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As a shareholder in Reinhart's Tax, Corporate Law and Litigation practices, Sara Rapkin is an experienced attorney dedicated to handling state and local tax controversies, primarily for national companies with a Wisconsin presence. She is a vigorous advocate for clients facing audits involving sales, use, income and franchise taxes, evaluating their position to challenge these assessments, and representing them before Wisconsin tax appeals commissions, circuit and appellate courts.

Sara also has a large practice assisting clients in property tax assessment disputes. She helps manage Wisconsin property tax liabilities, evaluates where challenges are appropriate, and represents clients before the related review boards and courts.

Sara focuses on developing strategic relationships with stakeholders in a wide variety of tax-related organizations, which is instrumental in her ability to successfully negotiate favorable resolutions for clients. Her big-picture perspective extends beyond solving and simplifying complex legal and tax problems; she's exceptionally proactive in collaborating with clients to help achieve their larger business goals.

She is a frequent speaker to the Bar Association and other audiences on tax-related issues. Sara enjoys the variety and creativity that are part of solving complex tax issues, learning about her clients' businesses, and seeing the tangible results of what they accomplish together.

Sara is very family oriented and spends her free time with her husband and children, cheering on their youth sports teams and other activities.

Education

- J.D. magna cum laude, University of Wisconsin Law School (Order of the Coif; Wisconsin Law Review; Articles Editor)
- B.A., magna cum laude, Marquette University



Bar Admissions

Wisconsin

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Tax Court

Practices

- Tax
- Corporate Law
- Litigation

Services

- Appellate Litigation
- State and Local Tax (SALT)
- Tax-Exempt Organizations

Honors & Affiliations

Honors

- "Ones to Watch" by *Best Lawyers in America* (2022)
- Selected for inclusion in Wisconsin Super Lawyers – Rising Stars Edition

Affiliations

- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT)
- National Association of Property Tax Attorneys (NAPTA)
- Wisconsin State and Local Tax Club
- ABA – IPT Advanced Property Tax Seminars Planning Committee



Presentations

- Moderator, "An Exploration of How and When Collateral Estoppel or Issue Preclusion Applies in Property Tax Appeals," [2024 ABA-IPT Advanced Property Tax Seminar](#)
- Speaker, "When the Tax Man Cometh...To Your Local Church, School or Hospital: An Exploration of Recent Trends for Property Tax Exemptions," [2024 ABA-IPT Advanced Property Tax Seminar](#)
- Presenter, "Property Tax: Legislative and Case Law Updates," [2023 Property Tax Symposium](#).