Speaker Biography

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Federal tax law is a major regulatory mechanism for hospitals, universities, foundations, medical research institutes, trade associations and other tax-exempt organizations and the individuals and businesses that support them. Jim Hasson advises clients and defends them in matters addressed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other governmental agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and state attorneys general.

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