

**STEPHEN L. PHILLIPS**

**Steve Phillips'** practice includes the planning, structuring, re-structuring, and implementation of for profit and non-profit organizations and their recurring operations, as well as their nonrecurring transactions such as joint ventures, private equity funds, and mergers and acquisitions, both domestic and international. Mr. Phillips' practice also includes individual estate and income tax planning, business planning, and business succession, and asset protection planning. When the need arises, he represents his clients in federal and state tax controversies, both administratively and in court.

**Education**

University of Texas School of Law (J.D., with honors, 1985)

University of Texas at Austin (B.B.A., Accounting, with highest honors, 1983)

**Professional Affiliations and Honors**

Board Certified, Tax Law (Texas Board of Legal Specialization) (since 1995)

American Bar Association

- Taxation Section

State Bar of Texas

- Taxation Section

Austin Bar Association

Admitted to U.S. Tax Court

Admitted to U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Named Best Austin Tax Lawyer in the *Austin Business Journal* (2005)

Recognized as "Outstanding Rotary Member" - North Austin Rotary Club (1995)

**Professional Publications (Selected)**

"Barnett Bank – The Texas Response," Journal of Federal Organization of Regulatory Counsel (1996)

"Proposed Regulations Concerning Self-employment Tax Treatment of Members of Certain Limited Liability Companies," Texas State Bar of Taxation Comments to the U.S. Treasury (submitted May 22, 1995)

**Professional Presentations (Selected)**

"What Do You Mean my FLP is Taxable – What Every Estate Planner Needs to Know About the Texas Margin Tax," Bar Association, Probate and Estate Planning Section Meeting (Austin, Texas; September 2006)

"The Texas Margin Tax – An Overview," Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Forum (Fort Worth, Texas; June 2006)

"The Texas Margin Tax – A Horse with Feathers," Cantey Hanger LLP Client/Colleague Briefing (Austin, Texas; June 2006)

"The New Age of Executive Equity Compensation," Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Fort Worth Chapter, North Texas Controller's Institute (author), (Fort Worth, Texas; October 2005)

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“Franchise Taxes/Texas Nexus,” Travis County Tax, Corporate, & Business Section Meeting, (Austin, Texas; January 2001)

“Sales Tax Manufacturing Exemptions & Sales Tax Legislative Developments,” National Business Institute, Event Title (Austin, Texas; June 1996)

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