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# Taxing Times: Planning and Defending in an Uncertain Tax and IRS Environment

Conference Qualifies for 10 CPE Hours and 8.25 MCLE Hours

Fee: \$245 Per Person

The 18th Annual Meadows Collier Conference Tuesday, October 25, 2016 Cityplace Conference Center

Tuesday, October 25	TAXING TIMES: Planning and Defending in an Uncertain Tax and IRS Environment	
7:00 a.m 8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:00 a.m 8:55 a.m.	Offshore Tax Controversy Update: What's on the Horizon? Offshore tax compliance continues to top the IRS's priority list as the IRS mines inside information it has received from its investigative initiatives and voluntary compliance programs. While the landscape is changing, there are still a number of options available to taxpayers to remedy past non-compliance. And if a taxpayer's non-compliance is discovered during examination, it is more important than ever for the taxpayer to navigate the issues carefully to mitigate potentially exorbitant civil or even criminal penalties. This presentation will discuss the current status of voluntary compliance initiatives, methods for addressing offshore compliance issues in examination, the landscape for post-examination appeals and litigation of offshore penalties, and the prevailing legal guidance for offshore tax compliance. Mary E. Wood, J.D.	
8:55 a.m 9:50 a.m.	Global Warming: Hot Topics in International Taxation Taxpayers increasingly engage in international transactions, and electronic commerce continues to expand worldwide. Meanwhile, U.S. income tax principles applying to international transactions have remained substantially unchanged for the last thirty years. This situation has created a great deal of uncertainty (and potential opportunities and traps) in the operation of U.S. tax laws to cross-border activities. This presentation will focus on those areas of uncertainty and the manner in which planners can help navigate them for their clients' benefit. Stephen A. Beck, J.D., LL.M. • Matthew L. Roberts, J.D., LL.M.	
9:50 a.m 10:05 a.m.	Break	
10:05 a.m 11:30 a.m.	What Every CPA Needs to Know About the New IRS Partnership Audit Rules At the end of 2015, Congress enacted new partnership audit rules that will impact <u>every</u> partnership. This is a seismic shift in the way in which the IRS audits partnerships. TEFRA is going away and in its place is a set of rules that among other things will allow the IRS to collect tax from the partnership instead of the partners. Learn about the new provisions, how they will impact IRS audits and changes that will need to be considered for all partnership agreements to address these new rules. Joel N. Crouch, J.D. • Thomas G. Hineman, J.D., LL.M. • Charles D. Pulman, J.D., LL.M., CPA	
11:30 a.m 12:45 a.m.	Luncheon Presentation – Tax Practice: Rules of the Road Tax practice is one of the most rewarding — if not <u>the</u> most rewarding — areas to practice. When everything is moving along smoothly, there is nothing like it. But the roads are not always paved smooth. What does a tax practitioner do when there is a pothole in the road? Hopefully you see it in advance and avoid it. But in many cases, you will drive right into it. After you hit the pothole, you want as little damage as possible. This presentation will focus on identifying those potholes and if you are in one, how to minimize the damage. Josh O. Ungerman, J.D., CPA	
12:45 a.m 1:45 p.m.	<b>The Tug of War That is Texas Tax</b> When the relentless effort to minimize tax liability converges with a state's relentless effort to generate tax revenue, stuff happens. The past several months have seen significant developments on issues involving various aspects of the Texas franchise tax with some having the potential of upending the Comptroller's computation of the tax liability. In addition, significant developments in the sales tax context could spell potential trouble for some taxpayers and opportunities for others. And yet another significant nexus case is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court with potentially broad-reaching implications for all states, including Texas. Learn of these recent developments and their potential implications. David E. Colmenero, J.D., LL.M., CPA	
1:45 p.m 2:40 p.m.	The Heimlich for Taxpayer Past Misdeeds This presentation addresses ways to resolve prior year non-compliance and how those options can differ depending on whether the taxpayer has already been contacted by the government or not. Key topics that will be reviewed include (a) resolving issues pertaining to unreported income, (b) employees paid in cash, (c) misclassified expenses, (d) overstated inventory, and (e) addressing past wrongdoing that may need to be addressed when a business is being sold. Michael A. Villa, Jr., J.D., LL.M.	
2:40 p.m 2:55 p.m.	Break	
2:55 p.m 4:05 p.m.	2016 Estate Planning Update – Proposed Regulations Issued For Valuation Under Section 2704 and Basis Reporting Under Section 1014(f) In August 2016, Treasury published proposed regulations with respect to the valuation of interests in corporations and partnerships for Federal transfer tax purposes. Importantly, the proposed regulations include new rules for the treatment of restrictions on liquidation in determining the value of transferred interests. Treasury also published, in March 2016, proposed regulations that provide guidance regarding (i) the requirement that a recipient's basis in certain property acquired from a decedent be consistent with the value of the property as finally determined for Federal estate tax purposes, and (ii) reporting requirements for executors required to file Federal estate tax returns. This presentation will include an overview of the new rules and a discussion of estate planning implications. Alan K. Davis, J.D., CPA • Eric D. Marchand, J.D., LL.M. • Matthew S. Beard, J.D., LL.M.	
4:05 p.m 5:05 p.m.	Matters of Interest Sometimes a title says it all. Learn about (i) taxation of settlements and lawsuit payments and recoveries; (ii) reasonable compensation versus dividends for professionals in C corporations; (iii) estate tax cases and litigation matters, including the long-awaited regulations under IRC §2704 aimed at disallowing discounting; (iv) tax issues of transfers to special friends; (v) issues associated with mortgage interest deductions; (vi) deductions for marijuana business expenses; (vii) definition of bona fide resident; (viii) deductions for cell phones, parking and other unreimbursed business expenses incurred by professionals; and (ix) other tax cases which crossed desks at Meadows Collier during 2016. Charles M. Meadows, Jr., J.D., CPA • William R. Cousins, III, J.D., LL.M., CPA	



