



Tax Team

Murphy Austin's Tax Team works directly with our clients, accountants, and other attorneys to assist in identifying and addressing potential tax problems. We have particular skill in the following areas of tax law:

Federal and State Income Taxation

We advise corporate, partnerships, LLCs, and individuals in all areas of federal and state income taxation, including the areas of income tax planning, compliance and controversy. Our team has extensive experience with mergers, business acquisitions, and corporate reorganizations.

Real Estate including Property Taxation

We advise investors, developers, businesses, and individuals on tax aspects of real estate transactions including real property purchase, sales, and exchanges. We counsel clients on Opportunity Zone incentives for investing in real estate projects and managing businesses developed in designated low-income communities through tax deferral and partial tax reductions of reinvested capital gains and forgiveness of tax on new capital gains. We also represent clients in property tax matters related to real property acquisitions, sales, and management.

Sales and Use Tax

We have extensive experience advising clients with respect to California sales and use taxes, representing clients in matters involving such taxes before the appropriate Agencies.

Executive Compensation and Deferred Compensation

We provide counsel to organizations to help optimize compensation strategies that minimize tax costs to employers and maximize benefits to their workforce.

Nonprofit Organizations

We represent qualifying nonprofit organizations in entity formation, obtaining tax exempt status and Property Tax Exemptions as well as providing counsel on general nonprofit corporate and tax law compliance.

Tax Controversies

We represent clients in tax controversies with the Internal Revenue Service at all levels, including conferences with Internal Revenue Service Agents, hearings before the Internal Revenue Service Appellate Division, and representation of clients before the U.S. Tax Court and U.S. District Courts. We represent clients before the State of California Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization, California Employment Development Department and other governmental taxing agencies and authorities.