

# WILLIAMS PARKER

## HARRISON DIETZ & GETZEN

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
EST. 1925

Mike Wilson practices tax, corporate, and business law handling sophisticated tax planning and tax controversy matters and advising clients on their most significant business transactions. Mike serves as outside general counsel to businesses of all sizes in many different industries.

He is certified as a tax specialist by the Florida Bar and handles federal, state and international tax planning matters. Mike also represents clients during the tax audit process, before the Internal Revenue Service Appeals Office, before the Internal Revenue Service National Office in connection with requests for rulings and technical advice, and before the Florida Department of Revenue in connection with audits, appeals, and ruling requests. Mike also represents clients before the United States Tax Court and the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

Mike advises clients on sales, acquisitions, mergers, joint ventures, private equity and venture capital investments, capital raising transactions, tax-exempt bond financings, credit facilities, business succession, and other business transactions. He also handles corporate governance and general commercial matters.

Mike has been a member of the firm's management committee since 2009, and is the firm's treasurer.

Mike's representative matters include:

- Counsel for sale of \$70 million franchise company to a private equity fund
- Counsel for sale of \$80 million senior housing business and post-sale joint venture, development, and management structure
- Counsel for leveraged acquisition of a \$45 million health care business
- Counsel for sale of software company for \$34 million in cash and stock to a publicly traded company
- Counsel for acquisition of \$40 million senior housing business with multiple campuses.
- Counsel for leveraged acquisition of a \$13 million health care business
- Representation of borrowers in debt finance transactions, including a \$57.4 million credit facility for a health care business and a \$43.75 million credit facility for a marketing business
- Outside general counsel to \$150 million consumer services company with operations in the United States, Europe, and Asia
- Representation of private equity and venture capital funds in business acquisitions and divestitures
- Tax and corporate counsel to family offices



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- Created tax planning strategy for real estate developers to generate significant ordinary income tax losses, and successfully defended the strategy before the Internal Revenue Service and the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation
- Representation of several affiliated taxpayers in settling four-year, \$16 million IRS audit for \$1.9 million
- Representation of conduit borrowers in tax-exempt bond transactions, including a \$350 million transaction for a hospital, a \$38.5 million transaction for a senior housing facility, and a \$23.75 million transaction for a private school

## EDUCATION

J.D., **University of Florida College of Law**, With Honors; Law Review Senior Managing Editor; Gertrude Brick Law Review Prize for Best Note  
 M.Acc., **University of Florida College of Law**  
 B.S., **University of Florida**, With Highest Honors

## PRACTICES

Banking & Finance  
 International Client Services  
 Corporate  
 Tax

## ADMISSIONS & LICENSURE

### Bar

Florida, Board Certified in Tax by The Florida Bar  
 Georgia

### Courts

U.S. Tax Court  
 Federal District Court, Florida Middle District

### Accounting

Certified Public Accountant



## HONORS

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent  
 Florida Super Lawyers, 2017, 2018  
 Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2009, 2011-2014  
 Florida Trend, Legal Elite, 2011, 2014, 2017  
 Florida Trend, Up and Comer, 2010

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Want to Join a Nonprofit Board and Have a Rewarding Experience? Increase Your Odds with Due Diligence (11/15/2018)  
 Equity Incentive Compensation for Management (2/28/2017)  
 A Proactive Approach to Help Client's Businesses Operate Smoothly in Times of Transition (1/10/2017)  
 Foundation Relocation: IRS Confirms Advantages of Domestication (10/17/2016)  
 Management Succession in Family Businesses (5/2/2016)

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

**Florida Bar Tax Section**, Director of the Federal Tax Division, Member of Executive Council, Member of Finance Committee

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**, Chair, Board of Trustees

**Van Wezel Foundation**, General Counsel, Executive Committee, Board Member

**Florida Bar Tax Certification Committee**, Past Chair

**Florida Bar Grievance Committee**, Past Chair, Twelfth Judicial Circuit

**National Association of Bond Lawyers**

**Georgia Bar Association Tax Section**

**American Bar Association Tax Section**

**Sarasota Economic Development Corporation**, Past Board Member

**United Way Suncoast**, Past Audit Committee Member

**United Way of Sarasota**, Past Audit Committee Member

**Center for Architecture Sarasota**, Past Board Member