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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



David Bowers, Chair of Jones Foster's Private Wealth, Trusts & Estates and Corporate & Tax Practice Groups, has over thirty 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, pension and profit-sharing plans, non-qualified deferred compensation plans, 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 is consistently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is actively involved in a number of industry organizations 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.

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

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

Trusts & Estates, 2007–Present

Tax Law, 1999–Present

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, 1995–Present

Tax Lawyer of the Year, West Palm Beach, 2014

Florida Super Lawyers

2006–Present

Palm Beach Illustrated

Top Lawyers, Tax Law, 2018, 2020–Present

Top Lawyers, Trust & Estates, 2018, 2021

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, 2013

Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated

Affiliations

Florida Tax Institute

Operating Board Member, 2014-Present

The Florida Bar

Tax Section, Chair, 1999-2000

Tax Section, Member, 1984-Present

The Florida Bar Tax Law Certification Committee

Chair, 1996-1997

Committee Member, 1992-2002

Palm Beach Tax Institute

Chair, 1991-1992

Palm Beach County Estate Planning Council

Member

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

Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation

Board Member, 2002-2006

Palm Beach County Fringe Benefit Council

President, 1986-1989