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OVERVIEW

With a sharp business focus born of his years in-house, Kal negotiates tirelessly for clients and strategically develops creative tax solutions at all stages of the business lifecycle. He practices from Fairfield County, Connecticut as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Kal has broad experience across the spectrum of federal income tax law. His practice focuses on complex tax structuring and the tax aspects of business transactions. He regularly advises on corporate and partnership tax matters, including public and private U.S. and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic investments, spinoffs, refinancings, leveraged buyouts, bankruptcy-related and other restructuring matters, and tax audits.

He counsels asset managers, family offices, tax-exempt organizations, and corporate clients on tax planning matters. These include issues arising from equity and debt investments, alternative investment products, qualified small business stock (QSBS) investments, private credit, real estate investments, changes to capital structures, financing transactions, tax credit transfers, and international tax matters. In addition, Kal advises onshore and offshore private equity funds, hedge funds, venture capital funds, and deal sponsors on an array of fund formation and structuring issues, capital raises, carry and fee waivers, management company tax matters, and the ongoing operation of U.S. and non-U.S. investment vehicles.

Industry

Food Systems

Services

Private Equity

Tax

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Kal's goal is always to find the most tax-efficient approach possible, and he has created tailored and bespoke tax solutions for his clients.

After beginning his legal career at another firm, Kal served as senior tax counsel at a diversified conglomerate, later moving to a hedge fund. His six years in-house gave him a solid business perspective, and he now views client matters through a lens of how tax issues will impact the overall business. He readily understands the magnitude of the matters he works on, and he instinctively knows what questions to ask.

Missing the opportunity to support a variety of clients and collaborate with a deep bench of attorneys, Kal joined Husch Blackwell in 2024, but his time in-house continues to influence his practice. Clients appreciate his strong commercial focus, his creative and analytical strategies, and his solutions-focused approach.

Experience

- Served as counsel to KEY Investment Partners and its affiliates in the acquisition of Dixie Elixirs and Mary's Medicinals brands and related assets out of receivership.
- Advised client on the sale of its asphalt contractor business to private equity fund for \$145 million.
- As in-house tax counsel to diversified conglomerate, advised on the sale of railcar leasing and repair company in a deal valued at \$1.75 billion.
- As in-house tax counsel, spearheaded and devised bespoke structure for a complex major buyback transaction of retail holding company for a combination of \$750 million in cash and mandatory convertible preferred stock.
- Advised one of world's leading asset management companies on the sale of a portfolio of 33 private equity access funds with approximately \$2.5 billion in invested assets to alternative investing platform company.
- Represented global leader in financial services technology in the sale of a majority stake of its global consulting organization to private investment firm for \$477 million.
- Advised private equity fund on a \$71 million four-tranche investment in Canadian alternative fuel company.

Experience

- Advised on a joint venture between a multi-family office and financial advisor, a financial services executive, and global hedge fund.
- Represented leading Swiss insurance company in acquisition of 19 Latin American travel assistance providers.
- Advised Canadian retail business group in \$250 million acquisition of American online shopping company.

Education

- LL.M., New York University School of Law
 - Taxation
- J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
 - *UCLA Law Review*
- B.S., Tufts University
 - *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut
- California

*Kal works remotely and is licensed in Connecticut, practicing in Fairfield County, CT. Contact Kal via email or phone for in-person or virtual meetings. Use the Los Angeles office address for mail/deliveries only.