

# Shane T. Hamilton\*

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Shane Hamilton has represented tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations in connection with their federal tax and nonprofit governance matters for over two decades, including family- and company-sponsored private foundations, publicly supported charities, private schools, churches and religious organizations, supporting organizations, charitable trusts, social welfare organizations, and trade associations. He regularly counsels tax-exempt organizations on a wide range of matters involving nonprofit corporate law, governance best practices, obtaining and maintaining federal tax-exempt status, UBIT, excess benefit transactions (intermediate sanctions), private foundation excise taxes, and other legal requirements applicable to tax-exempt organizations.



In addition to advising tax-exempt clients on their tax and legal issues, he offers clients practical advice on navigating the challenges presented when business or mission-oriented goals conflict with the tax laws. Over the years, Mr. Hamilton has also served as outside general counsel for many different organizations.

Mr. Hamilton has helped a variety of tax-exempt organizations resolve tax controversies at the audit stage, at IRS Appeals, through closing agreements, and in court. When the stakes are high, Mr. Hamilton teams with other law firms as co-counsel in litigation matters and criminal tax investigations. He has served as co-counsel in various complex internal investigation, criminal, and litigation matters involving tax-exempt organizations and their principals. While attending the University of Virginia School of Law, he served as an Executive Editor and the Tax Cite Editor of the *Virginia Tax Review*. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia.

**Rankings and Recognition:** *The Best Lawyers in America*: Tax Law: 2012 - present

## Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1997  
M.A. (English), University of Virginia, 1997  
B.A. (Economics), University of Virginia, 1993

## Bar Admissions

Virginia, 1997  
District of Columbia, 1998  
Texas, 2012

## Federal Court Admissions

U.S. Tax Court  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

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