

# GEORGETOWN LAW

## Networking Panel

### Biographies of Speakers

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**Kristopher Simpson**  
**Associate General Counsel**  
**Radio One, Inc.**

Kris is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College of Business and the George Washington University School of Law. He started his legal career at the boutique law firm Krooth & Altman where he practiced health care and real estate law. Having the unique circumstance of having his own client base as a first year associate, while Krooth & Altman was more of a lifestyle law firm, Kris found himself working 80 hours a week while his counterparts were enjoying Krooth's culture. Kris then moved to another boutique law firm, Power, Pyles, Sutter and Verville, before settling into a health care and corporate/securities practice at Holland & Knight LLP. After 3 years at H&K, Kris went in-house to E\*TRADE Financial Corporation where he was responsible for the legal aspects of the Company's Corporate Development efforts. After 4 years in Corporate Development, Kris moved into a hybrid legal and business role serving as Associate General Counsel and Director of Investor Relations. In October 2007, Kris joined Radio One where he serves as Associate General Counsel with primary responsibility for Corporate Governance, debt and equity securities matters and major transactional work.

**Awo Archampong Gray**

Awo Archampong Gray works in the National Tax Department of Ernst & Young. Awo is in the Core International Tax Services Group and focuses on inbound and outbound issues, including Foreign Tax Credits, Allocation and Apportionment of Expenses, Subpart F and Tax treaties.

Prior to joining EY, Awo was an associate for a law firm where she worked on matters involving FIRPTA, Sub-part F and State and Local Tax Issues. She graduated from Georgetown University Law Center with an LL.M. in Taxation with Distinction, from Vanderbilt Law School with a J.D., and from Quinnipiac University with a B.S. in Economics, Summa cum Laude. Awo was born in Ghana. She is fluent in Akan and English and literate in French.

**Ryan J. Kelly**  
**Tax Associate**  
**Baker & McKenzie LLP**

Practice Focus

General Tax Planning, Tax Controversy & Litigation, and Transfer Pricing

Practice Description

Mr. Kelly joined the Washington, DC office of Baker & McKenzie LLP as an Associate in the Tax Group. He is involved in projects involving transfer pricing of tangible products, intellectual property and services, effective tax rate minimization, and other tax controversy matters. Mr. Kelly's tax controversy practice focuses on the resolution of Federal income tax controversies with the IRS, including all administrative phases of a controversy through litigation in the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and other Federal Courts. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, Mr. Kelly worked as an Associate at Preston & Malcolm, P.C., as a civil litigator. Mr. Kelly also started the Law Offices of Ryan J. Kelly, P.C., focusing his practice on criminal litigation in various courts in the State of Georgia. His clients have included several city councils, building and construction contractors, corporations, and private individuals.

## Professional Affiliations

Mr. Kelly is Member of the State Bar of Georgia, Section of Taxation; the Federal Court of Claims Bar; the District of Columbia Bar, Section of Taxation; and the American Bar Association.

Education & Bar Admittance

## Education:

LL.M., Taxation, with Distinction, Dean's List, Georgetown University Law Center, (2008)

J.D., Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law (2005)

B.B.A., Banking & Finance, Cum Laude, University of Georgia, Terry College of Business (2002)

## Bar Admissions:

Georgia

District of Columbia

## Court Admissions:

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

D.C. Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals