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Mel Schwarz is a Partner and the Director of Tax Legislative Affairs in Grant Thornton's National Tax Office. He is responsible for monitoring tax legislative activity and serves as a technical resource to the firm on recent legislation, tax incentives, and private equity initiatives.

Experience

Mel has over 29 years of federal income tax experience, including six years on the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation. While serving on the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, he was the primary staff attorney assigned to a wide range of tax proposals and issues, including the taxation of utility and telecommunications companies, accounting periods and methods, depreciation, and incentive credits. He was the primary author of pamphlets describing the income taxation of utility and telecommunications companies and examining the effects of proposed legislation on those taxpayers.

Mel has successfully advocated client concerns regarding legislative and regulatory developments before Congress, Treasury and IRS officials.

Industry experience

Mel has extensive experience in a range of industries and represented for major companies in the energy, banking, retail, mining, and manufacturing sectors.

Professional qualifications and memberships

- Licensed CPA, District of Columbia
- American Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. Past Chairman – Tax Legislation and Policy Committee

Presentations and publications

Mel has given numerous presentations before accounting, bar and other groups, including the Tax Section of the American Bar Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Tax Executive Institute. He has appeared as a guest commentator with the Fox Business Network, and has been quoted in national publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and USA Today.

Education

Mel received his Bachelors of Arts from Southern Methodist University, his Masters of Professional Accounting from the University of Texas and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan.

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