



Taxation Section

Annual Taxation Section Luncheon

Thursday, June 15, 2023 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Washington Athletic Club (*New Location*)

1325 6th Avenue in Downtown Seattle

The WSBA Taxation Section is pleased to announce the keynote speaker will be Michael J. Desmond, former Chief Counsel for the IRS and current partner in the Los Angeles and Washington, DC offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Michael will discuss the increase in funding provided to the IRS by the Inflation Reduction and, more specifically, how that funding might be deployed to increase clarity and certainty in the tax law through additional guidance as described in the Strategic Operating Plan released on April 6, 2023.

Michael joined the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in 2021, after serving as the 48th Chief Counsel of the IRS, having been nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. As Chief Counsel, he was the principal legal officer for the IRS, overseeing a staff of nearly 1,500 lawyers responsible for interpreting and providing advice on all aspects of the federal tax law. During his tenure as Chief Counsel, the Office issued more than 100 sets of proposed and final regulations implementing the landmark Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and published dozens of guidance items implementing legislation enacted in response to, and providing other relief relating to, the COVID-19 pandemic. The Office was also responsible for litigating nearly 25,000 cases pending in the United States Tax Court and working with the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice on cases pending in other courts around the country, including before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to being nominated and appointed as the IRS Chief Counsel, Michael was in private practice after having served as Tax Legislative Counsel at the U.S. Department of Treasury from 2005 through 2008, where he was the principal legal advisor to the Treasury Secretary and Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) on all domestic aspects of the federal tax law other than employee benefits. As Tax Legislative Counsel, he worked closely with the tax-writing committees in Congress to advance the Administration's tax policy objectives and worked with the IRS to implement those objectives. Earlier in his career, he served as a Trial Attorney in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he litigated dozens of cases pending in courts throughout the western United States. He served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald S.W. Lew of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

The luncheon is open to members of the Taxation Section of the Washington State Bar Association, law faculty and students. The general registration fee is \$60 per person. Government attorneys, attorneys in their first year of practice and/or law students are invited to attend at a reduced cost of \$30.

Registration:

Individuals: Please register online at [this link](#) by **3 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023**. Payment can be made by check (**must be received prior to June 12**), credit card or EFT.

Groups: To register a group, please complete the registration form below and return via email (or mail if paying by check) to WBSA in time for it to be received **prior to Monday June 12, 2023**. See form for payment options and instructions. Group registrations cannot be made online at this time.

For questions, contact cle@wsba.org.

No phone reservations or walk-ins. Cancellations are non-refundable.

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Group/Table Registration Form

Group or Table Hosted By: _____

Contact Person _____ Phone No. _____ Email _____

No.	Names of Attendees (Print Please)	Bar No. (If Any)	Amount Due Enter \$30 for government attorneys, attorneys in first year of practice, or students Enter \$60 for all others.	Entrée Selection Enter C for Applewood-Smoked Chicken Breast (GF) Enter V for Cauliflower Ciudad (Vegan)
1			\$	
2			\$	
3			\$	
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19			\$	
20			\$	

Total \$ _____ (A)

Table Reservations (Optional)

Groups with over eight (8) attendees may reserve table(s) for their group.

- I would like to reserve a table for 8 (requires at least 8 attendees)
- I would like to reserve a table for 10 (requires at least 10 attendees)
- I would like to reserve two tables for 8 (requires at least 16 attendees)
- I would like to reserve two tables for 8 and 10 (requires at least 18 attendees)
- I would like to reserve two tables for 10 (requires at least 20 attendees)

Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional)

We would like to contribute to the WSBA Taxation Section's Scholarship Fund with a gift to the Washington State Bar Foundation. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ (B)

Donations may be made online at: <https://tinyurl.com/WSBASections>

Payment Information/Instructions

Total Payment \$ _____ (A + B)

Check payable to the **WSBA**

Or

Credit Card - Call the Service Center
at 800-945-WSBA (9722) or 206-443-WSBA (9722) to make payment

Please note: Our service provider will charge you a separate, non-refundable transaction fee of 2.5% on all bank card transactions. There is no fee if you print the registration form and mail in your check.

Please scan and email both pages of this form to nhanv@wsba.org or send form and payment to the following address:

Attn: Nhan Vien
Washington State Bar Association
1325 4th Avenue, Suite 600
Seattle, WA 98101-2539

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WSBA USE ONLY: Date _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____