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Mr. Peterson is Of Counsel at Carrington Coleman. His practice consists principally of corporate and tax matters.

His corporate representation has involved representing public companies, established privately-owned businesses and entrepreneurs in a wide variety of industries, with a particular emphasis on growing middle market companies, with a broad range of corporate and business law issues. He has assisted clients at every stage of development and growth, including selecting and forming the appropriate entity for the business, obtaining seed money and growth capital, securing appropriate office or manufacturing locations or satisfying other real estate needs, developing and implementing successful growth and exit strategies, which have included mergers and acquisitions, strategic joint ventures, and offerings of securities of various types.

His tax representation has included advising both publicly traded and privately held companies on a broad range of issues related to both federal and state tax matters, including planning issues for all types of business transactions, particularly business formations and mergers and acquisitions, as well as some controversy work related to both federal and state tax disputes. A growing area of involvement has been bankruptcy tax issues. Mr. Peterson has also been involved in advising individuals about personal tax issues and issues regarding the best vehicle for their business or family assets.

As part of both his corporate and tax practice, he has advised publicly traded and privately held companies in the design, implementation and administration of qualified retirement plans, health and other welfare plans and executive compensation programs, including qualified and non-qualified stock options, deferred compensation agreements and restricted and phantom stock. He has advised with respect to employee benefits issues in mergers and acquisitions and other business transactions. He has also handled matters involving audits and administrative proceedings with the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor.

In addition, Mr. Peterson has an active charitable tax practice. He regularly handles matters relating to the organization and continuing representation of nonprofit organizations, particularly charities. This representation also involves counseling on a number of day-to-day corporate matters.

Education

University of Michigan
A.B., with distinction, 1975

University of Michigan
J.D., *cum laude*, 1978

Admittances

Texas 1978

Speeches/Publications

Over 65 and Thinking of Downsizing?, Capital Newsletter (March 2009).