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As businesses encounter disputes or potential disputes with the state of Tennessee and other taxing authorities, Steve Jasper makes sure those businesses receive fair tax treatment and the full tax savings they are entitled to receive. Steve represents his clients in negotiations with taxing authorities and, as necessary, guides businesses through administrative proceedings or trials. Steve provides counsel with special attention to clients' business objectives, and in the past five years alone has successfully received over \$200 million in tax savings on behalf of his clients. As a reflection of his experience in state tax matters, on multiple occasions Steve has been selected by the Tennessee Department of Revenue to help draft major rewrites to significant portions of Tennessee's tax statutes.

Steve's clients include multi-national Fortune 500 companies with locations and business operations across the globe, as well as Tennessee-based companies with a single business location. Steve assists those clients with:

- **State & Local Tax** – Representing clients in a wide range of tax disputes regarding Tennessee's sales and use tax, franchise and excise taxes, business tax, and property taxes; addressing issues prior to litigation through a variety of approaches that are more cost-effective and efficient than litigation, including requesting letter rulings, negotiating resolutions with the Department of Revenue during audits, contesting assessments through the informal conference process, and filing claims for refunds of taxes paid; working to resolve clients' tax issues through the legislative process, including advocating for legislation to protect his clients' interests and monitoring legislation that may increase his clients' tax liability.
- **Economic Development & Corporate Relocation** – Assisting expanding or relocating businesses in Tennessee achieve the maximum value they can through state tax incentives, payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreements and state grant programs.
- **Regulatory & Administrative Proceedings** – Representing clients before the State Board of Equalization to contest real or personal property tax assessments; representing clients at administrative proceedings before an Administrative Law Judge to dispute actions taken by the Department of Revenue, including decisions regarding qualification for the industrial machinery credit, headquarters facility credit, and other tax credits or incentives.

Prior to joining Bass, Berry & Sims, Steve produced the evening newscast for local ABC affiliate in Columbia, Missouri, KMIZ-ABC 17.

Memberships

Nashville Bar Association

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce — Tax Subcommittee

SERVICES

Tax

State & Local Tax

Corporate Relocation

Business Disputes

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Regulatory & Administrative Proceedings

Utilities – Telecom, Energy & Water

Emerging Companies

EDUCATION

University of Missouri School of Law

J.D., 2003

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University of Missouri

B.A., 1999

ADMISSIONS

Tennessee, 2003

U.S. Supreme Court, 2007

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, 2009

U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee, 2007

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee, 2006

Tennessee Supreme Court, 2003

U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2003

Accolades

Best Lawyers® — Nashville Litigation and Controversy: Tax “Lawyer of the Year” (2020)

The Best Lawyers in America© — Litigation and Controversy: Tax (2017-2021)

Phi Beta Kappa

Missouri Law Review — Senior Note and Comment Editor

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award

