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505 South Flagler Drive
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Education

LL.M., University of Florida

J.D., Ohio Northern University

B.A., Olivet College, *cum laude*

Admissions

The Florida Bar
U.S. Tax Court



Jones Foster Shareholder David Bowers, chair of the firm's Private Wealth, Wills, Trusts & Estates and Corporate & Tax Practice Groups, has over 30 years of experience in complex tax, trusts and estates, and business planning. David is a Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist in Tax and has extensive experience in estate planning, estate and trust administration, including IRS audits and business transactions.

David has a unique ability to take complex tax concepts and make them understandable. He leverages his knowledge to develop practical solutions for his clients, many of whom he has developed decades-long relationships with as a trusted legal advisor in all aspects of their individual, family, and business needs.

David has held leadership roles in several industry organizations. He is a past chair of the Florida Tax Institute and currently an operating board member. He also is a past chair of The Florida Bar's Tax Section, The Florida Bar's Tax Law Certification Committee, and the Palm Beach Tax Institute.

David is consistently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America, Florida Super Lawyers,* and *Palm Beach Illustrated's* "Top Lawyers," and was awarded the Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Florida Tax Attorney of the Year Award in 2016 by The Florida Bar in recognition of his major contributions to the advancement of the practice of tax law and commitment to the highest standards of competence and integrity.

Experience Highlights

Multi-Generational Family Corporation Dispute and Reorganization

Representation of a large, multi-generational family corporation in a family dispute, resulting in redemption of family shareholders and establishing a tax-free reorganization to shift the disputing family members into separate organizations.

Estate Tax Return Audits

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Representation of numerous estates in connection with audits of their estate tax returns and settlement of complex issues regarding partnerships, limited liability companies, and applicable discounts.

Sale of Physician Groups to Publicly Traded Companies

Representation of numerous physician groups in the sale of their practices to publicly traded companies and hospitals.

Corporate Contracts for Medical Groups

Representation of numerous medical groups in connection with employment, outsourcing, and vendor contracts with hospitals and medical personnel, including radiologists, pathologists, and emergency room physicians.

Manufacturing Firm Allocation of Purchase Price to Intellectual Property

Representation of a large, out-of-state family manufacturing firm acquired by a publicly traded corporation involving allocation of purchase price to goodwill and intellectual property.

Estate Tax Planning to Protect Retirement Funds

Representation of numerous clients with large retirement plan accumulations; plan for the distribution of retirement assets to minimize taxes and increase creditor protection for their children and grandchildren.

Acquisition of a $15 Million Car Dealership

Representation in the acquisition of a $15 million South Florida car dealership that involved complex tax allocation and real estate issues.

Estate Tax Consequences for Beneficiaries of Non-U.S. Citizen

Representation of beneficiaries of a non-U.S. citizen's domestic estate involving cross-border tax consequences, including foreign trust issues.

Honors & Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in America

Corporate Law, 2023-Present
Trusts & Estates, 2007-Present
Tax Law, 1999-Present
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, 1995-Present
Lawyer of the Year, West Palm Beach, Tax, 2014

Florida Super Lawyers

Business/Corporate, 2006-Present

Palm Beach Illustrated

Top Lawyers, Corporate Law, 2024, 2025
Top Lawyers, Employee Benefits Law, 2024, 2025
Top Lawyers, Tax Law, 2018, 2020-Present
Top Lawyers, Trust & Estates, 2018, 2021-2022, 2025
Top Lawyers, Business/Corporate, 2023-2024
Top Lawyers, Labor & Employment Law, 2019

The Florida Bar Tax Section
Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Florida Tax Attorney of the Year, 2016-2017

South Florida Legal Guide
Top Lawyers, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017

Florida Trend
Legal Elite, Tax Law, 2013, 2022

Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient
Olivet College, 2022

Affiliations

Florida Tax Institute
Operating Board Member, 2014-Present
Past Chair, Operating Board

The Florida Bar Tax Section
Member, Executive Council, Present
Past Chair, Employee Benefits Subcommittee of the Taxation of Business Organizations/Individuals Committee
Past Co-Chair, Law College Scholarship Committee
Past LL.M. Liaison to the University of Florida
Past Member, Long Range Planning Committee
Chair, 1999-2000
Chair, Tax Law Certification Committee, 1999-2000
Member, Tax Law Certification Committee, 1992-2002
Member, 1984-Present

Palm Beach Tax Institute
Past President

East Coast Estate Planning Council
Member, 2019-Present

University of Florida Law Center Association
Florida Alumni Tax Advisory Committee, Chair 2018-Present
Florida Alumni Tax Advisory Committee, Member, 2016-Present
Board of Trustees, 2012-2017

Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults
Professional Endowment Committee, Chairman, 2018-Present

Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation
Board Member, 2002-2006

Palm Beach County Fringe Benefit Council
President, 1986-1989