

Chamberlain Hrdlicka Continues Expansion in Atlanta, Welcomes New Associates

Chamberlain Hrdlicka welcomes Associates Belinda Be and Austin McCarthy to the firm's Atlanta office. Be and McCarthy will join the nationally recognized Tax Controversy & Litigation practice, composed of attorneys experienced in advising and representing taxpayers before federal, state and local taxing authorities and in all federal and state courts in which tax disputes are litigated. The attorneys are the latest additions to Chamberlain's Atlanta office, which has been experiencing rapid growth in 2021, adding seven additional lawyers to its headcount since January.

Belinda Be

Be defends clients in tax audits, appeals and litigation. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, she managed a case load of workers' compensation claims, defending employers and insurers. Be also has experience conducting depositions of claimants, interviewing witnesses and employers, and leading meetings with physicians to aid in preparing to respond and object to discovery interrogatories and prepare settlement evaluations on behalf of clients. Additionally, she has worked through the discovery process on behalf of her clients requesting production of documents and requests for admissions. Be was recognized in the inaugural edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for 2021. She served as a student-attorney for the Georgia State University Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic and drafted successful requests for reconsideration of returned offers in compromise to the IRS, conducted conferences with IRS appeals officers and obtained 75% tax relief for a sole proprietor. Be worked for the U.S.

Department of Justice's U.S. Trustee Program, which is a component of the DOJ that oversees bankruptcy. In this role she assessed individuals and business entity debtors' disclosure statements, reorganization plans for adequacy to pay creditors and drafted motions and petitions.

Be earned her undergraduate degree from University of California, Los Angeles and her dual law degree and master's degree in business administration from Georgia State University.

Austin McCarthy

McCarthy represents individuals and business entities at all stages of tax controversy. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, he started his legal career with the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel as a trial attorney. McCarthy advised international, corporate and partnership taxpayers on controversy issues regarding tax credit valuations, offshore transactions, private equity and entity structure. He also provided analysis on tax controversy issues involving Section 170(h) charitable contributions of real estate and Section 482 transfer pricing. Additionally, McCarthy has experience working with tax-motivated investment transactions with a local boutique law firm and private investment company.

McCarthy earned his undergraduate degree from Boston University and his law degree from Emory University, where he served as executive articles editor for the Emory International Law Review.