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OVERVIEW

Robert Starin's practice emphasizes federal, state, and international tax issues and general corporate issues for both US and international clients. He has worked on numerous transactions involving mergers and acquisitions (US domestic and cross-border), divestitures, complex joint ventures, and inbound and outbound investments. He advises public and private corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships on various tax matters, including choice of entity, structuring of international operations, and executive compensation issues.

Robert's practice also emphasizes tax issues arising in the public finance area. His experience includes assisting issuers and borrowers in a variety of tax-exempt financing transactions, including capital projects, revenue financings, and tax and revenue anticipation financings for state and local governmental entities, as well as financings and debt restructurings for nonprofit organizations. He also assists clients with post-issuance compliance matters and advises issuers undergoing tax audits.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Tax in Washington, 2018-2025
- Listed in *Chambers USA* America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Corporate/Commercial Tax
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2016-2021

EDUCATION

- LL.M., New York University School of Law, 1999 *Taxation*
- J.D., New York University School of Law, 1998 *cum laude*
- B.A., University of Washington, 1995 *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 20 March 2026, Washington Legislature Adopts Income Tax and Changes to Estate Tax
- 8 August 2025, Amendments to Section 1202 Tax Exclusion for Sale of Qualified Small Business Stock Provide to Lift to Startups and Angel Investors
- 29 March 2023, Washington's Capital Gains Tax Upheld
- 4 February 2021, K&L Gates COVID-19 Relief Tax Summary
- 22 October 2020, The Capital Gains Rate - Historical Perspectives on "Retroactive" Changes
- 8 January 2018, Tax Reform and Investment Management: Certain International Provisions

NEWS & EVENTS

- 12 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Lightwave Logic, Inc. on US\$35 Million Underwritten Public Offering
- 18 November 2025, K&L Gates Assists Acumen Information Systems on Acquisition by Pine Services Group
- 26 September 2025, K&L Gates Advises CDSG HoldCo on Sale of CRU Data Security Group
- 5 June 2025, K&L Gates Receives More Than 240 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2025 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 6 June 2024, K&L Gates Receives More Than 200 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2024 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 1 June 2023, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 1 June 2022, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 24 May 2021, Chambers USA 2021 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates Corporate Practice, Lawyers Among Leaders
- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide
- 20 December 2019, K&L Gates Advises Beatty Marketing & Sales on Acquisition by Aspen Surgical Products
- 27 August 2019, K&L Gates Advises Kaman Corporation on \$700 Million Sale of Distribution Segment
- 26 April 2019, Chambers USA 2019 Guide Ranks K&L Gates, Lawyers Among Leaders

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Tax

- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Companies
- Public Finance