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## **2025 Ohio Tax Conference**

**August 13-14, 2025 at the Hilton Easton, Columbus, OH**

### **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

7:30-8:30 am – Registration Opens & Welcome Breakfast

8:30-8:40 am – Conference Welcome & Program Overview (Regent Ballroom)

- Eleanor Palmer Bailey, AVP & Associate General Counsel, Nationwide Insurance Co.

8:45-9:45 am – Update on Ohio Taxes (Regent Ballroom)

- Income Tax: Sara Goldhardt, GBQ
- Sales Tax: Steve Dimengo, Managing Partner, Buckingham
- CAT: Tom Zaino, Founder & Managing Member, Zaino Hall & Farrin, LLC

9:45-10:00 am – Networking & Email Break

10:00-11:30 am – 4 Interactive & Concurrent Workshops

- Workshop A: Structuring Your Corporate Reorganization to Minimize Tax Consequences (Lilac Room)
  - Seth Moody, Senior Manager, Plante Moran
  - Jeremy Hayden, Partner, Taft
  - Jeff Monsman, Partner, State & Local Tax, GBQ
  - Joel Pangborn, General Tax Counsel, CSX
  - Dave Pryzbojewski, Senior Manager, Deloitte Tax LLP
- Workshop B: AI and other Technology Impact on Tax Offices (Franklin Room)
  - Stephen Palmer, Partner, Plante Moran
  - Bryan Paumier, Indirect Tax Technology Project Lead, Honda
  - Amy Thomas Laub, Director of Corporate Tax, Nationwide
- Workshop C: Sourcing Receipts and Sales – Case and Legislative Update for Sourcing (Regent Ballroom)
  - Justin Cook, Partner, Taft
  - Kyra Horvath, CAT Division Counsel, Ohio Department of Taxation
  - Bill Nolan, Managing Director, National Tax Department, Indirect Tax State & Local, Ernst & Young LLP
- Workshop D: Important Topics in Real and Utility Property Tax Valuation (Juniper Room)
  - Robert Maier, Senior Attorney, ZHF
  - Rick Shapiro, Associate General Counsel, AEP
  - Brian Yungfleisch, Director of Indirect Taxes, NiSource
  - Sara Caldwell, PIT & PUPT Division Counsel, Ohio Department of Taxation

11:45 am-12:10 pm: Buffet Lunch (Regent Foyer)



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12:10-1:00 pm – Lunch Keynote: Frank LaRose, Ohio Secretary of State (Regent Ballroom)

1:15-2:15 pm – 4 Interactive & Concurrent Workshops

- Workshop A: Construction Taxes and Contractor Issues (Lilac Room)
  - John Trippier, Director, Multistate Taxes, Zaino Hall & Farrin LLC
  - Laura Stanley, Assistant Chief Counsel, Ohio Department of Taxation
  - Justin Tollett, Financial Manager, Turner Construction Company
- Workshop B: Manufacturing Taxes Update (Juniper Room)
  - Adam Gray, Tax Manager, Scotts Miracle Gro
  - Hilary Houston, Partner, Vorys
  - Steve Russell, Business Tax Division Administrator, Ohio Department of Taxation
  - Gabe Tomlin, Audit Division Administrator, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Workshop C: Recent Trends, Developments and Planning Opportunities for CPAs (Regent Ballroom)
  - Steve Dimengo, Managing Partner, Buckingham
  - Greg Saul, Vice President of Government Relations, Ohio Society of CPAs
  - Dave Supelak, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
  - Alex Fant, Sales & Use Tax Division Counsel, Ohio Department of Taxation,
- Workshop D: Tax Teaming Between Portfolio Companies and Private Equity Firms (Dining Room)
  - Paige Purcell, Tax Senior Manager, Deloitte
  - Jay Konold, Vice President of Tax, Hexion
  - John Mills, Tax Director, MedVet
  - Raunaq Singh, Tax Director, Rockbridge

2:15-2:30 pm – Networking Break

2:30-4:00 pm – 4 Interactive & Concurrent Workshops

- Workshop A: When the Feds Come Knocking: Legal, Practical and Professional Considerations (Attorney Professional Conduct Instruction) (Lilac Room)
  - Daniel van Hoogstraten, Managing Partner, Amplifire Strategies
  - Bill Nolan, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg
  - Matthew Jalandoni, Partner-In-Charge, Flannery Georgalis
- Workshop B: Navigating the Municipal Tax Terrain (Regent Ballroom)
  - Dave Ebersole, Partner, BakerHostetler LLP
  - Amy Arrighi, Executive Director, Regional Income Tax Agency
  - Stephen Palmer, Principal, Plante Moran
- Workshop C: Midwest Regional Tax Update (Dining room)
  - Mike Merkel, Partner, Plante Moran
  - Mark Loyd, Partner & Co-Leader, Tax National Practice Group, Dentons
  - Jackie Noyes, Associate, Reed Smtih
  - Aziza Farooki, Senior Director of Policy, Council on State Taxation
- Workshop D: Economic Incentives, Developments and Strategies (Juniper Room)



