

Marcus Brooks

Shareholder

Practices: Tax; Public Finance

Industries: Investment Management & Private Funds; Emerging & Mid-Market Companies

Marcus Brooks is a member of Winstead's Taxation, Employee Benefits & Private Business Practice Group. Marcus focuses primarily on tax work with a focus on tax controversy and tax litigation. He has represented clients in a variety of income tax and transfer tax matters at audit, before the IRS Appeals Office, before the U.S. Tax Court, in the U.S. District Court, and before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has served as lead counsel in tax cases involving million dollar adjustments in both the U.S. Tax Court and U.S. District Court. Marcus has also represented clients in contested matters with state and local taxing authorities.

In addition, Marcus routinely advises clients on federal and state tax matters connected to significant business transactions and general compliance issues. He has advised a broad range of taxpayers—including private and publicly-held companies, investment funds, estates, and individuals—on a wide array of tax issues including complex partnership tax matters, corporate tax issues, international taxation and transfer pricing strategies, state tax implications of interstate business activity in various states, and exemption issues.

Marcus's practice routinely puts him at the intersection of complex business and litigation matters. He has been fortunate to be able to serve as outside general counsel for a number of his clients and takes pride in helping them solve problems and seize opportunities effectively and efficiently.

After law school Marcus served as a law clerk for The Honorable James L. Dennis of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Marcus also serves as an adjunct professor at Baylor University Law School, where he teaches an application course covering federal taxation of closely held business entities, and has taught classes in Baylor University's Masters of Taxation Program, covering federal tax research and procedure.



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Education

University of Texas School of Law

- J.D., 2003
- *with highest honors*
- Vice Chancellor
- Order of the Coif
- *Texas Law Review*

Baylor University

- B.B.A., Accounting, 2000
- Beta Gamma Sigma

Professional & Community Service

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Travis County Bar Association
- Waco-McLennan County Bar Association
- Live Oak Classical School (Director, Chair of Finance Committee, President of Board, 2014-2020)
- First Baptist Church of Waco (Trustee, Deacon Chair, Chair of Church Council, Member of Budget & Finance/Personnel Committees, 2010-present)
- Greater Waco Legal Services (Board Member, 2016-present)
- Dr. Pepper Museum (Board Chair, 2016; Board Member, 2013-present)

- Heart of Texas Estate Planning Council (Board Member, 2009-2011; Officer, 2011-2013)
- Waco Crime Stoppers, Inc. (Secretary, 2009-2012)
- Pro Bono College for the State Bar of Texas (Member, 2007)

Awards & Recognition

- Board Certified in Tax Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2014-2018
- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2010-2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White Inc., 2021

Admissions

- Texas, 2003
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit