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Stacy Paz works with clients to ensure maximum financial benefit and optimum tax treatment, advising them on Federal and state tax issues in mergers and acquisitions (domestic and international), spin-offs, restructurings, limited liability companies and other pass-through entities, liquidations and other significant transactions. In the past four years, Stacy has provided tax counsel on nearly 300 mergers and acquisitions (both taxable and tax-free).

EXPERIENCE

Stacy has been the lead tax lawyer on a substantial number of M&A transactions, including representation of buyers and sellers in private equity transactions as well as representation of a large number of emerging growth sellers to acquisitive companies such as Cisco, Dupont, IBM, Facebook and Google.

- Represented Windpoint Partners in multiple acquisitions and disposition, including sale of Hearthside Food Solutions for \$1.5B and acquisition of Vision Ease Lens (undisclosed)
- Represented EcoATM in its \$350 million sale to Outerwall (f/k/a Coinstar)
- Represented DRTM Holdings in the sale of company
- Represented Endoscopic Technologies, Inc. in its sale to AtriCure, Inc. for \$60 million (tax-free)
- Represented Corepower Yoga in its sale to Catteron PE fund for \$150 million
- Represented Monster Cable in co-ownership deal with Swizz Beatz
- Represented Groupon in multiple acquisitions
- Represented Innerworkings in its acquisitions of DB Studios and Eyelevel
- Represented Newgistics in its acquisition of Tactic Knowledge, sale of subsidiary Newgistics freight to RE Transportation and sale to private equity fund (LittleJohn)

RELATED SERVICES

- Tax
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate
- International Tax Counsel
- Transactional Tax Planning

RELATED SECTORS

- Government Contracting
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Financial Services

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California

Prior Experience

- PricewaterhouseCoopers, Mergers and Acquisition Associate (2002 – 2003)
- US Securities and Exchange Commission, Summer Associate (2001)
- Arthur Andersen LLP, Senior Consultant (1997 – 1999)

Recognitions

The *Legal 500* United States, a highly regarded legal directory, has recommended Stacy for her tax work, noting specifically that she "knows how to get the deal done." In addition, *Chambers USA* recognizes her as a "notable practitioner" in the Tax: Corporate & Finance category, 2016.

Education

- J.D., Pepperdine University 2002
cum laude
- B.S., The Ohio State University 1997
cum laude

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Tax Section

INSIGHTS

Publications

Profits interests: Jump-starting the value-recovery process

8 April 2020

Equity incentives – and, for many privately owned companies, the often overlooked "profits interest" – can be a powerful tool for jump-starting the value-recovery process.

- Quoted in, "Goodwin, Jones Day assist with Qualtrics \$8B sale to SAP," *Daily Journal*, November 16, 2018
- Proposed Regulations Simplify Ownership Change Segregation Rules, *US Tax Alert*, December 7, 2011

Events

Previous

Tax provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act: webinar

1 April 2020 | 9:00 – 10:00 PST

- Frequent TEI Speaker
- The Legal 500 United States, a highly regarded legal directory, has recommended Stacy for her tax work.
- Finance Monthly Deal Maker of the Year – 2014 Winner for representation of CustomInk in connection with Revolution Growth's \$40 million investment

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Zensho Holdings on US\$257 million acquisition of Advanced Fresh Concepts Corp.

7 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised Zensho Holdings, the largest food service company in Japan by sales, known for its beef bowl restaurant chains "Sukiya" and "Nakau", on its acquisition of California-based Advanced Fresh Concepts Corp., an in-store sushi chain with more than 4,000 locations throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. The purchase price was US\$257 million, the largest acquisition ever made by the Japanese restaurant chain operator, which is also one of the top-ten food service companies in the world.
