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Kristina E. Somers is a shareholder in Reinhart's Tax, Litigation and Tax-Exempt Organizations practices. She advocates on behalf of clients involved in tax controversy disputes in Wisconsin and other states. Kristina also offers planning strategies to minimize taxes for businesses operating in Wisconsin and those with multi-state operations. Over the course of her career, she has gained significant experience assisting clients in a variety of state and local tax matters including sales and use taxes, income and franchise taxes, property taxes and real estate transfer fees.

In addition to her work on tax issues at the state level, Kristina also handles matters related to federal tax, including [Federal Tax Controversy and Litigation](#) and [Federal Tax Planning](#). She also is an experienced litigator.

Kristina primarily serves clients in the following areas:

- State and Local Tax
- Tax Controversy and Litigation
- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Federal Tax Planning

Education

- J.D., Boston College Law School
- B.A., Yale University

Bar Admissions

Wisconsin



Practices

- Tax
- Corporate Law

Services

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

Matters

- Won case at the Wisconsin Supreme Court, resulting in property tax exemption for a hospital outpatient center and a refund of more than \$8 million to the taxpayer
- Negotiated property tax exemption for a specialty hospital, resulting in annual tax savings of more than \$1 million
- Received a victory for a personal holding company in a significant case where the court agreed that the company's income was not subject to Wisconsin tax
- Successfully negotiated with a Wisconsin Department of Revenue auditor and computer audit specialist to reduce the sales/use tax assessment of a computer services company by 70%
- Obtained a significant reduction in the property tax assessment of a tax credit property, which was critical to the continued survival of a special-purpose entity formed solely to hold that property
- Secured property tax exemption for a daycare facility
- Negotiated reduction of penalty imposed by the Illinois Department of Revenue for late payment of sales taxes
- Resolved Tennessee sales/use and income/franchise tax audits resulting from asserted successor liability
- Obtained Illinois property tax exemption for a hospital facility

Honors & Affiliations

Honors

- *Best Lawyers in America* (Litigation & Controversy - Tax; Tax Law)
- Selected for inclusion in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers* - Rising Stars

Affiliations

- Wisconsin State and Local Tax Club (Board of Directors)



- Tax Section, State Bar of Wisconsin (Board of Directors and former Chair)
- Milwaukee Bar Association (former Co-Chair of Tax Section)
- Institute of Professionals in Taxation
- Wisconsin Association of Assessing Officers
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Authorized to practice in Wisconsin, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, Tax Court and Court of Federal Claims; has been admitted pro hac vice in Illinois

Presentations

- Co-author, "*Wisconsin Corporate Income Tax Portfolio*," published by The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (BNA)