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BIOGRAPHY

Partner Scott H. Novak concentrates his practice on tax law, with a focus on tax controversy, trusts and estates, planning and transactional tax matters.

Scott routinely handles income, federal, state, foreign and employment tax issues on behalf of individuals and businesses in a broad range of industries. His years of experience has enabled him to manage virtually all tax-involved matters ranging from non-filing issues to unreported accounts, sale of businesses and business assets, unpaid employment tax liabilities, state sales tax audits, settlements with the IRS and state tax authorities, delicate audits and tax issues, estate planning, special needs trusts, estate probate and administration and much more.

Scott's diverse career has provided him with an unusual combination of expertise, compassion, direct business experience and negotiating skills that uniquely positions him to understand all facets of individuals' and companies' issues to provide the holistic and practical advice and solutions needed for today's complex and confusing tax laws.

Prior to joining Scarinci Hollenbeck, Scott practiced tax law at Post Polak, P.A. as Of Counsel, previously practicing as a solo attorney with a tax law practice in Hackensack. He has worked as a tax lawyer at Price Waterhouse and MetLife. In addition, Scott has a wealth of experience speaking in the areas of tax law, structured settlements, environmental structured settlements, annuities, investments and insurance. He has written numerous articles and provided many continuing education seminars for the legal, accounting and investment communities. He served as an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Outside of his law practice, Scott has been a senior executive responsible for marketing and business development at MetLife, Seligman Advisors (a mutual fund company) and was National Marketing Director for EPS Settlements (a structured settlement company). In addition, he has been a life insurance

investment producer, having been fully licensed to sell those products. He worked as a lighting technician on many movies, television shows and commercials in New York and has owned a cafe.

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law (LL.M., 1989)
- Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D., 1984)
- Fairleigh Dickinson University (B.S. in Accounting, *magna cum laude*, 1981)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- United States Tax Court

AFFILIATIONS

- Bergen County Bar Association Tax Committee, Co-chair
- IATSE Local 52, Member, former Board member
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member, Tax Section
- New York State Bar Association, Member, Tax Section
- Essex County Bar Association, Member, Tax Section
- American Bar Association, Member, Tax Section
- Montclair Early Childhood Corporation (former Chairman)
- Fairleigh Dickinson University (Adjunct professor)