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Services

Business & Tax Planning

International

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Workouts

Family & Closely Held Businesses

Mergers & Acquisitions

Sports & Entertainment

John works primarily with closely held and family-owned businesses on business planning and taxation, including their formation, acquisition, merger, sale and transition. His emphasis is federal, state and international income taxation.

John is also recognized as an expert in tax issues related to workouts and reorganizations. He is a frequent lecturer for various groups, including the Minnesota State Bar Association and Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants.

John is an officer and shareholder at Fredrikson and also chair of the firm's Business & Tax-Planning Group.

Credentials

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1977
- St. John's University, B.A., Economics and Accounting, 1974, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Minnesota, 1977
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, 1977
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 1978
- U.S. Tax Court, 1980

Clerkships

- Judicial Clerk, Honorable Gerald W. Heaney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 1977-79
- Internship, Offices of Congressman James L. Oberstar
- Internship, The Securities and Exchange Commission

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Tax Law, 1999-2024; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2024
- North Star Lawyer, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2012-2015, 2017-2022
- Pro Bono All Star, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2020
- Lawyer of the Year in Minneapolis for Tax Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2014

Civic & Professional

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Board of Directors, Treasurer
- *The Tax Lawyer*, Member and Editor, 1975-1977

News

Firm News | 08.17.2023

Fredrikson Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024

Firm News | 06.26.2023

Fredrikson Attorneys Recognized as North Star (Pro Bono) Lawyers

Article | 08.18.2022

Fredrikson & Byron Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2023

Firm News | 06.16.2022

Fredrikson & Byron Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers

Firm News | 10.13.2020

Fredrikson & Byron Attorneys Recognized as Pro Bono All Stars

Firm News | 09.22.2014

Fredrikson & Byron Announces Results of 2014 Board Elections

Legal Updates

Legal Update | 11.10.2020

Treasury Announces Regulations Blessing State Tax Deduction Workaround for Pass-through Entities

Legal Update | 03.26.2018

Minnesota Businesses Anxiously Wait as State Lawmakers Battle over Implementing Federal Tax Reform

Publications & Presentations

Co-Speaker, *Positive Family Business Leadership and FAQs in the Time of COVID-19*, Fredrikson & Byron and Platinum Group Webinar, April 2, 2020

Co-Speaker, *Best Practices for Selecting Your Business Entity Type*, 2017 Best Practices Conference, October 26, 2017