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Bucky Brannen advises clients on ways to reduce state and local taxes (SALT) in every phase of business. He helps negotiate pre-investment economic incentives, structure operations to minimize tax, manage audits and dispute assessments and property tax valuations, and facilitate growth through tax-efficient restructurings, acquisitions and dispositions.

Regarding economic development tax incentives, Bucky has advised on many of the largest tax incentives packages in Texas history — frequently developing novel solutions to optimize economic benefits while ensuring a positive, long-term partnership with the local community.

Bucky's SALT practice is truly national. He has experience with all types of state and local taxes nationwide, including taxes on sales, property, income, gross receipts, severance and motor fuels. In addition, he regularly advises on multi-state operations.

Industries

[Energy](#)

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Practices

[Corporate & Securities](#)

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Credentials

Education

- New York University School of Law, L.L.M., Taxation, 2012
- St. Catharine's College, University of Cambridge, J.D., 2011, *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*
- Austin College, B.A., 2008, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

The Legal 500 United States

- Tax – US Taxes: Non-Contentious, 2024

ALM Media Properties

- *Texas Lawyer*, Texas Legal Awards, Rising Star, 2023

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation*, State & Local Tax, 2024

Resources

Updated Texas Property Tax Incentives Program Adds New Wrinkles

Article

Publications & Speeches

- "State and Local Tax Implications of Renewable Investments," State Bar of Texas Tax Section's Inaugural Renewable Energy Tax Conference, January 25, 2024
- "State and Local Taxes in M&A," Dallas Bar Association's Tax Section Meeting, October 2, 2023
- "House Bill 5 – Property Tax Incentives with School Districts," Texas Comptroller's Annual Briefing, September 26, 2023
- "Updated Texas Property Tax Incentives Program Adds New Wrinkles," Bloomberg, June 22, 2023
- "Texas Tax Developments," Council on State Taxation – Southwest/West Regional State Tax Seminar, August 16, 2022
- "Time Is Running Out: The Sunset of Texas' Chapter 313," Bloomberg, March 7, 2022
- "SALT Roundtable," TEI-Houston, September 21, 2021
- "Texas Tax Talk: Planning for Property Tax Break's Sunset," Law360, July 8, 2021
- "Texas Tax Talk: Development Bill Needs Bilateral Buy-In," Law360, March 5, 2021
- "Why Texas Developers Should Monitor School Tax Changes," Law360, September 10, 2020
- "Top 10 Non-Texas State Tax Cases," State Bar of Texas Annual Comptroller Briefing, November 20, 2019

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- "Maximizing Benefits Under Texas' Most Valuable (and Complex) Tax Incentive Program," Bloomberg, July 11, 2018.