

# Joseph Bender Appointed to IRS Advisory Council for Three-Year Term

Washington, DC – February 13, 2023 – Difede Ramsdell Bender (DRB) is pleased to announce that member and co-founder Joseph “Joe” E. Bender has been appointed to the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council. During his three-year appointment, Joe will advise the IRS’s Tax Exempt Organizations and Government Entities (TE/GE) Division.

The IRS Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and addresses matters concerning tax-exempt organizations and government entities with the Commissioner. The Council also provides an organized public forum for discussion of relevant tax administration issues between IRS officials and representatives of the public. The Council proposes enhancements to IRS operations; recommends administrative and policy changes to improve taxpayer service, compliance and tax administration; discusses relevant information and reporting issues; and conveys the public’s perception of professional standards and best practices for tax professionals.

During his tenure on the Advisory Council, Joe will continue his practice with DRB. For nearly 30 years, Joe’s practice has focused on federal and state tax law, the last fifteen of which have concentrated on investments (both leveraged and unleveraged) by tax-exempt organizations including pension funds, university and educational organizations, and medical and religious organizations. Joe advises on various tax issues arising from these investments, including unrelated business income tax (UBIT) and unrelated debt-financed income (UDFI), as well as tax issues involving real estate investment trusts (REITs).

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DRB attorneys hail from highly regarded national firms with the goal of delivering excellent counsel and representation to a select group of clients. The firm prides itself on the decades-long relationships that stem from providing representation that protects and advances clients' interests in an effective and efficient manner.

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