

Canadian National Tax Services

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Nick Pantaleo, FCA

The leader of the Canadian National Tax Services (CNTS) group, Nick is recognized nationally as one of Canada's top international tax specialists, with over 20 years of experience providing tax advice to some of Canada's largest corporations. In December 2007, federal Finance Minister James Flaherty appointed Nick to be a member of the Advisory Panel on Canada's System of International Taxation.

Wallace Conway

A senior tax advisor, Wally spent 26 years at the Tax Legislation Division of the Department of Finance where he was responsible for developing income tax policy and drafting legislation in several areas, including transfer pricing, corporate reorganizations and distributions, foreign affiliates, foreign investment entities, non-resident trusts, insurance and trusts. Wally also represented the Department of Finance on the Canada Revenue Agency's GAAR committee.

Bruce Harris

Bruce has over 20 years of experience providing corporate and personal tax advice to a broad range of large and medium-size privately held and growing enterprises in such areas as estate planning, corporate reorganizations, trusts and international tax. Bruce is the immediate past Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Taxation of the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Janice Russell

Janice has in-depth experience in corporate, income trust and REIT acquisitions and reorganizations as well as in structuring various forms of investment funds, including limited partnerships, hedge funds, pooled funds and mutual fund trusts. Janice also has extensive experience analyzing the tax implications of derivative transactions and other innovative financial products and is a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation of the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Jillian Welch†

Jill is the tax leader in PwC's investment management practice, providing advice to clients on a broad range of tax matters with particular expertise in the investment products industry. She advises clients on the taxation of investment and insurance products, for the retail group and registered plan markets, as well as related issues for investment managers and insurance companies.

Steven Baum†

Steven is a partner of Wilson & Partners LLP Toronto office. He provides a broad range of tax advice to clients, with particular emphasis on the income tax aspects of capital markets transactions, derivatives and financial instruments and cross-border transactions for financial institution clients.

Michael Firth

Leader of our Canadian Indirect Tax practice, Michael is recognized nationally for his expertise with GST issues affecting the financial services sector. With 30 years of experience in dealing with Value Added Taxes, he also assists a number of industry associations with a broad range of GST issues, and is a frequent speaker and writer on GST matters.

Jeffrey Johns

Jeff is a lawyer and a former tax policy officer at the Tax Legislation Division of the Department of Finance where he was involved in developing income tax policy and drafting legislation in several areas including non-resident trusts, foreign investment entities, foreign affiliates, debt forgiveness, mark-to-market provisions, and functional currency.

John Saunders†

A member of Wilson and Partners LLP's Vancouver office, John brings more than 20 years experience in corporate taxation matters, estate planning, dispute resolution with the Canada Revenue Agency and tax litigation. Throughout his career he has negotiated significant reassessment concessions with the CRA and successfully represented clients at all court levels including the Supreme Court of Canada.

James Wilson†

Jim is the founding partner of Wilson & Partners LLP. With over 30 years of tax experience, Jim has long been recognized as one of Canada's leading tax lawyers. His practice encompasses all areas of federal income taxation, with a special emphasis on corporate reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions and financial products and structures.

Rick Biscaro

Rick is a senior tax advisor who recently joined PwC after a 30+ year career at the Canada Revenue Agency during which he was involved in many aspects of Canada's domestic and international income tax rules including review of tax avoidance transactions. He was a member of CRA's GAAR Committee for all but two years since the Committee was formed in 1988 and immediately prior to joining PwC, Rick was a Director of Income Tax Rulings Directorate – International Tax and Trusts, in Ottawa.

David Glicksman†

David focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, structured finance and derivatives, as well as transactions involving the acquisition and restructuring of income funds and REITs.

Elizabeth Johnson†

The current Chair of Wilson & Partners LLP, Elizabeth's practice covers a broad range of corporate income tax matters, with an emphasis on domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions and corporate reorganizations. She has advised on numerous significant financings and other transactions for both public and private companies. Elizabeth is the co-author of the book, "Understanding the Taxation of Partnerships."

Marc Ton-That

Marc is nationally recognized as one of Canada's leading mergers and acquisitions and corporate reorganization tax specialists. He has extensive experience in advising Canadian and foreign owned multi-national corporations on complex domestic and cross-border restructurings and is a frequent speaker and writer on such matters.



Canadian National Tax Services

Canadian National Tax Services (CNTS) comprises a multidisciplinary group of tax accountants, lawyers, and other specialists from a variety of professional backgrounds in taxation, including former Department of Finance and CRA officials.

Tax Technical Knowledge and Experience

CNTS members are recognized nationally for their deep tax technical knowledge and experience in a broad range of domestic and international income tax rules. Working with PwC client service teams of industry and service specialists across the country, CNTS provides businesses with unique insight into how tax policy and tax administrative issues affect their day-to-day planning and decisions.

Thought Leadership

CNTS members are also recognized nationally for their thought leadership. Across Canada, businesses rely on CNTS members to help them better understand the direction of Canadian tax policy so they can respond quickly to tax legislative, judicial, and administrative developments.

Tax Legislative Services

CNTS members offer policy and strategic planning services in a broad range of domestic and international tax matters. CNTS members, which include former Department of Finance officials, draw on their deep technical knowledge to provide businesses with practical and timely advice and strategies to address proposed changes to tax legislation, regulations and rulings. CNTS members also facilitate dialogue with Department of Finance and CRA officials.

CRA Services

CNTS combines the knowledge and experience of tax professionals, including former CRA officials, to help businesses successfully navigate the CRA process to facilitate compliance, respond and resolve issues that arise on audit and deal with CRA head office personnel on technical tax matters.

Tax Legal Services

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