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Overview

Chris Harris helps clients minimize their income tax liability, with a specific focus on structuring and negotiating business transactions in the real estate, oil and gas, health care, and private equity industries. He advises a variety of clients on how to secure the future of their commercial enterprise, non-profit organization, or personal legacy through efficient tax structures.

Chris uses his passion and skill to maximize financial returns for domestic or cross-border clients without losing sight of business and operational needs. In addition to structuring and negotiating business transactions, his wide-ranging experience includes partnership and corporate tax planning in connection with fund formation and operations, drafting LLC and partnership agreements, corporate governance, structuring tax-efficient debt workouts, cross-border transactions, and deferred compensation plans.

He brings a unique blend of instinct, creativity, and energy to his practice and a keen interest in the ways tax law drives individual decision-making and the economy, shaping his reputation as an insightful and efficient attorney. Chris is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University and later earned his Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University School of Law and his Master of Laws from the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

Education

- University of Florida – Fredric G. Levin College of Law, 2006 (LLM)
- St. Mary's University School of Law, 2005 (J.D.)
- Texas A&M University, 1999 (B.B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Community Involvement

- Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society, Audit and Finance Committee, Member
  - Former Chair
  - Former Vice Chair
  - Former Treasurer

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*
  - Corporate Law, 2023-2027
  - Tax Law, 2023-2027

Memberships

- Texas Board of Legal Specialization
  - Board Certified, Tax Law
  - Tax Section, Testing and Grading Committee
- American Bar Association, Tax Section
- Texas Bar Association, Tax Section & Business Section
- Dallas Bar Association, Tax Section & Business Section
- Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business, Income Tax Planning, Adjunct Professor

Presentations and Publications

- "A Practical Approach to Section 199A," TXCPA Corpus Christi 62nd Annual Tax Conference, February 2020
- "Tax Practice Essentials: A Practical Approach to Section 199A," 199A Webinar, January 2020
- "A Practical Approach to Section 199A," ABA Tax Section Fall 2019 Conference, October 2019
- "Pulling Back the Curtain on Tax Reform: A First Look at the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017!," January 2018