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Stinson's Business Taxation practice provides a full array of federal, state and local tax services to public and private companies, nonprofit organizations, investment funds and joint ventures.

Our attorneys represent businesses in mergers and divestitures, acquisitions, exchanges, joint ventures, leveraged buyouts, liquidations, restructurings, reorganizations, spin-offs, split-offs, recapitalizations, financings, debt structuring, public offerings, and capital markets transactions. Stinson's business tax attorneys have a variety of experience tailored to assess the best tax approach without exposing the client to unnecessary risk in audit, including experience practicing with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Chief Counsel's large business division.

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Regarding tax controversies, we have successfully handled issues related to the active character of losses under the passive activity loss rules, asset valuation, built-in gain, intercompany debt, uniform capitalization, business valuation, reasonable compensation, character of income, reserves for bad debts, transferee liability, unreasonable accumulation of earnings and other assets, among many others.

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- Tax advice in mergers and divestitures, acquisitions, joint ventures, leveraged buyouts and related transactions
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- Advising on the formation and operation of Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds (QOFs)
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- Tax dispute work including representation of taxpayers before the U.S. Tax Court, state courts, and administrative levels of review within the Internal Revenue Service, state and local Departments of Revenue. Controversy work includes issues in income tax, sales and use tax, multistate apportionment, allocation vs. apportionment, property (ad valorem) tax, franchise, earnings and privilege taxes
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- General income tax planning for individuals that includes planning for and with pension and profitsharing plan distributions, variable annuities, life insurance, investments and other issues
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