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PROFILE

Brian Simmons, partner, joined Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs in February 2020. He has more than 30 years of experience advising entrepreneurs, privately held businesses, and high net worth individuals on a wide range of tax planning and business matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Brian was a partner at a large regional accounting firm. Brian has also practiced law for several years and has also served as Chief Financial Officer for a national consulting firm. He has extensive experience with the taxation of S corporations, C corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts, and tax-exempt organizations. Brian also regularly represents clients in tax audits and disputes before the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies.

SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE

- Tax planning and compliance for businesses and individuals
- Resolution of tax controversies
- Complex estate and gift tax planning and compliance
- Trust income tax planning and compliance
- Real estate taxation
- Representation of not-for-profit and tax-exempt organizations regarding operational and compliance issues
- Employee benefits

INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)
- State Bar of Michigan (SBM), Taxation, Business Law, and International Sections
- Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA), Taxation Committee Former Chairperson, Employee Benefits Committee, and Probate, Estate and Trust Law Committee
- Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metropolitan Detroit (FEPAMD)
- Karmanos Cancer Institute, Planned Giving Advisory Committee
- Walsh College Masters in Taxation Program, Former adjunct professor
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rated attorney

EDUCATION

Indiana University School of Law (Bloomington, IN)
Juris Doctor (cum laude)

Alma College (Alma, MI)

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (magna cum laude)