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Wendy is a tax attorney and *Of Counsel* to Bennett, Bigelow & Leedom, P.S. Her practice emphasizes federal tax compliance. Over her twenty-year career, Wendy has advised tax-exempt and for-profit entities, Indian Tribal Governments, and individuals on matters involving tax compliance. Wendy has represented the respective interests of both the IRS (as a former IRS District Counsel Attorney) as well as taxpayers, in administrative proceedings and judicial proceedings before the U.S. Tax Court and numerous U.S. District courts. Wendy's extensive background in IRS policy, practice and procedure has also facilitated valuable tax planning advice for her individual and business clients about their formation strategies and options, as well as their operational policies and practices, for purposes of optimizing their tax compliance and tax-favored opportunities. Wendy has also assisted numerous organizations in attaining their tax exempt status and advises tax exempt organizations on a regular basis.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

American Bar Association

- Section on Taxation
- Health Law Section

Washington State Bar Association

- Executive Committee Member, Section on Taxation, 1995-1999
- Chair, Board of Directors for the Section on Taxation, 1998-1999

American Health Lawyers Association

Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys

King County Bar Association

- *Pro Tem* Judge; Volunteer Attorney for Persons With Aids, *Pro Bono* Panel; Ex Parte Probate Review Panel

Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted

- Board Member, 1991-1998, Executive Committee, 1994-1999
- Board President 1997-1998

Seattle Mens and Womens Choruses

- Board of Directors 1995-2001, Executive Committee, 1996-2001
- Board President 2000-2001

The Point Foundation

- Board of Regents
- Chair, Audit Committee

Nitartha Institute

- Director of Finance (volunteer)

Bailey-Boushay House

- Board of Directors

Make-A-Wish Foundation

- Volunteer Wishmaker

SAMPLE PRESENTATIONS

Washington State Bar Association, “Federal Tax Controversies”- multiple presentation years from 1995 through 2006.

National Indian Tribal Tax Alliance, “Preparing for an IRS Audit” (2005) and “Rights and Procedures Involving Federal Civil Tax Controversies” (2003)

Hospital Finance and Management Association, February 2008, "New IRS Form 990, *The Federal Government's Enforcement and Transparency Initiative.*"

EDUCATION

University of Florida School of Law

LL.M in Taxation – Cum Laude, 1987

Gonzaga School of Law

J.D., Cum Laude 1986, Thomas More Scholar 1983-1986

University of Nevada Reno

B.S., English Literature, Magna Cum Laude, 1982

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

United States Tax Court

United States Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit

United States Court of Appeal, Sixth Circuit