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Overview

Michael Pinsky helps clients develop strategies to achieve their financial goals and realize tax savings through sophisticated planning and methods: wealth transfer, asset protection, well-structured wills and trusts, family limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and state-of-the-art approaches to federal and state tax savings.

His clients – individuals, traditional and nontraditional families, privately held businesses, public corporations, estates, and more – appreciate Michael's keen ability to understand their objectives, guide their decisions, and craft plans that align with their appetite for risk. That approach provides concrete benefits for the people he represents, like structured entity planning with gifting programs that have saved clients many million dollars in estate tax.

A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) as well as a lawyer, Michael helps his business clients achieve substantial short and long-term savings on both general corporate matters, such as income, employment, and excise tax planning, as well as through tax-advantaged structuring of transactions, like acquisitions, sales, reorganizations, liquidations, and tax-free exchanges.

He has helped countless clients – businesses and individuals alike – navigate adversarial tax proceedings before the Internal Revenue Service (where he held one of his first jobs), state administrative agencies and various courts, including complex multi-million dollar cases dealing with multiple issues and contested estates, like the client for whom he settled more than \$1 million of tax liability for \$200,000 through an offer in compromise.

Michael has particular strengths helping clients in the real estate industry manage tax liability and exposure. Working with industry participants – developers, owners, landlords, and others – and



individual and family investors, he guides them to structure their holdings, limit their personal liability, and achieve substantial income and estate tax savings.

Michael regularly participates in golf and water sports, and is an avid fan of Chicago's football and baseball teams. He also loves to travel, and has visited more than 70 countries.

Practices

- Business Organizations and Transactions
- Business Planning and Counseling
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Tax Law
- Real Estate
- Private Wealth Services

Industries

- Agriculture and Food
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- Illinois (1971)

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States Tax Court
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Education

- DePaul University College of Law – J.D.
- University of Illinois – B.A.

Recognition

- Martindale Hubbell "AV" Preeminent Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- Selected for inclusion in the Illinois SuperLawyers list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017
- Named to the Leading Lawyer List: 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017
- Won multiple High Quality awards at the Internal Revenue Service