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## William J. Wilkins Named Chair-Elect of Nation's Largest Tax Lawyers Group

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WilmerHale Partner William J. Wilkins has been named the chair-elect of the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation, the nation's largest organization of tax lawyers. Stanley L. Blend, a shareholder and chairman of the board of the San Antonio law firm Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison and Tate, Inc., has been selected to chair the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation and will serve a one-year term, to be succeeded by Mr. Wilkins who was chosen to serve as chair-elect.

Mr. Wilkins is resident in the firm's DC office, where he is a partner in the Tax Department. He advises clients on tax and business matters, including tax compliance, exempt organization issues, corporate and partnership transactions, investment structures and federal tax legislation and regulation. Mr. Wilkins joined the staff of the United States Senate Committee on Finance in 1981, and served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the Committee staff from 1987 to 1988, after which he joined WilmerHale.

Mr. Wilkins has previously served in several leadership positions within the Tax Section, including as its vice chair of government relations, its vice chair of communications and as chair of two section committees. He is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. He is also a trustee of the American Tax Policy Institute. Mr. Wilkins is consistently recognized as a top lawyer in his field in *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers of America*.

The [American Bar Association Section of Taxation](#) is the national voice of tax lawyers with approximately 19,000 lawyers nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws, and working to make the tax system fairer, simpler and easier to administer.