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Joe joined the firm in 1986 and became a director in 1997. As one of the firm's tax specialists on a variety of corporate, partnership and individual tax issues, Joe advises business owners and their key executives on tax compliance, transaction and business structuring, as well as strategic business and management consultation across a number of industry sectors. When necessary, he also represents taxpayers in matters involving the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

Joe has significant expertise in a variety of highly-specialized tax services. In addition to helping clients with these matters, he has authored blogs on manufacturing tax credits, year-end tax planning topics, alternative minimum tax and tax basis issues related to pass-through entities (S Corporations and LLCs).

INDUSTRIES

Law Firms and Lawyers
Manufacturing and Distribution

SERVICES

Tax Services
Wealth Management Services

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Illinois CPA Society

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- Certified Public Accountant
- Illinois Life and Health Insurance License
- Series 65 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination

HONORS & AWARDS

Elijah Watt Sellers Award, AICPA

EDUCATION

- B.S., *with honors*, Accounting, University of Illinois at Chicago
- M.S., with distinction, Taxation, DePaul University

PROACTIVE

Joe continually looks for new ways to leverage technology and to help his clients improve their bottom lines. Widely respected for implementing innovative solutions, Joe's philosophy includes finding multiple potential solutions to finite challenges and then walking his clients through the pros and cons of each option to help them to choose the best path based on their goals. This approach has helped his clients achieve greater operational efficiencies, reductions in tax liability and enhanced profitability.

At the office, Joe also plays a significant role in coaching and mentoring staff so that they can develop into the firm's future leaders and directors.

OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE

When time permits, Joe enjoys travelling outside of the Chicago area to visit the many Waffle Houses throughout the U.S.

BLOGS

- *Illinois Restaurant Association's Update on "Happy Hour" Law*
- *Payroll Tax Happy Hour!*

CLIENT ALERTS

- *Illinois Estimated Tax Payment Rules for 2020*