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**Practice Areas**

Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

Economic Development

State & Local Tax

State & Local Tax Resource Center

Tax & Estates

Tax & Fiduciary Litigation

Tax Policy

Telecommunications & Utilities

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**Bar Admissions**

Louisiana, 1980

Mississippi, 1979

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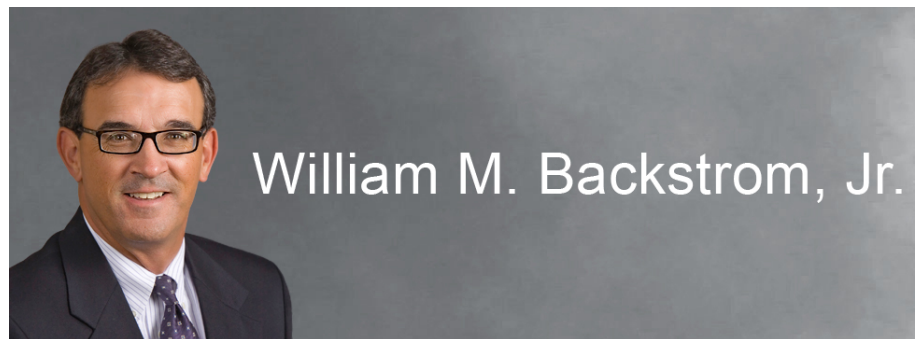
**Education**

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

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Bill Backstrom leads the firm's Tax & Estates Practice Group. His practice, for more than 25 years, has 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 and business incentives, audits, government relations, administrative appeals, judicial appeals, and legislative matters.

Mr. Backstrom is a Board-Certified Tax Specialist as certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. He 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 New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Georgetown University Law Center Continuing Legal Education, the Tulane University Law School Tax Institute, the American Bar Association Section on Taxation (State and Local Tax Committee), the Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT), the Paul J. Hartman Memorial State and Local Tax Forum, the Council on State Taxation (COST), the National Multistate Tax Symposium, the Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA), the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Houston and New Orleans Chapters of Tax Executives Institute, Inc. (TEI), and the American Petroleum Institute.

Mr. Backstrom also developed and taught the State & Local Tax course in the Graduate Accounting Program (Taxation Specialization) at the University of New Orleans. He currently serves as a 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 of Taxation.

He also 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 the National Multistate Tax Symposium, and the IPT.

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### Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Litigation & Controversy - Tax and Tax Law (listed annually since 1995)
- Named New Orleans "Best Lawyers Tax Law Lawyer of the Year" 2011
- Named a "Top 10 State Tax Lawyer" by *State Tax Notes* (2011)
- Recognized in "*Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*" in the area of Corporate/M&A: Tax (also listed in 2010)
- Listed in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Tax (listed annually since 2007)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

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### Presentations

- "Louisiana State & Local Tax for Texans"  
Magnolia Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 13, 2011
- "Louisiana State & Local Tax for Texans"  
September 23, 2010
- "Louisiana State & Local Taxes for Texans"  
The Houston Club, Houston, Texas, September 17, 2009
- "Advanced Sales and Use Tax in Louisiana"  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 12, 2008
- "Advanced Sales and Use Tax in Louisiana"  
New Orleans, Louisiana, October 30, 2008
- "Advanced Sales and Use Tax in Louisiana"  
Lafayette, Louisiana, September 18, 2008
- "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

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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 and Vice-Chair, 2009–2010,  
Section of Taxation, Committee on State and Local Taxes)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, Section of Taxation)
- The Mississippi Bar (Member, Section of Taxation)