

John (Jay) W. Simpson

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Jay always has his clients' backs. His experienced tax counsel adds value to all types of transactions.

Jay resolves tax matters concerning acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, reorganizations and restructurings and helps privately-held businesses develop strategies for corporate acquisitions. He also leverages his strong knowledge of state income, sales and property tax law to represent clients in tax disputes with the Missouri and Kansas Departments of Revenue.

Jay's experience comes from years of advising on all types of tax issues and a wide range of transactional and corporate governance issues. Jay has also represented clients in challenging tax litigation matters, most notably winning a victory for a telecommunications company before the Supreme Court of Kansas, reversing a prior decision holding that wireless companies should be treated as public utilities for property tax purposes.

EXPERIENCE

Jay has significant experience as lead counsel in an array of tax planning matters, including acquisitions and dispositions of businesses, tax-advantaged partnership and joint venture arrangements and structuring tax-deferred like-kind exchanges.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Business Taxation
Corporate Finance
Income Tax

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. Tax Court

EDUCATION

University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., 1985
University of Kansas, B.A., 1982

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Policy-minded, Jay recently served on a special task force of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association, where he assisted in drafting legislation to protect retailers from consumer suits alleging the over-collection of state and local sales taxes.

Jay is a past vice-chair of the ABA's State and Local Tax Committee within the Tax Section.

RECOGNITIONS

Missouri Lawyers Weekly Tax Law "POWER LIST," 2021-2022

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association President's Award, 2016

Best Lawyers in America®, 2009 - Present

Best Lawyers in America, "Lawyer of the Year," 2020, 2021, 2023

Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers*®, 2007 - Present

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, Tax Section, State and Local Tax Committee, Past Vice-Chair

American Bar Association, Tax Section, Special Task Force

Missouri Military Legal Assistance Team, Advisory Board Member

NEWS

175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.17.2023

Missouri's 100 Most Powerful Attorneys Includes Stinson Partners
12.19.2022

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.18.2022

Best Lawyers in America© Names Nine Stinson Attorneys as "Lawyer of the Year"
08.18.2022

Charley Jensen, Clary Redd and Jay Simpson Named to Tax and Estate Planning "POWER LIST"
04.25.2022

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103 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.19.2021

Charley Jensen, Jay Simpson Named to Top 30 POWER List for Tax Attorneys by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

04.27.2021

112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Nineteen Stinson Attorneys Named 2021 Lawyers of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America*

08.18.2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Tax Consideration in Structuring an M&A Transaction", M&A Boot Camp, Stinson LLP Webinar, September 2022

"Tax Law Update," Stinson's Business Law Update, 2021

"Tax Structuring," Stinson's M&A Boot Camp, 2020

2023 Business Taxation Update

10.18.2023

2023 M&A Boot Camp

09.14.2023

2023 Business Law Update

03.02.2023

2022 Business Taxation Update

11.02.2022

2022 M&A Boot Camp

09.15.2022

Business Law Update

03.03.2022

2021 Business Law Update

03.04.2021

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PUBLICATIONS

Owners of a Corporation Pay the Corporation's Expenses; Can Such Expenses be Deducted by the Owners?

12.01.2022

NIIT Expansion Under Proposed Build Back Better Act Includes Subtle Tax Increase on Sales of Private Businesses

12.06.2021

Sales and Use Taxes: Kansas and Missouri Move to Impose Collection Obligations on Marketplace Facilitators

07.09.2021

CARES Act Provides Critical Tax Relief

04.01.2020

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