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Education

LL.M., University of Florida
J.D., Ohio Northern University
B.A., Olivet College, *cum laude*

Admissions

The Florida Bar
U.S. Tax Court



Jones Foster Shareholder David Bowers, chair of the firm's **Private Wealth, Wills, Trusts & Estates** and **Corporate & Tax** Practice Groups, has over 30 years of experience in complex tax, trusts and estates, and business planning. David is a Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist in Tax and has extensive **experience** in estate planning, estate and trust administration, including IRS audits and business transactions.

David has a unique ability to take complex tax concepts and make them understandable. He leverages his knowledge to develop practical solutions for his clients, many of whom he has developed decades-long relationships with as a trusted legal advisor in all aspects of their individual, family, and business needs.

David has held leadership roles in several industry organizations. He is a past chair of the Florida Tax Institute and currently an operating board member. He also is a past chair of The Florida Bar's Tax Section, The Florida Bar's Tax Law Certification Committee, and the Palm Beach Tax Institute.

David is consistently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, and *Palm Beach Illustrated's* "Top Lawyers," and was awarded the Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Florida Tax Attorney of the Year Award in 2016 by The Florida Bar in recognition of his major contributions to the advancement of the practice of tax law and commitment to the highest standards of competence and integrity.

Experience Highlights

Multi-Generational Family Corporation Dispute and Reorganization

Representation of a large, multi-generational family corporation in a family dispute, resulting in redemption of family shareholders and establishing a tax-free reorganization to shift the disputing family members into separate organizations.

Estate Tax Return Audits

Representation of numerous estates in connection with audits of their estate tax returns and settlement of complex issues regarding partnerships, limited liability companies, and applicable discounts.

Sale of Physician Groups to Publicly Traded Companies

Representation of numerous physician groups in the sale of their practices to publicly traded companies and hospitals.

Corporate Contracts for Medical Groups

Representation of numerous medical groups in connection with employment, outsourcing, and vendor contracts with hospitals and medical personnel, including radiologists, pathologists, and emergency room physicians.

Manufacturing Firm Allocation of Purchase Price to Intellectual Property

Representation of a large, out-of-state family manufacturing firm acquired by a publicly traded corporation involving allocation of purchase price to goodwill and intellectual property.

Estate Tax Planning to Protect Retirement Funds

Representation of numerous clients with large retirement plan accumulations; plan for the distribution of retirement assets to minimize taxes and increase creditor protection for their children and grandchildren.

Acquisition of a \$15 Million Car Dealership

Representation in the acquisition of a \$15 million South Florida car dealership that involved complex tax allocation and real estate issues.

Estate Tax Consequences for Beneficiaries of Non-U.S. Citizen

Representation of beneficiaries of a non-U.S. citizen's domestic estate involving cross-border tax consequences, including foreign trust issues.

Honors & Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in America

Corporate Law, 2023-Present

Trusts & Estates, 2007-Present

Tax Law, 1999-Present

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, 1995-Present

Lawyer of the Year, West Palm Beach, Tax, 2014

Florida Super Lawyers

Business/Corporate, 2006-Present

Palm Beach Illustrated

Top Lawyers, Corporate Law, 2024-Present

Top Lawyers, Employee Benefits Law, 2024-Present

Top Lawyers, Tax Law, 2018, 2020-Present

Top Lawyers, Trust & Estates, 2018, 2021-2022, 2025

Top Lawyers, Business/Corporate, 2023-2024

Top Lawyers, Labor & Employment Law, 2019

The Florida Bar Tax Section

Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Florida Tax Attorney of the Year, 2016-2017

South Florida Legal Guide

Top Lawyers, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017

Florida Trend

Legal Elite, Tax Law, 2013, 2022

Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated**Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient**

Olivet College, 2022

Affiliations**Florida Tax Institute**

Operating Board Member, 2014-Present

Past Chair, Operating Board

The Florida Bar Tax Section

Member, Executive Council, Present

Chair, Employee Benefits Subcommittee of the Taxation of Business

Organizations/Individuals Committee, Present

Co-Chair, Law College Scholarship Committee, Present

LL.M. Liaison to the University of Florida, Present

Member, Long Range Planning Committee, Present

Chair, 1999-2000

Chair, Tax Law Certification Committee, 1999-2000

Member, Tax Law Certification Committee, 1992-2002

Member, 1984-Present

Palm Beach Tax Institute

Past President

East Coast Estate Planning Council

Member, 2019-Present

University of Florida Law Center Association

Florida Alumni Tax Advisory Committee, Chair 2018-Present

Florida Alumni Tax Advisory Committee, Member, 2016-Present

Board of Trustees, 2012-2017

Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults

Professional Endowment Committee, Chairman, 2018-Present

Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation

Board Member, 2002-2006

Palm Beach County Fringe Benefit Council

President, 1986-1989