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Preface

COMMITTED TO EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

South-Western Federal Taxation (SWFT) is the most trusted and best-selling series in college taxation. We are focused exclusively on providing the most useful, comprehensive, and up-to-date tax texts, online study aids, tax preparation tools, and research tools to help instructors and students succeed in their tax courses and beyond.

SWFT is a comprehensive package of teaching and learning materials, significantly enhanced with each edition to meet instructor and student needs and to add overall value to learning taxation.

Essentials of Taxation: Individuals and Business Entities, 2017 Edition provides a dynamic learning experience inside and outside of the classroom. Built with resources and tools that have been identified as the most important, our complete learning system provides options for students to achieve success.

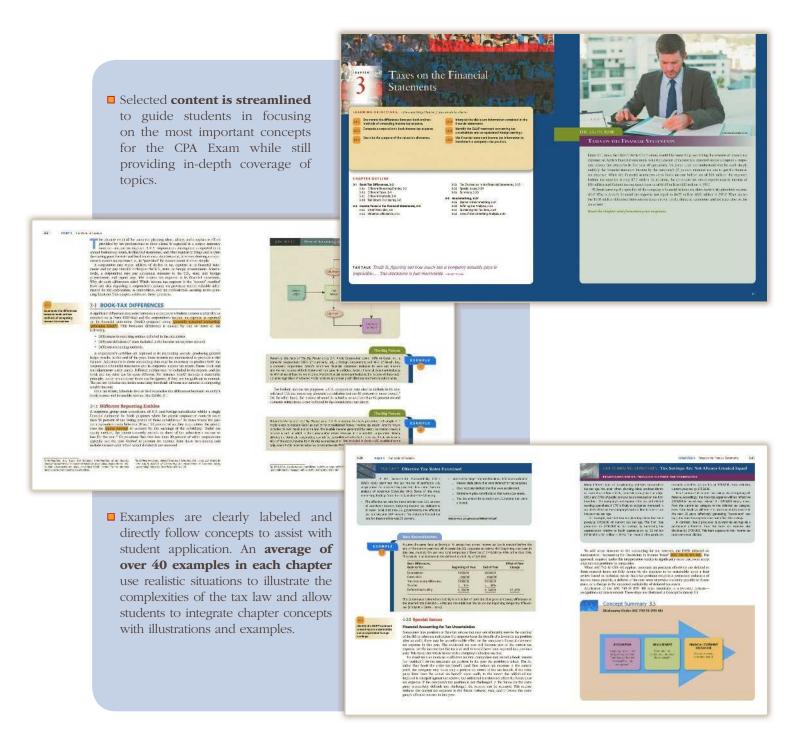
Essentials of Taxation: Individuals and Business Entities, 2017 Edition provides accessible, comprehensive, and authoritative coverage of the relevant tax code and regulations as they pertain to the individual or business taxpayer, as well as coverage of all major developments in Federal Taxation.

In revising the 2017 Edition, we focused on:

- *Accessibility. Clarity. Substance.* The text authors and editors made this their mantra as they revised the 2017 edition. Coverage has been streamlined to make it more accessible to students, and difficult concepts have been clarified, all without losing the substance that makes up the *South-Western Federal Taxation* series.
- *CengageNOWv2 as a complete learning system.* Cengage Learning understands that digital learning solutions are central to the classroom. Through sustained research, we continually refine our learning solutions in CengageNOWv2 to meet evolving student and instructor needs. CengageNOWv2 fulfills learning and course management needs by offering a personalized study plan, video lectures, auto-graded homework, auto-graded tests, and a full eBook with features and advantages that address common challenges.

Learning Tools and Features to Help Students Make the Connection

FULL-COLOR DESIGN: We understand that students struggle with learning difficult tax code concepts and applying them to real-world scenarios. The 2017 edition uses color to bring the text to life, capture student attention, and present the tax code in a simple, yet logical format.



COMPUTATIONAL EXERCISES: Students need lots of practice in areas such as computing tax return problems and adjusting rates. We have developed these exercises to give students practice in calculating the solutions they need to make business decisions.

