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### PRACTICE AREAS

#### Tax

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

### EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center,  
1971, J.D.

- *Georgetown Law Journal*,  
Member, Board of Editors, 1970  
- 1971
- Order of the Coif

University of Maryland, 1967, B.S.,  
*magna cum laude*

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Maryland

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Claims Court

Les is both a CPA and an attorney, and he's one of the leading practitioners in the U.S. in the area of income tax accounting and inventories. He has represented over half of the companies in the Fortune 500, as well as the leading accounting firms in the U.S.

Les's practice is concentrated on accounting methods, the timing of revenue and expenses, the valuation of inventories, and capital v. expense issues. More recently, he has devoted a lot of attention to the interaction of accounting methods with the international tax arena (i.e., section 861, GILTI, FDII and BEAT), as well as the application of the new rules requiring the capitalization of R&E expenses. Les is most often recognized for his three-volume treatise, *Federal Income Taxation of Inventories*, published by Matthew-Bender. His work involves tax planning, providing consultations on specific problems, structuring transactions, and the design and adoption of various types of inventory methods. He handles the full panoply of controversies from IRS examinations, to IRS Appeals cases, to litigation. In the tax planning area, one of his strengths is to provide instant assessments of tax issues in the tax accounting area.

In addition to Les's tax accounting credentials, he was a gold medal winner for achieving the highest grade on the CPA examination in the State of Maryland. He also finished second in the State of Maryland on the Bar exam. Upon graduation from Georgetown University Law Center, he was the youngest attorney on the staff of the Office of Tax Legislative Counsel, as well as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy of the U.S. Treasury Department. For several years he taught a course in income tax accounting in the graduate tax



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program at Georgetown University Law Center.

He has been recognized as one of the leading tax lawyers by the various rating services, including *Who's Who Legal*, *The World's Leading Lawyers*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*. Les was selected as the Tax Attorney of the Year in Washington, DC for 2020 by *Best Lawyers*. Les has been ranked as one of the five top practicing tax lawyers in Washington, D.C. by Chambers & Partners and has been ranked in the first band of DC's top tax lawyers every year since the ranking's inception. In Chambers & Partners *Global Guide* to top lawyers in the world, Les was ranked among the top 10 tax lawyers in the United States out of more than 10,000 tax lawyers.

#### **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

Office of Tax Legislative Counsel, U.S. Treasury, 1971-1973

Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Tax Policy, 1973

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

*Best Lawyers* 2006 - present

*Chambers & Partners Global Guide* from inception - 2022

*Chambers and Partners USA Guide* from inception - 2025 (Group 1)

*Super Lawyers* 2007 - present

#### **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

American Bar Association, Tax Section, Tax Accounting Committee

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Tax Accounting Technical Resource Panel

#### **NEWS**

- March 5, 2026  
IPB Recognized in Best Law Firms 2026
- March 5, 2026  
Twenty-One IPB Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch 2026 Editions
- June 5, 2025  
Ivins Attorneys Recognized in Chambers USA 2025



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- May 30, 2025  
Thirteen IPB Attorneys Included in Super Lawyers 2025
- November 7, 2024  
IPB Recognized in Best Law Firms 2025
- August 15, 2024  
Twenty-Two IPB Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch 2025 Editions
- June 18, 2024  
2024 Chambers USA Guide Recognizes Four IPB Partners Individually and the Tax and Benefits Practices