



## Joseph E. Hunt IV

### Senior Attorney

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A member of the Firm's Corporate and Tax Practice Groups, Joe advises clients spanning a variety of different industries throughout all stages of their business life cycle, with a particular focus in mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity finance, corporate and tax structuring and startups.

Joe advises charitable and non-profit organizations with respect to organization and application for tax-exempt status, and provides counsel to privately-held emerging and middle-market companies on entity formation, corporate governance, and general tax matters, with an emphasis on choosing the right form of business entity, the tax aspects of mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations, and tax considerations of equity compensation for corporations and partnerships.

Prior to joining Morse, Joe worked in the Mergers & Acquisitions Transaction Services group of a Big Four advisory firm based in Boston, where he focused on advising private equity and multinational corporate clients throughout the merger and acquisition life cycle with experience in both buy-side and sell-side transactions with a particular emphasis on software, life sciences, and technology industries.

Outside of the office, Joe serves as an adjunct faculty member at Boston University School of Law, where he teaches "Life Cycle of a Business Venture," a course that analyzes tax issues encountered by businesses at all stages of their life cycles. While a student at Boston University School of Law, Joe was honored at graduation with the Ernest M. Haddad Award which is presented annually to the graduating student in the Graduate Tax Program who best exhibits overall capability, taking into consideration academic achievement, character, and potential to serve the public interest.

### Affiliations

American Bar Association, Teaching Taxation Committee

Boston Bar Association

### Education

Boston University School of Law, LL.M. (Taxation)

St. Thomas University School of Law, J.D.,  
*cum laude*

University of Oklahoma, B.A.

### Admissions

Massachusetts Bar

New York Bar

United States Tax Court

### Practice Areas

Corporate

Mergers & Acquisitions

Startups & Emerging Companies

Tax Planning for Business Transactions

Taxation

Venture Capital

### Industries

Cannabis

HealthTech

Life Sciences

Software-as-a-Service

## Speaking Engagements

Speaker, *COVID-19 Series: SBA Loan & CARES Act For Gym Owners*, TRIIB Webinars

Speaker, *Partner Profits Interests: IRS Safe Harbor, Migrating From Employee to Partner, Ensuring Capital Gains Treatment*, Strafford

Guest Lecturer, *Common Tax Issues*, Startup Law Clinic, Boston University School of Law

Panelist, *7th Annual International Tax Update*, M. Robinson & Company

Speaker, *2018 Tax Reform: Life Sciences Update*

Speaker, *Tax Reform*, Tax Clinic at St. Thomas University School of Law

Panelist, *Tax Reform Roundtable – Corporations*, Boston University School of Law

## Publications

Small Business Administration Modifies Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance, COVID-19 Alert

U.S. Treasury Releases Interim Rules on Paycheck Protection Program – What You Need to Know, COVID-19 Alert

SBA Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”), COVID-19 Alert

A Plain Language Guide to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, COVID-19 Alert

State and Federal COVID-19 Small Business Loan Programs, COVID-19 Alert

Explaining Profits Interests and Their Tax Consequences

Tax Alert: *South Dakota v. Wayfair*

Summary of Significant Changes under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017