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Louis Vlahos is a partner and leads the firm's tax practice. Mr. Vlahos has extensive experience in corporate, individual and partnership income taxation, and in estate and gift taxation, including tax planning, ruling requests, and tax controversy. He advises clients in connection with corporate operations and reorganizations; sales and acquisitions of businesses; corporate distributions, redemptions, liquidations and spin-offs; shareholder and buy-sell agreements; partnership organizations and transactions; real estate sales, exchanges and operations; executive and deferred compensation arrangements; estate and succession planning, including the transfer of business interests, and estate and gift tax audits; charitable giving; private foundation, tax exemption, not-for-profit restructuring, charitable gift acceptance, and excess benefit issues. He is a frequent contributor to the firm's **Tax Law for the Closely-Held Business** blog and also writes for the firm's **New York Trusts & Estates Litigation** blog.

Mr. Vlahos counsels not-for-profit corporations in connection with reorganizations. He has advised cultural institutions, hospitals and other non-profit organizations on their tax exempt status, corporate restructuring, the creation and operation of supporting organizations (including fundraising entities), the structuring and acceptance of charitable gifts (including charitable trusts), compensation and other excess benefit issues, deferred compensation arrangements, and the taxation of unrelated business income.

In 2016, Mr. Vlahos was selected to serve as a member of the IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). He will volunteer for three years.

In 2011, Mr. Vlahos received the Lawyers Alliance for New York's *Cornerstone Award* for his work on ten corporate and tax matters for Lawyers Alliance clients, including reorganizing the corporate structure of a nonprofit that provides services to a largely homebound elderly population.

Mr. Vlahos also serves on the advisory board for the Long Island Community Foundation. He is a member of the Estate Planning Council of Nassau County.

The Society, comprised of fewer than 1,000 members, brings together alums who have supported Columbia's undergraduate schools, libraries, teams, programs, clubs, and publications, and mentor its students and graduates during the decade or more following their graduations.



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Practice Areas

Tax
Corporate & Finance
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Education

Columbia College
Harvard Law School
New York University School of Law (LL.M.)

Experienced in all areas of tax law, Mr. Vlahos has lectured on subjects such as corporate transactions and tax issues in the not-for-profit community, and has written for various legal publications. He was an award finalist for the 2014 SmartCEO CPA & ESQ *Attorney of the Year*. He was also selected for the *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list (Tax) in 2013-2017. Mr. Vlahos was also named Top Legal Eagle, for *Long Island Pulse* in 2013. Mr. Vlahos was recognized by the Queens Chamber of Commerce as a *Business Person of the Year* (2010) and by *Long Island Business News* in *Who's Who in Tax & Bankruptcy Law* (2008) and *Who's Who in Tax Law* (2006).

Mr. Vlahos received his LL.M. in taxation from New York University in 1993, after he received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1987. He graduated with a B.A. *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia College in 1984.

Mr. Vlahos is admitted to practice in New York State and in the U.S. Tax Court. He has an AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating.