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FOCUS AREAS

Tax

HIGHLIGHTS

Broad Transactional Tax Practice

Myra counsels public and private companies regarding federal income tax planning for a broad range of corporate transactions, including formations, financings and restructurings, equity offerings, and M&A.

EXPERIENCE

Myra Sutanto Shen is a tax partner in the Palo Alto office of Wilson Sonsini and the head of the firm's tax practice group. Myra represents technology and life science companies in connection with all aspects of U.S. federal income tax planning. She has extensive experience advising public and private companies in all corporate transactions, including domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt financings, IPOs and convertible note offerings, and corporate restructurings. Myra also advises founders, investors, and companies regarding the "qualified small business stock" exemption under Section 1202 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Myra also participates in several firm committees, co-chairs the firm's Women of Wilson affinity group and is an active participant in the Asian American Affinity Group.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2007
Cum Laude; Production Editor, Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
- B.A., Integrated Science and Biology, Northwestern University, 2002
Cum Laude, With Honors

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Taxation Section, American Bar Association
- Member, Taxation Section, State Bar of California
- Member, International Fiscal Association – U.S.A. Branch

Honors

- Named to the 2014-2017 editions of the "Rising Stars" list published by *Northern California Super Lawyers*

Admissions

- State Bar of California

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- “Tax Considerations for UK Tech Companies (US Guide),” Department for Business and Trade, January 2024
- Co-author, “Video Game NFTs: Top Legal Considerations for Developers,” *The Licensing Journal*, March 2022
- Co-author, “USA” chapter, *Corporate Tax*, Seventh and Eighth Editions, Global Legal Insights, 2019-2020
- Co-author with D. Glazer, “The UK Startup’s Guide to Navigating the U.S. Tax Implications of U.S. VC Investment,” *Notion Capital Insights*, December 13, 2017
- “The Other Holding Period: Qualified Small Business Stock and the Magic of Five Years,” *M&A Tax Report*, November 2016
- Co-author with I. Humphreys, “Acquisition Learnings from the Cap Gemini Cases,” *M&A Tax Report*, September 2009

Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, “M&A and Financing Trends,” High Tech Tax Institute, November 8, 2022
- Panelist, “Trends in M&A,” California Lawyers Association 2022 Annual Meeting of the Tax Bar and Tax Policy Conference, November 3, 2022
- Panelist, “Financing Developments and Tax Considerations,” High Tech Tax Institute, November 8, 2021
- Panelist, “Current Developments in Corporate Taxation,” American Bar Association, September 20, 2021
- Panelist, “Dealing with Losses: CARES Act Changes, Debt Restructuring and Other Strategies for a Strong Future,” High Tech Tax Institute, November 10, 2020
- “Qualified Small Business Stock Trends in Venture Financings and Mergers and Acquisitions,” Practising Law Institute, On-Demand One-Hour Briefing, August 3, 2017