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**Practice Areas**

Economic Development  
Tax (International, Federal, State  
& Local)  
Telecommunications & Utilities

**Bar Admissions**

Louisiana, 1980  
Mississippi, 1979

**Education**

New York University School of  
Law, LL.M. in Taxation, 1980  
The University of Mississippi  
School of Law, J.D., 1979  
Mississippi State University, B.S.  
in Accounting, 1976



Bill Backstrom leads Jones Walker's Tax (International, Federal, State, & Local) practice. His practice, for more than 20 years, has been focused primarily on state and local tax matters in Louisiana and on a multistate basis. These matters include tax and business planning, utilization of tax incentives, audits, governmental relations, administrative appeals, judicial appeals, and legislative issues. In addition to Mr. Backstrom's state and local tax practice, he also handles controversy matters before the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Backstrom is a Board Certified Tax Specialist in Louisiana and is a frequent lecturer and author on a variety of tax topics, including all aspects of Louisiana state and local taxation, as well as state and local tax issues relating to multistate and multinational operations. Mr. Backstrom has lectured at programs presented by the Committee on State Taxation (COST), the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants/The Florida Bar, the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Tax Executives Institute, Inc., the Institute of Professionals in Taxation (IPT), and professional education providers. Mr. Backstrom also developed and teaches the State and Local Tax Course in the Graduate Accounting Program (Taxation Specialization) at the University of New Orleans. He currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief, as well as co-author, for the Louisiana Chapter of the *Property Tax Deskbook*, which is published annually by the State and Local Tax Committee of the American Bar Association's Section on Taxation. He also is the Louisiana correspondent for *State Tax Notes* (Tax Analysts) and is a contributing author to COST's *State Tax Report*.

Mr. Backstrom is a member of the Advisory Board of the Paul J. Hartman Memorial State and Local Tax Forum, the Advisory Board of Tax Analysts' State Tax OneDisc, and the Executive Committee of the National Association

of State Bar Tax Sections.

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### Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2008 (Copyright 2007 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the area of Tax Law (listed annually since 2003)
  - Listed in the 2008 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Tax (also listed in 2007)
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### Presentations

- "Vexing Issues with Mergers and Acquisitions"  
2008 Sales Tax Conference and Audit Session, Austin, Texas, February 27, 2008
  - "Advanced Sales and Use Tax in Louisiana"  
Kenner, Louisiana, October 30, 2007
  - Lorman Education Services – Continuing Education Seminars  
Hotel InterContinental New Orleans, April 24, 2007
  - "Louisiana State Tax Developments"  
2007 Hartman SALT Conference, 2007
  - "Global Technology and Intellectual Property"  
Georgetown University State and Local Tax Institute at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., May 17, 2002
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### Publications

- "Nonresident REIT Shareholder Held to Be Subject to Louisiana Tax"  
*State Tax Notes*, June 6, 2005
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### Memberships

- American Bar Association (Member, Section on Taxation, Committee on State and Local Taxes)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, Section on Taxation)
- The Mississippi Bar (Member, Section on Taxation)