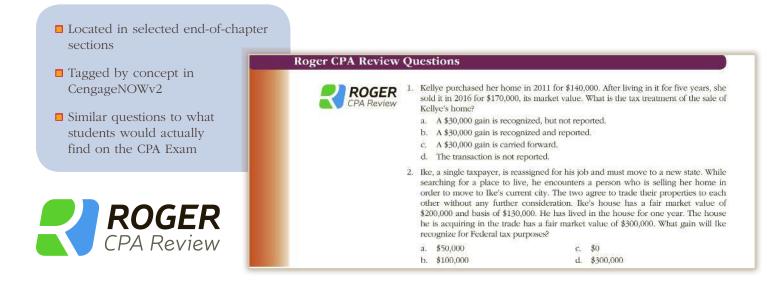
- Found in end-of-chapter section of the textbook
- CengageNOWv2 provides algorithmic versions of these problems

Computational Exercises

- 1. **LO.3** Luciana, a nonshareholder, purchases a condominium from her employer for \$85,000. The fair market value of the condominium is \$120,000. What is Luciana's basis in the condominium and the amount of any income as a result of this purchase?
- 2. **LO.3** Sebastian purchases two pieces of equipment for \$100,000. Appraisals of the equipment indicate that the fair market value of the first piece of equipment is \$72,000 and that of the second piece of equipment is \$108,000. What is Sebastian's basis in these two assets?
- 3. LO.2, 4 Lisa sells business property with an adjusted basis of \$130,000 to her son, Alfred, for its fair market value of \$100,000.
 - a. What is Lisa's realized and recognized gain or loss?
 - b. What is Alfred's recognized gain or loss if he subsequently sells the property for \$138,000? For \$80,000?
- 4. **LO.4** Arianna's personal residence has an adjusted basis of \$230,000 and a fair market value of \$210,000. Arianna converts the personal residence to rental property. What is Arianna's gain basis? What is her loss basis?

ROGER CPA EXAM REVIEW QUESTIONS: While the SWFT series has always

provided the most in-depth coverage of tax concepts, Roger CPA Exam Review Questions are included to further prepare students for success on the CPA Exam.



See how the SWFT series helps students understand the big picture and the relevancy behind what they are learning.

THE BIG PICTURE

Choosing a Business Form and Other Investments

Bill and George are going to start a new business and have come to you for advice on the most appropriate organizational form for the business. They have narrowed the choice to a C corporation, an S corporation, or an LLC but would like you to advise them as to the primary advantages and disadvantages of the different forms. They have an adequate amount in swings to finance the business initially. Limited liability is a signifcant concern as is limiting the amount of taxes paid. Bill and George and incitiopate that the company will loss money in the first two years of operation. After that, however, they expect to cam \$200,000 in before-tax profit and distribute any after-tax profit to the owners. Bill and George are both single, and both are subject to a 28 percent marginal tax rate.

to a 28 percent marginal tax rate. Geograg also is considering investing \$10,000 in a limited partnership. As a way of leveraging the risks and rewards associated with his investments, Bill earlier had acquired a 30 percent interest in a boutique retail coffee franchise outlet. Bill now is considering selling this investment, which has experienced rapid appreciation. Because he is considering cashing out the gain, he needs to know the adjusted basis of his ownership interest.

Read the chapter and formulate your response.

BRIDGE DISCIPLINE BOXES AND END-OF-CHAPTER QUESTIONS:

Bridge Discipline boxes throughout the text present material and concepts from other disciplines such as economics, financial accounting, and finance. They help to bridge the gap between taxation issues and issues raised in other business courses. **Bridge Discipline questions**, in the endof-chapter material, help test these concepts and give students the chance to apply concepts they've learned in the Bridge Discipline boxes.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE INSIGHTS Tax Losses and the Deferred Tax

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THE BIG PICTURE: Tax Solutions for the Real

World. Taxation comes alive at the start of each chapter as The Big Picture Examples give a glimpse into the lives, families, careers, and tax situations of typical individual or business filers. Students will follow the family, individual, or other taxpayer throughout the chapter showing students how the concept they are learning plays out in the real world.

