



## Ed Buchholz

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### EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, J.D.,  
1972, Journal of Transnational  
Law
- New York University, LL.M.,  
Taxation, 1977
- City College of New York, B.B.A.,  
Accounting, magna cum laude,  
1969, Beta Gamma Sigma

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- New York

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Tax  
Section, Corporate Tax  
Committee
- Chicago-Kent College of Law,  
Adjunct Professor, Graduate  
Program in Taxation, course in  
Tax Planning for S Corporations  
and Closely-Held Businesses,  
1994-1996
- Washington University School of  
Law, Adjunct Professor,  
Graduate LL.M. Program, course  
in Tax-Free Reorganizations,  
(1983-1988)
- Journal of Passthrough Entities,  
Member of Advisory Board

Ed serves as a key tax advisor to companies embarking on any type of corporate restructuring, from acquisitions and dispositions to spinoffs and management changes.

He has spent his 40-year career ensuring business owners avoid costly tax liabilities and gain the best possible value during critical corporate transitions.

As the chair of Thompson Coburn's transactional tax practice, Ed counsels clients on recapitalizations, consolidated return matters, net operating loss issues, compensation arrangements, financial instruments and a large variety of other corporate-shareholder tax matters.

Ed also works extensively in the partnership and limited liability company area, especially transactions in the private equity and hedge fund arenas, and those involving domestic joint ventures. His diverse experience in real estate transactions includes acquisitions and dispositions, financings, REITs, and like-kind exchanges, a highly technical area that carries the risk of exposing the entire transaction to taxation and for which Ed has developed some highly creative solutions.

Ed frequently offers counsel on special tax events in the life of a business, including when companies pay funds to settle litigation or serve as creditors or debtors in bankruptcy proceedings. In his work resolving complex tax controversies, he has secured victories for major corporations that resulted in no tax levied or tax payments amounting to a fraction of the tens of millions initially levied by the IRS.

Clients seek out Ed for his creativity, his novel approach to tax dilemmas, and his deep experience on the best way to approach a transaction so that clients can avoid unnecessary friction, secure key concessions, and get the deal done.

### Languages

- German

**Industries**

- Publicly and Closely-held Partnerships
- Closely-held Corporations
- Investment Banking Firms
- Banks and Financial Institutions
- Real Estate

**Recognitions**

- Fellow, American College of Tax Counsel
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 1995-2024
- Listed in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters), 2005-2015

**Presentations**

- Speaker, "Significant 2014 Developments"; Joint Program with Grant Thornton LLP, December 2014

**Publications**

- Contributor, Practising Law Institute Coursebooks; *Tax Planning for Domestic and Foreign Partnerships, LLCs, Joint Ventures and Other Strategic Alliances*, 2001-2013
- Contributor, Practising Law Institute Coursebooks; *Tax Strategies For Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-Offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations, and Restructurings*, 1997-2013
- "Leveraged Buy-Outs of Passthrough Entities by Private Equity Funds"; *Journal of Passthrough Entities* 25, July-August 2008
- "Partnership Distributions versus Guaranteed Payments (and Other Treatments): Complexity and Confusion Reign Supreme"; *Journal of Passthrough Entities* 29, January-February 2006
- "Tax-Saving Opportunities of Like-Kind Exchanges"; *Midwest In-House*, February 2006