



Careers in Tax Law Panel

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Georgetown University Law Center

Eric E. Hotung Building, Suite 2000

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Panelists:

David Brockway, Bingham McCutchen

Caroline E. Ford, Stein Sperling

Melissa Galetto, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Thomas R. Kolb, Kolb & Associates

**Moderator: Albert Lauber, Director of the Graduate Tax and Securities Programs,
Visiting Professor of Law**

Before joining the Law Center in January 2006, Prof. Lauber spent 17 years as a partner in Caplin & Drysdale, a Washington D.C. tax firm. There, he specialized in tax litigation at the trial and appellate levels, tax procedure, taxation of non-profit organizations, state and local taxation, and constitutional law. From 1983 to 1988, he served in the U.S. Department of Justice as Deputy Solicitor General and previously as Tax Assistant to the Solicitor General. He was a law clerk to Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court, and Judge Malcom R. Wilkey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Panelists Bios

David Brockway's practice focuses on tax planning, with a particular emphasis on international tax matters. His career has spanned more than 30 years and he has been engaged in an active general business tax practice, concentrating on corporate acquisitions and dispositions, cross-border structured finance and asset-based finance transactions, and international tax planning. David is a former chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress, serving from 1983 to 1987. In that capacity, he had overall responsibility for the activities of the staff in the formulation of congressional tax policy, legislative drafting and revenue estimating. He joined the Joint Committee staff in 1976 as a legislation attorney, subsequently serving as international tax counsel and deputy chief of staff. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Tax Section of the New York State Bar Association, the Advisory Board of the American Tax Institute in Europe, the Board of Directors of the National Foreign Trade Council, the advisory group for the American Law Institute Project on Subchapter C, and as a consultant on the American Law Institute Project on Tax Treaties. David was named one of the country's leading practitioners in the field of taxation by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business in 2009. In 1998, the Tax Society of New York University presented him with its Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Caroline E. Ford works as part of Stein Sperling's Estate Planning and Probate and Tax practice groups, where she concentrates on all aspects of estate and trust planning, including wealth preservation, succession planning, charitable gift planning and estate and trust administration. Prior to joining Stein Sperling, she served as a law clerk for Professor F. Ladson Boyle in Columbia, South Carolina, where she researched and drafted documents establishing a charitable foundation. Ms. Ford also held clerkships for the Rural School and Community Trust and the Foster Care Review Board in Columbia, and with Pro Bono Legal Services in Charleston, South Carolina. Ms. Ford is a graduate of College of Charleston, where she earned a B.A. in Communication. She received her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she earned the Albert C. Todd, III Estate Planning Award presented to a student who most exemplifies integrity, industry, leadership and interpersonal skills. Ms. Ford completed her LL.M. in Taxation at the Georgetown University Law Center with a concentration in Estate Planning.

Melissa Galetto is an associate in the Washington, DC office of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, where her practice focuses on tax controversy and litigation. She is a Vice-Chair of the Young Lawyers Forum of the American Bar Association Tax Section, Co-Chair of the Law Student Tax Challenge, and an ABA Tax Section Nolan Fellow. Melissa's pro bono practice focuses on helping local arts non-profits obtain tax exempt status and serving as a guardian ad litem in contested custody cases. Melissa is a member of the Board of Directors of the Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, and is an advisory board member for the Children's Law Center. She is a 2003 graduate of Georgetown Law, where she currently volunteers as an alumni interviewer.

Thomas R. Kolb, Esq., is a 1979 graduate of Harvard Law School. He began his legal career with a one-year appointment as law clerk to Vincent L. McKusick, the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Court, and then worked as an associate in a large, general practice law firm in Portland, Maine. In 1983 he returned to Boston and became an associate, and later a partner, with the 50-lawyer firm Rubin and Rudman. During his years there as a corporate and business lawyer, he became increasingly drawn to the area of ERISA and employee benefits because of the unique challenges it presents. Kolb left the big-firm practice in 1994 to co-found a boutique firm specializing in the laws relating to employee benefit plans. He has been in solo practice since 1998. Last year he relocated his home and law practice to Washington, DC. As an ERISA attorney, Mr. Kolb's mission is to assist clients with the many issues that may arise in the design and operation of qualified retirement plans and other tax-advantaged employee benefit programs. Over the years this has increasingly involved him in helping employers of all sizes to operate their qualified retirement plans, especially 401(k) plans, within the complex and ever-growing maze of government rules and regulations.