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### PRACTICE AREAS

#### Tax

- Federal Tax Policy & Advocacy
- International Tax
- Tax Controversies
  - IRS Appeals Proceedings
  - IRS Audit Defense
- Tax Planning & Advisory Services

### EDUCATION

- New York University, LL.M. in taxation
- University of Virginia, J.D.
- Princeton University, A.B., Phi Beta Kappa

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York
- Pennsylvania

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Eric Solomon is a partner at Ivins, Phillips & Barker, Chartered in Washington DC. He advises clients on a wide range of transactional, policy and controversy issues. He has more than 40 years of tax experience in private practice and government service. Before joining Ivins, he was a partner and then senior counsel at Steptoe & Johnson LLP, and before Steptoe he was co-director of Ernst & Young LLP's National Tax Department.

Eric served as Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department from December 2006 to January 2009. As Assistant Secretary, he headed the Office of Tax Policy, which advises the Treasury Secretary on matters relating to domestic and international taxation. Eric joined the Office of Tax Policy in 1999. He served in both the Clinton and George W. Bush Administrations. He was Senior Advisor for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) and Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory Affairs) prior to his 2006 Senate confirmation as Assistant Secretary. He led the Office of Tax Policy during the financial crisis in 2008. He has testified before Congress both as a government official and as a private citizen.



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Eric has received numerous awards for his government service. In recognition of his contributions at the Treasury Department, Eric received the Alexander Hamilton Award, which is the highest award for Treasury service, and the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award. He has also received distinguished service awards from the Tax Section of the American Bar Association, the Tax Foundation, the Tax Council Policy Institute, Tax Executives Institute, and the taxation sections of the State Bar of California, the State Bar of Texas, and the Federal Bar Association.

Eric served at the IRS from 1990 to 1996, where he was Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate), heading the IRS Chief Counsel division responsible for corporate tax issues. From 1996 to 1999, he was a principal in Ernst & Young LLP's National Tax Mergers and Acquisitions group in Washington, DC. He began his career with law firms in New York City and was a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath in Philadelphia. Eric received his A.B. from Princeton University (Phi Beta Kappa), his J.D. from the University of Virginia and his LL.M. in taxation from New York University. He was Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation in 2018-2019, and was formerly a member of the Executive Committee of the Tax Section of the New York State Bar Association. He is a past President of the American Tax Policy Institute. He is a past Chair of the Corporate Tax Committee of the ABA Tax Section. He is Co-Chair of the Practising Law Institute conference on Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions and Dispositions, and was Co-Chair of the DC Bar Tax Conference. He is a member of the Planning Committee of the University of Chicago Tax Conference.

Eric is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches a course in corporate taxation. He received the Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award for Georgetown University's graduate law programs.

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Treasury Department, 2006 - 2009

Senior Advisor for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) and Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory Affairs), Office of Tax Policy, 1999 - 2006

Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate), Internal Revenue Service, 1990 - 1995

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

U.S. Treasury Department, Alexander Hamilton Award

U.S. Treasury Department, Distinguished Presidential Rank Award

Tax Section of the American Bar Association, Distinguished Service Award

Tax Foundation, Distinguished Service Award

Tax Council Policy Institute, Pillar of Excellence Award



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Tax Executives Institute, Distinguished Service Award

State Bar of California, Taxation Section, Distinguished Service Award

State Bar of Texas, Taxation Section, Outstanding Achievement Award

Federal Bar Association, Taxation Section, Kenneth H. Liles Award for Distinguished Service

Georgetown University Law Center, Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award

**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

Co-Chair, Practising Law Institute conference on Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions and Dispositions

Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, 2018-2019

Former member of the Executive Committee, Tax Section, New York State Bar Association

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Eric Solomon and Harrison Richards Teach Tax Executives Tax-Free Reorganization and Spinoff Basics
- May 12, 2025  
Eric Solomon Honored by ABA Tax Section, Receives 2025 Distinguished Service Award
- March 5, 2025  
Eric Solomon to Moderate Panel at University of Virginia Tax Panel
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