

Jorge Castro Joins Miller & Chevalier's Tax Department

Miller & Chevalier Chartered today announced that Jorge E. Castro, who previously served on the staff of senior Democratic members of both the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means and as Counselor to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), joined the firm as a member in the Tax Department.

Castro joins Miller & Chevalier from Castro Strategies, LLC, a Washington, DC, tax consulting firm he founded to counsel clients on a wide array of policy and regulatory issues.

"Miller & Chevalier is best-in-class when it comes to providing strategic counsel and technical tax advice, and I am excited to continue my practice here," Castro said. "The firm's long tax history and reputation, robust platform, and team of savvy tax lawyers will allow me to offer more resources and services to my clients."

The firm said Castro gained legislative experience serving as the primary tax policy advisor to senior Democratic members of both Congressional tax-writing committees. He served as Senior Counsel and Lead Economic Policy Advisor to Senator John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV), a senior member of the Senate Committee on Finance. He also served as Tax and Trade Counsel to the late Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH), a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. In 2010, Tax Notes magazine named Jorge as one of the top "Congressional Staffers Shaping Tax Policy."

During his tenure at the IRS, Castro directly advised the Commissioner on tax reform initiatives and legislative proposals, and worked closely with senior IRS and U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) officials to advance the

agency's domestic and international objectives. He also collaborated with the Treasury on a variety of priority guidance projects, including the implementation of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

"Jorge's experience working directly with the Commissioner of the IRS will be an invaluable resource to our global clients across the wide array of regulatory, enforcement, administration, and compliance issues they are facing with the agency," said Lawrence B. Gibbs, Senior Counsel in Miller & Chevalier's Tax Department who served as Commissioner of the IRS from 1986 to 1989.

"Jorge brings a deep understanding of government decision-making processes and uses that knowledge in coordination with his technical tax expertise to help clients resolve complex matters in the most efficient, effective ways possible," said George A. Hani, Chair of Miller & Chevalier's Tax Department. "Given his unique combination of legislative and tax administration experience, he has the proven ability to work a bill completely through the legislative process, and then guide clients through the administrative guidance process."

Castro represents the second recent significant hire Miller & Chevalier has made to its growing government relations practice, following the arrival of Loren C. Ponds, former Tax Counsel to the House Committee on Ways and Means under Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX), in late October.

"Jorge is well regarded in the tax policy community, particularly by members of Congress, senior Treasury and IRS officials, and their staffs," said Marc J. Gerson, Chair of Miller & Chevalier's Executive Committee. "Having worked together on Capitol Hill, I am particularly pleased to welcome him to the firm."

Castro earned a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a B.A. from the George Washington University. He is

currently an adjunct professor at the Catholic University Columbus School of Law, where he teaches a course in the Law and Public Policy Program.