Finally, to solidify student comprehension, each chapter concludes with a **Refocus on the Big Picture** summary and tax planning scenario. These scenarios apply the concepts and topics from the chapter in a reasonable and professional way.

BRIDGE DISCIPLINE Bridge to Investments

Nost investors look to the stocks of utilities, real estate investment tusts, and tobacco companies as the source of steady dividend payments. Alternatively, an investor could put together an effective portfolio using only stocks and mutual funds that regularly produce higher dividend yields. Dividends can be important to the investor because

 They may be attractive in a tax-sheltered account, like a § 401(k) plan, such that the tax inefficiency ("double taxation") of the dividends is not recognized immediately by

the investor

 Generally, a dividend-paying company is a profitable company, and corporate profits often are hard to come by.
 Earning and reviewstig dividends is an eavy way to put into place an investment policy of dollar-cost averaging, a technique that forces the investor to buy more shares when prices are low and fever shares when prices are high. Dollar-cost averaging often implements a contrarian investment strategy.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE INSIGHTS:

Tax professionals need to understand how taxes affect the income statement and balance sheet. **Financial Disclosure Insights**, appearing throughout the text, use current data about existing taxpayers to highlight book-tax reporting differences, effective tax rates, and trends in reporting conventions.

DIGGING DEEPER: Designed to help students go further in

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their knowledge of certain topics, **Digging Deeper** links within the text provide more in-depth coverage that can be found on the book's website at **www.cengagebrain.com.**

DIGGING DEEPER 1

In-depth coverage can be found on this book's companion website: www.cengagebrain.com

TAX PLANNING FRAMEWORK:

To demonstrate the relevance of tax planning for business and individual taxpayers, *Essentials of Taxation: Individuals and Business Entities* presents a unique **tax planning framework.** Introduced in Chapter 1, this framework extends

EXHIBIT 1.3 G	eneral Framework for Income Tax P	lanning
Tax Formula	Tax Planning Strategy	Tax Planning Examples
Income and exclusions	> Avoid income recognition.	Compensate employees with nontaxable fringe benefits (see Example 19).
	Postpone recognition of income to achieve tax deferral.	Postpone sale of assets (see Example 20).

to a series of **Tax Planning Strategies** incorporated throughout the remainder of the text. The inclusion of the tax planning framework, and the planning strategies in each chapter, makes it easier than ever to understand the impact careful tax planning has in today's world.

TAX PLANNING STRATEGIES Property Acquired from a Decedent FRAMEWORK FOCUS: INCOME

Strategy: Avoid Income Recognition.

FRAMEWORK FOCUS: DEDUCTIONS
Strategy: Maximize Deductible Amounts.

If a taxpayer retains appreciated property until death, the property's basis will be "stepped up" to its fair market value at that time. Thus, no income tax will be paid on the property's appreciation by either the former owner (the decedent) or the new owner (the heir). Alternatively, depreciated property should be sold prior to death. Otherwise, the property's basis in the heir's hands will be its declined fair market value, and neither the decedent nor the heir will be able to deduct the loss that occurred while the property was owned by the decedent. **TAX PLANNING STRATEGIES:** The tax planning framework extends to subsequent chapters as **Tax Planning Strategies boxes** that are tied to the topical coverage of the chapters. Planning Strategies often contain examples to further illustrate the concept for students. Because some tax planning strategies do not fit neatly into the framework, the text also provides tax planning strategies called **Thinking Outside the Framework.**

GLOBAL TAX ISSUES: The Global

Tax Issues feature gives insight into the ways in which taxation is affected by international concerns and illustrates the effects of various events on tax liabilities across the globe.

GLOBAL TAX ISSUES Choice of Organizational Form When Operating Overseas

When the management of a corporation decides to expand its business by establishing a presence in a foreign market, the new business venture may take one of several organizational forms. As each form comes with its respective advantages and disadvantages, making the best choice can be difficult.

One common approach is to conduct the foreign activity as a branch operation of the U.S. corporation. The foreign branch is not a separate legal entity, but a division of the U.S. corporation established overseas. As a result, any gains and losses produced by the foreign unit are included in the corporation's overall financial results.

