Jerry August

Jerry August is the Chair, Federal Tax Practice, of the Philadelphia offices of Chamberlain Hrdlicka and a Shareholder in the Firm. Mr. August is a nationally recognized tax lawyer who advises clients on income tax matters, including foreign taxation of U.S. businesses and U.S. taxation of foreign businesses and investors. In many instances he works with corporate and real estate counsel on selecting the proper entity in which to engage in domestic or foreign business or investment operations. He has been involved in structuring as well as negotiating merger and acquisitions, both taxable and non-taxable, joint ventures, financings, workouts and recapitalizations. He also represents clients in tax controversy and litigation in challenging the positions maintained by the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities. He has also worked with the National Office of the Internal Revenue Service in filing private letter rulings or pursuing the competent authority provisions of a particular bilateral tax treaty involving the United States and a foreign country.

His work includes representation of public and private U.S. business entities, including private equity and hedge funds, as well as foreign public and private business entities, funds and individuals. Mr. August is frequently retained by law and accounting firms in advising their clients on tax and related matters as well as in working on tax disclosures required for SEC filings, IPOs and in evaluating issues related to contingent tax liabilities. He also represents high net worth individuals, including non-residents, on both U.S. and foreign income and wealth tax matters, including estate planning.

Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Mr. August was a partner at Kostelanetz & Fink, New York, NY and spent 10 years as partner and co-chair of the Taxation and Wealth Planning Department of Fox Rothschild LLP and worked out of its Philadelphia and West Palm Beach Office. He also was the Chair of the Tax Opinions Committee. Prior to merging with Fox Rothschild LLP, Mr. August was the majority shareholder in the tax law firm of August, Kulunas, Dawson & Siegel, P.A., in West Palm Beach, Florida, which he started in 1988 after serving as Co-Chair of the Tax Department of the Miami-based firm of Steel Hector & Davis.
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Dianne Nast, founder of Philadelphia law firm NastLaw, LLC, has extensive and diverse experience in pharmaceutical litigation and antitrust litigation, and much of her professional career has been dominated by this type of litigation. With over 35 years in this field, she is consistently recognized by her clients and peers as one of the best lawyers in the country.

Ms. Nast serves as Lead and Liaison Counsel in the Generic Drug Price Fixing cases, one of the largest MDLs in the country. Ms. Nast has received a Distinguished Leader Award from The Legal Intelligencer and was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from The Legal Intelligencer.

Outside of the courtroom, Ms. Nast has a passion for helping her community. She was a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Research on Women and Newborn Health and served as President of the Foundation’s Board for ten years.

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