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Keith Blum is a Partner and member of the firm's Business, Finance & Tax Team, resident in its Miami office. Keith advises clients on a wide range of tax, transactional, business and private wealth matters. These representations involve counseling of corporate, private wealth and other clients in tax and non-tax aspects of transactions, investments and other planning matters. Keith's practice includes: structuring and negotiating complex taxable and tax-free mergers and acquisitions; family office formations, operations and transactions; business organizations and operations; restructurings; equity financings; fund formations, operations and transactions; joint ventures; and other strategic alliances. His practice further includes tax-exempt entity formation, operations, and governance. Keith also supports litigators in matters relating to tax, accounting, auditing, and corporate governance, and has participated in a number of high profile corporate forensic investigations.

Education

LL.M. in Taxation, University of Miami School of Law
J.D., Stetson University College of Law
M.S. in Accounting, University of Florida
B.S. in Accounting, University of Florida

Bar Admissions

Florida
U.S. Tax Court

Practice Teams

Business, Finance & Tax

Practice Areas

Corporate
Family Office
Fund Formation
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity & Venture Capital
Securities & Capital Markets
Taxation

Representative Matters

- Advised casino resort operator on tax matters related to its international tax structure.
- Counseled South Florida premier shopping mall owner & operator in joint venture with two international shopping mall developers and operators in connection with the development of a large high-end retail mall in downtown Miami.
- Launched new family offices for several high-net-worth individuals in the global entertainment and corporate areas, designing tax-optimal structures to accommodate changing circumstances.
- Advised the private equity group of a Wall Street investment bank on the tax and non-tax aspects of the acquisition of an interest in a joint venture between several sports teams for the provision of sports related services and concessions.
- Advised cannabis logistics operator on tax planning in respect of its development and operation of its cannabis distribution and logistics business and its ultimate sale.
- Advised movie and television production company owned by two legendary producers/director in its restructuring.
- Advised \$20 billion private equity fund in various fund formations, seeding transactions, portfolio company acquisitions/divestures and other transactional matters.
- Advised a large tax-exempt professional society in connection with its merger with another similar tax-exempt professional society to create the United States' largest professional society in such industry.
- Advised group of broker-dealers in connection with their acquisition in an investment advisor roll-up transaction.
- Advised a variety of investment companies in the sale of portfolio companies to financial and strategic buyers.
- Advised South Florida based real estate company in connection with tax planning of development of low-basis high-appreciation real property.

Awards & Honors

- Recognized by Best Lawyers in America (published by BL Rankings LLC), Tax Law, (2023 – 2024).
- Recognized by The Legal 500 U.S., US Taxes: Contentious (2018 – 2019).

Community Activities / Associations

- Miami Children's Museum, Gala Committee (2024)

In the News

Law360 Features Keith J. Blum in, "Pillsbury Wealth Ace Jumps To Berger Singerman In Miami"
May 30, 2024

Berger Singerman Bolsters Its Tax & Family Office Practice Areas With Addition of Keith J. Blum
May 23, 2024

Publications

Co-Author, The S Corporation Answer Book, Ninth Edition, with Michael Kosnitzky, Sydney S. Traum

Co-Author, S Corporation: Planning and Operation, Ninth Edition

Events & Speaking Engagements

“S Corp Redemptions: Characterization, Tax Consequences, Application of Sections 302 and 301,” Strafford
Webinar

May 11, 2023

Prior Affiliations

- Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
- Boies Schiller Flexner LLP
- McDermott, Will & Emery LLP
- Geiger, Kasdin, Heller, Chames, Kuperstein & Weil, P.A.