



Tax Law

Foster Swift's tax attorneys deliver timely and efficient solutions for all of our clients' tax needs, including tax planning and litigation. Our team specializes in providing services to a variety of clients, ranging from individuals and small businesses to publicly traded companies and municipalities.

Our tax attorneys achieve cost-effective results by proactively crafting tax planning strategies, appealing and litigating contested issues, and negotiating with tax authorities to resolve disputes when strategically practical. We regularly guide clients through the IRS and Michigan Department of Treasury's informal appeals processes and aggressively defend our clients' interests before the federal courts, the Michigan Tax Tribunal and the Court of Claims.

Foster Swift has been named a Tier 1 firm in **Tax Law** in Lansing and Grand Rapids by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* "Best Law Firms" in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

We also regularly advise our clients on myriad tax issues relevant to their businesses, personal finances and tax exempt organizations, including:

- Federal Taxation
- Michigan Taxation (including the corporate income tax, sales and use taxes as well as employment taxes)
- International Taxation
- Executive Compensation
- Employee Benefits
- State and Federal Audits and Tax Disputes
- Tax Exemptions and Tax Exempt Organizations
- Property Taxation

Areas of expertise:

- Federal, state and international tax and business planning for start-up and growing businesses
- Tax efficient structuring of mergers , acquisitions, and other transactions
- Sales & Use Tax appeals before the Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan Tax Tribunal and Court of Claims

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- Guiding clients through the Michigan Treasury's informal appeals process
- Litigating tax matters before the Michigan Tax Tribunal, Court of Claims, and Michigan Appellate Courts
- Business tax appeals (including the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) and the Single Business Tax (SBT))

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Tax Exempt Organizations

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