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Mel Schwarz is partner and the Director of Tax Legislative Affairs in Grant Thornton's National Tax Office. He is responsible for monitoring tax legislative activity for the firm. Additionally, his duties include individual and Subchapter S tax issues, depreciation, and the individual and corporate alternative minimum tax.

Mel has over 20 years of federal income tax experience, including six years on the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, where he provided analysis and technical assistance to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and to other members of Congress in formulating federal tax legislation and policy.

Mel has extensive experience in a range of issues and has represented major companies in public utility, retail, manufacturing and consumer service sectors. He has coordinated and delivered alternative minimum tax planning services to clients at the national level and has successfully advocated client concerns regarding legislative and regulatory developments before Congress, Treasury and IRS officials. He has given numerous speeches and presentations on technical and legislative matters before accounting, bar and other groups, including the Tax Section of the American Bar Association, the AICPA, the Tax Committees of the Tax Executives Institute and the Financial Executives Institute and local TEI chapters.

Education and Affiliations

Mel received his B.A. from Southern Methodist University, his J.D. from the University of Michigan, and his Masters of Professional Accounting from the University of Texas. Mel is a member of the Texas and American Institute of CPAs and a member of the Texas Bar.