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An experienced member of the Firm's Corporate and **Tax Practice** Groups, Joe advises clients throughout all stages of the business life cycle from initial concept and entity formation through ultimate exit, providing counsel to privately held startup, emerging growth, and middle-market companies across multiple industries, with particular focus on technology and life sciences companies. Joe's transactional practice focuses on guiding his clients through a wide range of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, venture capital financings, and complex tax structuring matters.

Joe's experience includes a strong background in matters of U.S. federal taxation, which allows him to advise his clients on multifaceted tax issues arising in the course of mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations, structuring equity compensation for service providers in corporations and partnerships, and corporate governance.

Joe maintains a robust pro bono practice advising charitable and non-profit organizations with respect to entity formation and corporate governance, and routinely guides clients through the process of applying for tax-exempt status with the IRS. For more than a decade Joe has partnered with Low Income Taxpayer Clinics to assist low-income taxpayers resolve tax disputes with the IRS.

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 is an adjunct faculty member at Boston University School of Law, where he teaches "Federal Income Taxation II" in the Fall and "Life Cycle of a Business Venture" in the Spring. While a student at Boston University School of Law, Joe was honored at graduation

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

Venture Capital

Industries

Cannabis

HealthTech

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

Executive Committee, BU Law Alumni Association

Speaking Engagements

Panelist, *Tax Treatment of Earnouts in M&A Transactions*, BARBRI (formerly Strafford)

Judge, *Law Student Tax Exchange*, American Bar Association

Speaker, *Taxation of Equity Based Arrangements for LLCs: Capital and Profits Interest Transfers, Appreciation Rights*, Strafford

Speaker, *Lunch and Learn: Considerations for Managing a Business: from Corporate to Tax to Employment*, Scroobious

Speaker, *Structuring Profits Interests as Incentive Compensation for Key Employees and Service Providers*, Strafford

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

The Fast Lane for Fixed Assets: Bonus Depreciation and Section 179 After the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Section 1202 Qualified Small Business Stock, Client Alert

Taxation of Earnout Payments in M&A Transactions

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

Life Sciences

Software-as-a-Service

Recognition



MA Rising Stars, 2022 – 2025

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