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Federal, State & Local Taxation

Rhoads & Sinon LLP has the expertise needed to guide its clients through sophisticated tax issues as well as the broad based knowledge necessary to effectively plan for each client's needs at the federal, state and local taxation levels. The depth and breadth of our expertise enables us to deliver high quality tax representation on a basis that is not only cost effective but provides added-value to the client.

In addition, our tax department prides itself in making significant efforts to understand each client's business needs to better adapt each client's tax planning to the needs of its business. In today's world of sophisticated tax planning, it is not uncommon to "lose sight of the forest for the trees". Conversely, our broad based expertise and desire to understand each business that we represent helps us in guiding our clients in the right direction.

Your State and Local Taxation Needs

Representing clients in Pennsylvania state and local tax matters has been an important part of the practice of Rhoads & Sinon LLP since its founding in 1935. Through the years, the firm has developed a reputation as a leader in Pennsylvania and the nation practicing in this complicated and highly specialized area. Rhoads & Sinon LLP provides expertise, advice and innovative solutions to its clients both in compliance and interstate corporate tax planning matters. Rhoads & Sinon LLP attorneys enjoy a longstanding professional, working relationship with the Commonwealth's taxing departments as well as the Office of the Attorney General. The firm also regularly represents clients at all levels of the Pennsylvania tax appeal process and frequently appears before the Board of Appeals, the Board of Finance and Revenue, and the Pennsylvania Commonwealth and Supreme Courts.

Rhoads & Sinon LLP attorneys have successfully handled thousands of cases and such expertise allows us to handle virtually every type of tax issue, including:

- Pennsylvania Corporate Net Income Tax
- Capital Stock/Franchise Tax
- Sales and Use Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Insurance Gross Premiums Tax

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- Utility Gross Receipts Tax
- Liquid Fuel Tax
- Fuel Use Tax
- Abandoned and unclaimed property issues, and
- Various local business taxes.

Numerous Fortune 500 companies, as well as small, closely-held entities seek the advice and representation of Rhoads & Sinon LLP in this complex field. Upon your inquiry, we can provide you with a listing of some of the significant cases in Pennsylvania corporate taxation that we have handled as well as additional detail as to our expertise in particular industries.

Your Federal Taxation Needs

Rhoads & Sinon LLP's federal tax practice concentrates in all facets of business taxation including tax planning for corporate and real estate transactions. We have assisted many clients through the corporate formation or the restructuring process. With respect to mergers and acquisitions, we have guided many clients through the process of acquiring publicly traded businesses as well as guiding them through the sale of their own business to publicly traded businesses. In addition, we have provided legal representation for many of the larger acquisitions and dispositions of family-owned businesses in Central Pennsylvania. Our tax attorneys work together with our corporate practice in closing these transactions with a full analysis of tax consequences. We also assist the corporate practice in tax planning for sophisticated finance transactions such as synthetic leases and trust preferred securities offerings. The corporate and real estate practices also leverage upon our expertise in deferred gain transactions such as tax deferred liquidations and like kind exchanges of real estate or other property used in a trade or business.

Our attorneys have extensive experience in reorganizations and other types of corporate tax planning. We have helped our corporate clients develop effective business formats which permit the operation and success of business enterprises with the minimum taxation allowed under law. Frequently, this planning encompasses methods for passing on the family business to successive generations at the lowest possible tax cost.

While we emphasize tax planning to avoid tax controversies, our attorneys have many years of experience in dealing with revenue agents, the Appeals Division, IRS attorneys in the Tax Court and Justice Department attorneys who handle tax cases in the Federal District Courts. Rhoads & Sinon LLP attacks every tax controversy by comprehensively and thoroughly developing the factual and legal background of the case. We are aggressive and attempt to develop our clients' legal arguments to the point where we can deal with the IRS from a position of strength. Our philosophy is to resolve tax problems at the lowest possible level within the IRS.

The Federal, State and Local Taxation Group has represented the following companies: Amerada Hess Corp., Appleton Papers, Inc., Blair Corp., The Coca-Cola Co., Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., Commodore Gas and Electric, Inc., Delco Electronics Corp., Dole Food Co., Eastern Industries, Inc., FCI USA, Inc., allfirst Bank, Gannett Fleming Associates, Inc., General Dynamics Land Systems, Inc., General Motors Corp., General Motors Acceptance Corp., GMAC Mortgage Corp., Green Mountain Energy Co., H.J. Heinz Co., Honeywell International, Inc., Harleysville Mutual Insurance Co., Harris Corp., The Hillman Co., Horsehead Resource Dev. Co., Kimberly-Clark Corp., Lanier Worldwide, Pinnacle Health System, Protection Services, Inc., Precision Solar Controls, Inc., Rite-Aid Corp., Shell Leasing Co., L.B. Smith, Inc., Stabler Companies Inc., The Fleming Companies, U.S. Tobacco Co., Union Deposit Corp., Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Work Area Protection Corp.

Members of the Group

All members of the Rhoads & Sinon LLP's tax group are experienced in all aspects of state and federal tax. If we can be of assistance to you, please contact any of the individuals listed in the column to the right.

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