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Ken Hunt began his legal career at Hall Estill and serves as a Senior member on the firm’s Board of Directors. His practice focuses primarily in the areas of federal, state and local taxation, including deferred compensation arrangements and tax-related litigation. He also assists clients in many energy related business transactions especially acquisitions, mergers and divestitures. He has been involved with ERISA issues both for clients and the firm, where he serves on our deferred compensation committee. Ken is an AV-rated attorney through Martindale-Hubbell, a Best Lawyer in America in Tax Law and Litigation & Controversy-Tax, as well as being recognized as an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Tax Law. He has also been named as Tulsa Best Lawyers Tax Lawyer of the Year for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Ken has lectured for Oklahoma City University Law School, Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas and OIPA Associations, and before various groups on taxation issues. He has published more than 500 articles as the Oklahoma correspondent for the national publication, State Tax Notes. He is the author of the “Oklahoma Tax Law” section in the State Tax Handbook, published in 2001 by Brubaeken Publishing. He is also the author of the Oklahoma section of the American Bar Association’s Tax Section project on the taxation of S corporations. He also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa School of Law.

Additional highlights of Ken’s career include:

- Identified and developed ideas and plans which produced substantial federal and state income tax savings related to so-called “Indian country property”
- Represented various entities of large corporate clients in a number of difficult property tax cases which resulted in millions of dollars of tax and penalty savings
- Participated in structuring various transactions and locating businesses to maximize the federal and state tax advantages for large and small commercial corporate clients
- Handled significant federal, state and local tax litigation

- Presenter - *Legal Update*, Oklahoma Association of Tax Representatives, 2010
- Oklahoma Tax Update - OICPA - 2014, 2015 & 2016

Education

- Brigham Young University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1980)
- Brigham Young University (B.S. in Accounting, *summa cum laude*, 1978)

Admissions

- Oklahoma, 1981
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- United States Tax Court

Practices

- Administrative Law
- Alternative / Renewable Energy
- Auto Dealer Law
- Corporate Services
- Energy & Natural Resources Transactions
- Estate Planning & Post Death Administration
- General Corporate
- Income Tax Planning & Controversy
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- International Tax Practice
- Municipal & Public Authority
- Private Equity
- Real Estate
- State & Local Tax Practice
- Tax & Employee Benefits

Community Involvement

- Bishop for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Tulsa Region Young Single Adult Leader
- Member, Board of Directors, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- National Board Member and Southwest U.S. Chair, BYU Alumni Association
- Jenks High School Swimming and Choir, Former Board Member

Legal Experience

- 1981 - Present Hall Estill

Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association - Tax Section
- Tulsa County Bar Association
- Tulsa Tax Club
- Oklahoma Advisory Task Force on Oklahoma Corporate Income Tax Reform
- Oklahoma Bar Association - Tax Section, (currently President)
- Oklahoma Bar Association - Tax Section, Past President

Teaching/Lecture Experience

- Published more than 500 articles as the Oklahoma correspondent for the national publication, State Tax Notes.
- Author, "Oklahoma Tax Law" section in the State Tax Handbook published in 2001 by Brubacken Publishing.
- Frequent tax seminar presentations and previous adjunct law professor at both The University of Tulsa and Oral Roberts University Law Schools.

Honors & Awards



- 2016 Best Lawyers Lawyer of the - Tax Law - Tulsa
- 2014 Best Lawyers Lawyer of the - Tax Law - Tulsa

Tax Law Experts



In the News

- Important Tax Alert!!

Published Articles

- Ken Hunt Co-Authors Article for Oklahoma Society of CPAs