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WILLIAM M. BACKSTROM, JR. is a “mature,” but competitive, cyclist with a SALT problem. His individual workouts include “recovery” time in which he focuses on the SALT issue of the day. His favorite scheduled workouts are on Monday – “Recovery.”

When Bill is not cycling, he is a partner in Jones Walker LLP, where he serves as the Practice Group Leader for the Tax, Trusts and Estates Practice Group. For over 40 years, Bill has focused his practice on multistate state and local tax matters involving tax and business planning, identification and utilization of tax credits and incentives, audit defense, governmental relations, administrative appeals, judicial appeals and legislation.

Bill is a frequent lecturer and author on a variety of tax topics, including all aspects of Louisiana state and local taxation, as well as state and local tax issues relating to multistate and multinational operations. Bill is a frequent speaker on many topics, including tax implications and due diligence related to business restructuring transactions.

Bill has lectured at numerous programs presented by the Paul J. Hartman Memorial State and Local Tax Forum, the Council on State Taxation (COST), the Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT), the National Multistate Tax Symposium, the New York University School of Professional Studies, the Georgetown University Law Center Continuing Legal Education, the Tulane Tax Institute, the Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA), the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators (LATA), the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Tax Executives Institute, Inc., and the American Petroleum Institute.

Bill received his B.S. degree (with distinction) from Mississippi State University (1976), his J.D. degree from the University of Mississippi, School of Law (1979), and his Master of Laws (in Taxation) from New York University School of Law (1980). He is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Mississippi and is a Board Certified Tax Specialist in Louisiana.

Bill also is a member of the Advisory Boards of the Paul J. Hartman Memorial State and Local Tax Forum and the National Multistate Tax Symposium. Bill has been listed annually (since 2010) in *Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in Tax. Bill also is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Tax Law in Louisiana and was recognized in the 2011 edition as “Lawyer of the Year” for Tax Law in New Orleans.