Another possibility is to organize the foreign operations as a *subsidiary* of the U.S. parent corporation. If this route is chosen, the subsidiary can be either a *domestic* subsidiary (i.e., organized in the United States) or a *foreign* subsidiary (organized under the laws of a foreign country).

One fundamental tax difference between these two approaches is that the gains and losses of a domestic subsidiary may be consolidated with the operations of the U.S. parent, while the operations of a foreign subsidiary cannot. Thus, the use of a domestic subsidiary to conduct foreign operations yields generally the same final result as the use of a branch. With both approaches, the financial statements of the U.S. parent reflect the results of its worldwide operations.

TAX IN THE NEWS Who Pays Corporate AMT?

One of the issues often raised in debates over tax legislation is whether the corporate AMT should be repealed. Among the topics discussed are the revenue generated, the related compliance costs, and the number of corporations subject to the AMT.

According to the IRS, nearly 6 million corporate tax returns were filed for tax year 2012. Of these returns, under 12,000 included any AMT liability, totaling over 55 billion. Proponents of the corporate AMT argue that these statistics show that the AMT is being paid by corporations targeted by the law (i.e., large corporations). Opponents argue that the same statistics show that the compliance costs borne by the mass of corporations do not justify the continuation of this tax system. The exemption from the AMT for small corporations may

the exemption non-title available to strate corporations must be providing the needed solution. Large corporations must make minimal Federal income tax payments when the AMT applies. Most C corporations no longer need to compute the tax. **TAX IN THE NEWS:** Drawn from today's business and popular press, **Tax in the News** features enliven class discussions by presenting current issues that illustrate the chapter material and applying them to real life.

In addition, editors offer weekly updates for instructors designed for use in the classroom with links, assignments, and activities inlcuded. See the **SWFT** blog at **https://taxintherealworld. wordpress.com.**

Take your students from Motivation to Mastery with CengageNOWv2



CengageNOWv2 is a powerful course management tool and online homework resource that elevates student thinking by providing superior content designed with the entire student workflow in mind.

- **MOTIVATION:** engage students and better prepare them for class
- **APPLICATION:** help students learn problem-solving behavior and skills in order to complete taxation problems on their own
- **MASTERY:** help students make the leap from memorizing concepts to actual critical thinking

Motivation -

Many instructors find that students come to class unmotivated and unprepared. To help with engagement and preparedness, CengageNOWv2 for SWFT offers the following features:

■ **"Tax Drills" test students on key concepts and applications.** With three to five questions per learning objective, these "quick-hit" questions help students prepare for class lectures or review prior to an exam.

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Application —



Students need to learn problem-solving behavior and skills in order to complete taxation problems on their own. However, as students try to work through homework problems, sometimes they become stuck and need guidance. To help reinforce concepts and keep students on the right track, CengageNOWv2 for SWFT offers the following:

• End-of-chapter homework from the text is expanded and enhanced to follow the workflow a professional would use to solve various client scenarios. These enhancements better engage students and encourage them to think like a tax professional.

- Algorithmic versions of end-of-chapter homework are available for computational exercises and at least 15 problems per chapter.
- **"Check My Work" Feedback.** Homework questions include immediate feedback so students can learn as they go. Levels of feedback include an option for "check my work" prior to submission of an assignment.
- **Post-Submission Feedback.** After submitting an assignment, students receive even more extensive feedback explaining why their answers were incorrect. Instructors can decide how much feedback their students receive and when, including the full solution.
- **Built-in Test Bank** for online assessment.

Mastery —

- NEW! Tax Form Problems are NEW to CengageNOWv2. Students can now complete the Cumulative H&R Block Problems found in the end-of-chapter manually in a digital environment.
- "What-If" Questions allow students to develop a deeper understanding of the material as they are challenged to use their prior knowledge of the tax situations and critically think through new attributes to determine how the outcome will change.
- An Adaptive Study Plan comes complete with an eBook, practice quizzes, crossword puzzle, glossary, and flashcards. It is designed to help give students additional support and prepare them for the exam.

