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Stay current on key changes in national, state, and local tax law. Delve into options for maximizing after-tax retirement benefits post-SECURE Act and learn to create flexible trusts to deal with changing tax laws and life circumstances.

Keep abreast of the key changes affecting the IRS post-*Chevron* reversal. Get an overview of the most important compliance trends in health and welfare benefits for 2025. Plus, the Michigan Department of Treasury is back with an in-depth analysis of state tax policy and administration.

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Schedule

8:00am Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Showcase

9:00am Welcome and Introductions

9:10am Washington Update: Current Tax Legislative Developments

Washington's tax priorities; possible federal tax changes; expiring tax provisions; 2024 election.

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10:00am Tax Planning Considerations for Individuals in 2025

Discuss hot topics in 2025 for personal tax planning, including individual income taxes, estate and gift taxes, and succession planning. Brook Hall, Hall CPA & Associates, *Clinton Township*; Emily J. Kwolek, Bodman PLC, *Troy*

10:45am Vendor Showcase and Networking Break

11:00am State and Local Tax Committee:

Review Hot Topics and Significant Cases in State and Local Tax

Examine individual and business income tax considerations for 2025-2026. Get an overview of the most important state and local tax cases from the past year.

Tony Israels, Plante Moran PLLC, *Grand Rapids*; Ryan Kielczewski, Plante Moran PLLC, *Detroit*

Federal Income Tax Committee:

Update on Tax Practice and Procedure and Recent Cases and Rulings

Discuss new developments in the tax practice and procedure. Review the tax implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *Loper Bright*. Shine a light on the recent decisions regarding the limitations of tax court jurisdiction, the availability or equitable tolling of certain deadlines, and other recent notable tax cases.

Venar Raad Ayar, Ayar Law, Farmington Hills

Estates and Trusts Committee:

Key Points for Using SLATS Work through the definition and

illustrations of Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLATS). Account for the tax impact and critical considerations of using SLATS. Weigh the benefits and drawbacks. Mallory A. Kallabat, Clark Hill PLC, Birmingham Employee Benefits Committee: Health & Welfare

Benefits Update Explore key health and welfare compliance trends for 2025,

including state and federal regulations of prescription drugs, mental health parity, and potential affordability/market reform.

Eric W. Gregory, Dickinson Wright PLLC, *Troy*

12:00pm Networking Lunch On-Site

1:15pm State and Local Tax Committee:

What Every Tax Lawyer Needs to Know About Michigan Taxes Today

Get a handle on the current state of Michigan taxes. Discuss the impact on M&A, estate planning, and be aware of pending cases. Get the latest on tax legislation that impacts your clients.

Lynn A. Gandhi, Foley & Lardner LLP, *Detroit*

Federal Income Tax Committee: Reversal of Chevron and Effects on the IRS

Get a refresher and background of the *Chevron* doctrine. Look at the key changes post-*Chevron* reversal. Discover the implications for tax practitioners and taxpayers.

Joseph A. Peterson, Plunkett Cooney PC, Bloomfield Hills

Estates and Trusts Committee:
Retirement Benefits PostSECURE Act

Review the postdeath distribution rules for beneficiaries of retirement accounts post-SECURE Act.

Discuss new rules for benefits payable to trusts, including Applicable Multiple Beneficiary Trusts (AMBTs). Explore options and planning opportunities to maximize after-tax benefits to beneficiaries within the context of the client's goals and objectives.

Alicia Cole, Plante Moran PLLC, Detroit

Employee Benefits Committee:
Retirement Plan Corrections

Understand the impact of recent guidance on retirement plan corrections. Gain practical insights on correcting common plan failures.

Brian T. Gallagher, Miller Canfield PLC, *Lansing*; Katina K. Gorman, Miller Canfield PLC, *Troy*

2:00pm Vendor Showcase and Networking Break

2:15pm State and Local Tax Committee:
Michigan Property

Tax Update
Address new, relevant, and

important developments. Explore recent cases and learn what to expect in the coming year.

Marlene M. Zieah, Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman PLLC, T*roy* Federal Income Tax Committee:
Hot Federal Income Tax

Hot Federal Income Tax Topics in M&A

Explore common pitfalls in structuring transactions. Handle tax issues when representing buyers and sellers.

V. Sheridan DuPont, Honigman LLP, Detroit; Erick W. Hosner, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Troy Estates and Trusts Committee:

Creating Flexible Trusts for an Uncertain Tax Future

Dive in to the tools that will add flexibility to estate plans to deal with changing tax laws, people, and circumstances, including: options for funding credit shelter trusts; powers of appointment; discretionary distribution provisions; decanting; and trust protectors.

Kathleen A. Cieslik, Varnum LLP, *Birmingham*

 ${\it Employee Benefits Committee:}$

Benefits and Executive Compensation in M&A

Gain practical insights related to benefits issues associated with M&A deals. Discuss the due diligence process, purchase agreement provisions, and post-closing transition issues.

Alexander J. Burridge, Honigman LLP, *Detroit;* Samantha A. Kopacz, Honigman LLP, *Detroit*

3:00pm Vendor Visits and Networking Break

3:15pm Michigan Tax Policy and Administration 2025

Discuss what's new with the Treasury; legislative update; litigation update; administrative update; economic and revenue updates; looking ahead. Rachael Eubanks, Michigan Department of Treasury, *Lansing*; Lance R. Wilkinson, Tax Policy Division, Michigan Department of Treasury, *Lansing*

4:00pm Networking Reception—Sponsored by the Ayar Law Firm

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