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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Amy is an attorney with a passion for tax and tax efficient planning. She advises individuals and businesses on a variety of business and tax matters, including corporate governance and tax compliance issues, business and farm succession planning, and the negotiation of various commercial transactions. Tax affects all industries, most notably Amy works with the agriculture, manufacturing, distribution, and health care industries. She brings a practical, solution-oriented approach to the complex legal issues present in the formation and operation of domestic and international entities, mergers and acquisitions, and business succession planning. Working closely with clients, their financial advisors, and accountants, she creates and implements tax-efficient structures for business operations and investment holdings that meet the client's goals and objectives. In addition to working with for-profit businesses, Amy also works with nonprofit organizations including public charities and private foundations. She assists with the development and creation of such organizations and provides guidance on obtaining and retaining tax exempt status and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

Amy is also involved in resolving numerous tax controversy matters at federal, state, and local levels. She has expertise in laws applicable to, and policies and procedures followed by, the IRS and state and local taxing authorities. Her experience with tax disputes includes representing clients in tax examinations and audits, voluntary disclosures, and other tax amnesty programs.

Amy's experience includes:

- Developing innovative tax-efficient structures to diminish tax implications.
- Assisting clients with strategic mergers and acquisitions, including asset and equity sales/purchases, spin-offs/split-offs, and various tax-deferred restructurings.
- Representing buyers, sellers, and other participants in acquisitions, dispositions, and other commercial transactions.
- Resolving a multitude of succession planning issues for families and closely held businesses, including facilitating productive discussions and creating complex plans to assure a successful and tax efficient transfer of management responsibilities and ownership.
- Representing individuals and businesses in income and other tax audits as well as assisting accounting professionals with tax audit responses.

Recent engagements have included:

- Structuring the sale of assets of a closely held business to minimize adverse tax consequences to the owners.
- Developing a tax-efficient succession plan that met the client's objectives and goals in transferring their large farm operation to succeeding generations.
- Assisting a nonprofit agribusiness with tax compliance matters and negotiating commercial contracts for growth of the agribusiness.
- Successfully representing a closely held business and its owners before the IRS by negotiating a settlement.

Amy publishes tax alerts and updates that are disseminated electronically to those interested. You can sign up for Ruder Ware's Tax Law Alerts by [clicking here](#).

Amy posts to [The Blue Ink Tax Deductions](#) blog.

EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Wisconsin - Madison (2005)
- J.D. (*cum laude*), University of Wisconsin Law School - Madison (2008)
- LL.M. in Taxation, New York University School of Law - New York, NY (2009)

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association - Section Member: Taxation; Young Lawyers Division
- State Bar of Wisconsin - Section Member: Business Law; Taxation; Young Lawyers Division
- Marathon County Bar Association

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Illinois Supreme Court
- Iowa Supreme Court
- New Jersey Supreme Court
- New York Supreme Court
- Wisconsin Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- United States Tax Court

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Partnership for Progressive Agriculture - Board Member (2016 - present)

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Good News Project - Volunteer (2013)
- UW-Marathon County - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteer (2012 - 2013)
- UW Alumni Wausau Chapter - Board Member (2014 - present)
- YWCA Foundation of Wausau - Board Member, Treasurer (2013 - 2016)
- YWCA Task Force - Member (2014)
- Wausau Curling Club - Member (2014 - present); Rookie Clinic Co-Chair (2015 - present); Golf Outing Committee Member (2015 - present); Volunteer Instructor (2014 - present)

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