)

Dana L. Trier, Washington, D.C.

Clifford M. Warren, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C.

9:45 am Coffee and Networking Break

10:00 am How the Recent Guidance Issued under the TCJA has Impacted

Transactions

This panel of experts will apply the changes under the TCJA and recent guidance thereunder

to various fact patterns and highlight structural opportunities and issues.

Moderator: Dana L. Trier, Washington, D.C.
Speaker: Bahar A. Schippel, Phoenix, AZ
11:00 am Qualified Opportunity Zones

TCJA's creation of a tax deferral and gain exclusion opportunity through investment in Qualified Opportunity Zone activities has received much attention in the investment world. This presentation will focus on the basics of how Opportunity Zone tax benefits work, how these investments can be structured in light of regulatory guidance issued so far and what questions remain open for taxpayers and planners to consider when planning how to take

advantage of the opportunities offered by new Code Sections 1400Z-1 and -2.

Speaker: Louis S. Weller, Sausalito, California

12:00pm Elliott, Thomason & Gibson, LLP Tax Policy Luncheon (1.0 hour ethics)

Eric Solomon will take a look back at the history of tax shelters, how they have impacted tax policy and enforcement and the ethical considerations that swirl around the efforts of

tax professionals to give advice regarding such shelters.

Speaker: Eric Solomon, Washington, D.C.

1:30 pm The Latest and Greatest on the Section 199A Business Deduction

This panel of experts who worked on comments to the Section 199A regulations will discuss

the final section 199A regulations and issues raised or outstanding.

Speakers: Jennifer Alexander, Washington, D.C.

Beverly Katz, Washington, D.C.

2:30pm Partnership Mergers and Divisions

Navigating the tangled web of assets over, assets up, Revenue Rulings 99-5 and 99-6 and Sections 704(c)(1)(b), 737 and 752 are enough to make even Spidey confused when confronting a partnership merger or division. This nationally recognized speaker will provide a guide to navigating the tangled web of these issues and rules affecting partnership

mergers and divisions.

Speaker: Steven R. Schneider, Washington, D.C.





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