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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Program Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Registration and Continental Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Breaks: 9:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Lunch: Provided as part of the registration fee from 11:55 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

**Networking Reception:** Attend a complimentary networking reception immediately following the conclusion of the conference at 5:05 p.m.

Fee: \$245 Per Person

**CPE Hours:** 10 Hours, Sponsor ID # 08150

MCLE Hours: 8.25 Hours, Course # 901362460

**Program Materials:** Materials will be available for download by paid conference attendees via the firm's website at www.meadowscollier.com beginning October 18, 2016. Website and password to access materials will be provided in your registration email confirmation. Each paid conference attendee will also receive the conference materials on a flash drive at the conference.

Program Site: Cityplace Conference Center, 2711 North Haskell, Dallas, TX 75204, (214) 515-5100

#### Parking @ Cityplace Conference Center: Validated Free Parking

#### **Suggested Hotel Accommodations:**

Warwick Melrose Hotel, 3015 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219 Phone: (214) 521-5151 or (800) 203-3232, Fax: (214) 521-2470 Web: http://warwickhotels.com/dallas/

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Omni Dallas Hotel, 555 S. Lamar, Dallas, TX 75202 Phone: (214) 744-6664, Fax: (214) 979-4595 Web: www.omnihotels.com/hotels/dallas

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Dallas Marriott City Center, 650 N. Pearl St., Dallas, TX 75201 Phone: (214) 979-9000, Fax: (214) 953-1931 Web: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/daldt-dallas-marriott-city-center/

W Dallas Victory Hotel, 2440 Victory Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75219 Phone: (214) 397-4100, Fax: (214) 397-4105 Web: www.wdallasvictory.com

The Westin Dallas Downtown, 1201 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75202 Phone: (972) 584-6650, Fax: (972) 584-6655 Web: www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index. html?propertyID=4268

**Note:** The DART light rail runs to and from Cityplace Conference Center from downtown Dallas.

Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m. (Times vary, please verify with hotel.)

Check-out Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon (Times vary, please verify with hotel.)

**Registration:** The registration form must be accompanied with the conference fee. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman, L.L.P. and mail to the firm address. If paying by credit card, (MasterCard, Visa or Discover) go to <a href="https://secure.lawpay.com/pages/meadowscollier/conferenceregistration">https://secure.lawpay.com/pages/meadowscollier/conferenceregistration</a> to complete the registration form and pay the conference fee using LawPay.

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**Cellular Phones:** Please turn off cellular phones while the conference is in session.

**Recording Devices:** All audio and video recording devices are prohibited at the conference without prior written permission from Meadows Collier.

**Smoking:** The Cityplace Conference Center is a "smoke-free" facility.