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Michael P. Monaghan, Plante Moran Trust, Clinton Township; Christina Thompson, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing

9:05am Welcome and Introductions

Alexander G. Domenicucci, Seyburn Kahn, Southfield; William C. Lentine, Dykema, Bloomfield Hills

9:15am Washington Update: Current Tax Legislative Developments¹

future budget outlook • trends in U.S. taxation • legislative outlook • prognosis for tax reform Patrick Robertson, FTI Consulting, *Washington*, *DC*

10:15am The Latest with Circular 230¹

overview of the last round of amendments • possible changes/additions • recent disciplinary results, trends in OPR's numbers, and ancillary developments • collaborating with tax professionals to make it more effective • practice by tax return preparers—Annual Filing Season Program Stuart Murray, Internal Revenue Service, *Washington, DC*

11:15am Vendor Showcase and Networking Break

11:30am State and Local Tax Committee: Dark Stores and Property Tax Update²

key developments • practical advice on valuation issues • developments in big box caselaw Andrea D. Crumback, Mika Meyers PLC, *Grand Rapids*; Carl Rashid, Jr., Dykema, *Detroit*; Jack L. Van Coevering, Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC, *Grand Rapids*

Federal Income Tax Committee: International Tax Developments— A Business Community Overview²

navigating international issues in U.S. tax reform • the global tax environment—developments worldwide Caroline L. Harris, U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, *Washington, DC*

Core Concepts: Tax Controversy and Litigation²

examination procedures update and defense strategy
• international civil and criminal enforcement update
and the surprising impact on clients • IRS appeals—
where have they gone? • IRS—CI turns up the heat
Eric M. Nemeth, Varnum LLP, Novi

12:30pm Networking Lunch

1:30pm State and Local Tax Committee: City Income Tax Update—Detroit and More²

Detroit's goals, activities, and enforcement actions
• challenges faced by local jurisdictions under the
statewide City Income Tax Act • jurisdictional
issues to collect and enforce • overview of the
audit, assessment, and appeals process • practical
insights to working at the local level
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Employee Benefits Committee: The Benefits Policy of a Trump Administration²

retirement plan simplification initiatives • the future of the Affordable Care Act • impact on the DOL's new fiduciary rules Don Wellington, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC

Core Concepts: Anatomy of a Tax Attorney's Involvement in an M&A Transaction²

transaction structure • review of transactionrelated agreements • risk allocation with respect to taxes between buyer and seller Ilan Napchan, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, *Chicago, IL*

2:30pm Vendor Showcase and Networking Break

2:40pm Michigan Business Law and Business Court Update¹

proposed changes in Michigan business legislation • caselaw update • primer on business court for the transactional lawyer • business court opinions—how to access them, use them, and what they mean • how to avoid court—a judge's lessons for drafting contracts Hon. James M. Alexander, Sixth Circuit Court, *Pontiac*; James L. Carey, Carey Law Offices PC, *South Lyon*

3:40pm Vendor Showcase and Networking Break

3:50pm An Update on Issues Facing In-House Tax Professionals¹

current state of in-house tax work • insights for outside professionals • what does the future hold?

Kathy Castillo, Guardian Industries Corporation, *Auburn Hills*; Aaron Seth Feinberg, General Motors, *Detroit*; Jay Frucci, Ally Financial Inc., *Detroit*; Michael D. Lax, Nexteer Automotive, *Auburn Hills*

4:50pm Networking Reception