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PRACTICES

Financial Services | Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations |
State and Local Tax | Tax | Tax Controversy and Litigation

Chris Wilson is a tax attorney in Holland & Knight's Nashville office. Mr. Wilson helps nonprofit organizations and companies in a wide range of industries such as manufacturing, retail, cable television, real estate, professional services, waste management and software, with a range of state tax planning and state tax litigation matters in both administrative and judicial forums.

Those matters cover a range of issues, including:

- business tax
- property tax
- franchise and excise tax
- sales and use tax
- challenging tax assessments and seeking tax refunds
- multi-state tax analysis for various business transactions in areas such as nexus, tax apportionment, tax exemptions, transferee liability and voluntary disclosure agreements
- state and local tax controversy, and state tax planning
- structuring and negotiating state tax incentives for relocating or expanding operations in Tennessee

Mr. Wilson works with governmental relations attorneys in drafting tax legislation, analyzing the economic impact of state tax policies and formulating strategies to address a wide range of client issues.

Trust, Probate and Estate Representation

With litigation experience covering a broad range of trust, probate and estate administration matters as well as conservatorship proceedings, Mr. Wilson has represented financial institutions, particularly their trust and wealth management officers, in matters involving allegations of breach of trust and breach of fiduciary duty. He has also represented trust and estate beneficiaries in matters involving will contests, breach claims, and other claims involving fraud and undue influence. Clients count on Mr. Wilson to develop strategies to resolve disputes within the applicable terms of trust instruments or estate planning documents while also seeking to minimize the impact upon client and family relationships.

Additionally, Mr. Wilson represents both petitioners and respondents in conservatorship actions, and understands the legal complexities, family dynamics and individual desires for autonomy involved in conservatorship proceedings. Clients rely on him to navigate these complexities while also focusing on reasonable solutions to preserve individual

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autonomy, ensure the receipt of necessary care and management for disabled individuals, and to maintain family harmony.

Credentials

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, LL.M.
- University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
- University of Tennessee at Martin, B.S., Political Science, *magna cum laude*
- University of Tennessee at Martin, B.S., Communications, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions/Licenses

- Kentucky
- Tennessee
- Texas

Memberships

- Tennessee Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- American Bar Association (ABA), Section of Taxation
- Institute for Professionals in Taxation
- Council on State Taxation
- Independent SALT Alliance
- Young Leader's Council, Class 60 Alumnus
- Nashville Bar Association, Pro Bono Volunteer

Honors & Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Tax Law, 2022-2024
- *Nashville Post*, Law Leaders Rising List, 2012

Publications

- What Wayfair Ruling Means for Retailers, *Client Bulletin*, June 22, 2018
- The Property Tax Deskbook, Co-Author, *ABA*, 2008-Present

Speaking Engagements

- These Ain't Your Grandma's Digital Products, Vanderbilt University Law School, October 23, 2023
- The Sales Taxation of Digital Products, Council on State Taxation (COST) 54th Annual Meeting, October 18, 2023
- Sourcing Revenue From Sales Other Than Sales of Tangible Personal Property, Holland & Knight CPA Webinar

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Series, September 6, 2023

- Remember the Alamo: An Overview of SALT Income Tax Concepts and Issues, Deep in the Heart of SALT, June 26, 2023