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- Jonathan Drake, Associate, BakerHostetler
- Rita Williams, Director, Business & Economic Development Incentives, Zaino Hall & Farrin, LLC
- John Werkman, Manager of Economic Development, Amazon Web Services

4:15-5:15 pm – Roundtable Discussion with the Ohio Department of Taxation (Regent Ballroom)

- Commissioner Patricia Harris, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Sarah O’Leary, Assistant Tax Commissioner, Chief Legal Counsel and Deputy Tax Commissioner, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Anna Marin Russell, Deputy Tax Commissioner, Ohio Department of Taxation

5:30-6:30 pm – Networking Reception (Regent Foyer)

## **Thursday, August 14, 2024**

8:00-8:45 am – Breakfast (Regent Foyer)

8:45-9:45 am – Legislative Session: Ohio Tax Law Changes Post-Budget (Regent Ballroom)

- Senator Louis Blessing III, Ohio Senate Ways and Means Chairman, Ohio Senate District 8
- Representative David Thomas, Vice Chairman of Ohio House Ways and Means Committee, Ohio House of Representatives District 65
- Representative Dan Troy, Ranking member of Ohio House Ways and Means Committee, Ohio House of Representatives District 23
- Tim Lynch, Policy Director, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Tom Zaino, Founder & Managing Member, Zaino Hall & Farrin, LLC

9:45-10:00 am – Networking Break

10:00-11:00 am – Navigating Tax Credits and Incentives: A Guide for Ohio’s Industrial and Energy Sectors (Regent Ballroom)

- Chris Tassone, Partner, Taft
- Andrew Smith, Senior Counsel, AEP
- John Flis, Associate, Bricker Graydon LLP

11:00-11:15 am – Transition to Workshops

11:15am – 12:15 pm – 4 Interactive & Concurrent Workshops:

- Workshop A: CAT News, Developments, and Audits (Easton E room)
  - Richard Fry, Partner, Buckingham
  - Debora McGraw, Member, Zaino Hall & Farrin LLC
  - Javan Kline, Of Counsel, Taft
  - Ben Waterman, Tax Appeals Division, Ohio Department of Taxation
  - Grant Weaver, Administrator, Business Taxes - Operations, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Workshop B: Real Property Update (Regent Ballroom)



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- Lauren Johnson, Partner, Vorys
- Mike Ringle, Associate, Bricker Graydon LLP
- Kelly Tennant, Executive Administrator DTE, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Matt Hollis, Division Counsel DTE, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Workshop D: Ohio Sales and Use Tax – Review of Recent Updates and Audit Policies (Juniper Room)
  - Bailey Roese, Partner, Dentons
  - Matt Piatt, Senior Manager, Tax Services, RKL
  - Dave Ebersole, Partner, BakerHostetler LLP
  - John Trippier, Director, Multistate Taxes, Zaino Hall & Farrin, LLC
  - Chad Leon, Audit Division Administrator, Ohio Department of Taxation
- Workshop D: Federal Economic Development Update (Lilac Room)
  - Carlos Freitas, Partner, Hull & Knarr
  - David Camerucci, Senior Manager, Sustainability Tax Services, Ernst & Young LLP

12:15 – 12:40 pm – Lunch Buffet (Regent Foyer)

12:40 - 1:30 pm – Lunchtime Keynote: Bill Flick, Managing Director, State & Local Tax, Eisner Advisory Group LLC (Regent Ballroom)

1:45-2:45 pm – 4 Interactive & Concurrent Workshops:

- Workshop A: VAT and Digital Tax Update (Juniper Room)
  - Ted Bernert
  - Nehal Radia, International Tax Principal, Deloitte Tax LLP
  - Alyssa Lyzen, Sales Tax Audit Manager, Victoria's Secret
- Workshop B: Unpacking Ohio's Specialized Business Taxes (Lilac Room)
  - Justin Smith, Excise Tax Division, Ohio Department of Taxation
  - Patrick Waldo, Director, Office of Taxation, Nationwide
  - Scott Stewart, Tax Forecasting and Indirect Tax Director, Duke Energy
  - Justin Cook, Partner, Taft Law
- Workshop C: Direct Pay, CUT and Officer Liability Updates (Easton E Room)
  - Matt Stamp, Director, State and Local Tax Services, GBQ
  - Christine Mesirow, Former Chief of Taxation Section, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Workshop D: Income Tax Update (Regent Ballroom)
  - Adam Garn, Principal, State and Local Tax, Plante Moran
  - Kelvin Lawrence, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
  - Matt Dodovich, PIT Division Executive Administrator, Ohio Department of Taxation
  - David Peck, PIT Division Administrator, Ohio Department of Taxation

2:50-3:50 pm - Federal Tax Update (Regent Ballroom)

- Steve Eckert, Partner, Plante Moran
- Christine Green, Member, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
- Connor Rabb, Senior Director, Tax Policy, National Association of Manufacturers



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4:00-5:00 pm - Optional Ethics Session (Juniper Room)

- Joseph Caligiuri, Disciplinary Counsel, Ohio Supreme Court
- Jeremy Hayden, Partner, Taft