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AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- + Federal Income Taxation Planning and Controversy
- + Texas Margin Tax and Sales Tax Planning and Controversy
- + Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

EDUCATION

- + J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1992
- + B.B.A., with honors, Accounting, The University of Texas at Austin, 1986

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

- + 2009 Recipient of The Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award as presented by The American Bar Association, Section of Taxation
- + Honored by the American Society of Women Accountants as regional winner of the 2007 Balance Award
- + Recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America® 2012, as published by Woodward/White, Inc. (2007-2012)
- + Recognized by Law & Politics and *Texas Monthly* magazine as a Texas Super Lawyer in the area of Tax Law (2003-2011)
- + Listed by *Scene in SA* magazine as one of San Antonio's Best Tax Law Attorneys (2004-2011)
- + American Bar Association, Tax Section
 - Committee on Appointments to the Tax Court, Chair
 - Court Procedure and Practice Committee, Member
 - Pro Bono Committee, Vice Chair
 - Nominating Committee, Member
- + State Bar of Texas
 - Treasurer
 - Advanced Tax Law Course, Planning Committee Member
 - Tax Controversy College, Planning Committee Member
- + Former Adjunct Professor, Our Lady of the Lake University School of Business
- + San Antonio Bar Association
- + American Bar Association Peer Mediation Project
- + Bexar County Women's Bar Association
 - Member
 - Former Vice President, Treasurer and Director
- + South Texas IRS/Practitioners Council, Former San Antonio representative

FIRM RANKINGS

Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison and Tate, Inc. has been ranked as San Antonio's leading Tax Law Firm by Woodward/White, Inc. (2009)

ADMITTED

- + To the practice of law in Texas
- + U. S. Tax Court
- + Western District of Texas
- + Certified Public Accountant—Texas, 1988

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Elizabeth works on all matters pertaining to Federal and State income taxation, both planning and tax controversies. She has expertise in dealing with the Internal Revenue Service at the administrative appeals level and in litigation. Recent United States Tax Court cases she has tried include:

- Sunbelt Clothing Company, Inc. v. Commissioner (taxpayer victory)
- AnnMarie Washington v. Commissioner (government concession after trial)
- Union Ganadera Regional de Chihuahua, Inc. v. Commissioner (taxpayer victory).

Elizabeth focuses on assisting businesses in determining the types of entities that best suit their needs, from the perspectives of tax savings and operational efficiency. She also assists taxpayers with foreign account disclosures and with criminal tax matters.

Her previous experiences include:

- United States Tax Court, Washington, D.C.: Attorney Advisor, Judge Mary Ann Cohen, August 1992-August 1993
- Texas Supreme Court, Austin, Texas: Intern, Justice Eugene A. Cook, 1992
- Ernst & Young, Dallas, Texas, 1987-1989, and San Antonio, Texas, 1985-1987.

Elizabeth helped the State Bar of Texas form the Nation's first statewide Tax Court Pro Bono program serving taxpayers in Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio. The program has been used as a model for similar Bar-based programs throughout the United States.