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EXTENSIVELY REVISED. DEFINITIVELY UP TO DATE.

Each year the **South-Western Federal Taxation** series is updated with thousands of changes to each text. Some of these changes result from the feedback we receive from instructors and students in the form of reviews, focus groups, web surveys, and personal e-mail correspondence to our authors and team members. Other changes come from our careful analysis of the evolving tax environment. **We make sure that every tax law change relevant to the introductory taxation course was considered, summarized, and fully integrated into the revision of text and supplementary materials.**

The **South-Western Federal Taxation** authors have made every effort to keep all materials up to date and accurate. All chapters contain the following general changes for the 2017 Edition.

- Updated materials to reflect changes made by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 and other Public Laws of 2015.
- Streamlined chapter content (where applicable) to clarify material and make it easier for students to understand.
- Revised numerous materials as the result of changes caused by indexing of statutory amounts.
- Revised Problem Materials, Computational Exercises, and CPA Exam problems.
- Updated *Tax in the News* items with coverage of recent events.
- Updated Chapter Outlines to provide an overview of the material and to make it easier to locate specific topics.
- Revised *Financial Disclosure Insights* and *Global Tax Issues* as to current developments.

In addition, the following materials are available online.

- An appendix that helps instructors broaden and customize coverage of important tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act. (Instructor Companion Website at **www.cengage.com/ login)**
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Chapter 1

- Updated materials to reflect inflation indexation including the unified transfer tax credit and exemption amount, annual gift tax exclusion amount, and FICA base amount.
- Revised and updated statistics about Federal income tax paid by income classes, Federal budget receipts and collections, national excise taxes on gasoline and cigarettes consumption, and Tax Freedom Day.
- Added a Concept Summary on the major types of taxes imposed in the United States and the political jurisdictions that impose these taxes.

Chapter 2

- Updated references and citations throughout the chapter.
- Updated materials on administrative tax law sources and commercial tax services.

Chapter 3

- Updated the discussion of Schedule UTP and current filing statistics for Schedule UTP.
- Revised the computational templates for annual changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities.
- Added citations to certain GAAP rules in accounting for income taxes.
- Added example for ASC 740-10 (FIN 48).

Chapter 4

- Updated references and citations throughout the chapter.
- Reordered topics under specific items of gross income.
- Added cancellation of debt exercises.
- Modified exercises, where appropriate, to have students look up present values in appendix rather than be given the present and future value amounts.

Chapter 5

- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter. Modified materials as needed to reflect inflation indexation changes.
- Moved the domestic production activity deduction materials into a separate chapter section.
- Revised *Tax in the News* feature on executive compensation.
- Revised the materials on related-party transactions and charitable contributions.
- Added a Concept Summary on MACRS (class lives, methods, and conventions), enhanced the exhibit on cost recovery periods for personalty, and revised and updated text and examples throughout the chapter.
- Streamlined material on MACRS special rules.
- Updated materials to reflect tax extender legislation involving additional first-year depreciation and § 179 expense election.

Chapter 6

- Updated references and citations throughout the chapter.
- Changed § 469 references from passive to passive activity.
- Updated *Tax in the News* feature about virtual currency.

Chapter 7

- Added a Concept Summary (and related examples) on the wash sale rules.
- Clarified the discussion of the tax implications of easements.
- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter.

Chapter 8

- Updated qualified small business stock materials to reflect changes made by the PATH Act of 2015.
- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter.

Chapter 9

- Reorganized materials on filing status and related filing requirements.
- Revised and expanded the Concept Summary related to dependency exemption tests.
- Updated for 2016 inflation adjustments and legislative changes.

Chapter 10

- Updated for 2016 inflation adjustments and legislative changes.
- Added new *Tax in the News* features on complying with documentation requirements and the future of itemized deductions.
- Updated scholarship example to illustrate tax effect of cost of attendance scholarship that many student-athletes receive today.
- Updated for inflation and transitional changes to Affordable Care Act provisions.

Chapter 11

- Updated chapter materials for 2016 inflation adjustments and legislative changes.
- Added a Concept Summary on employee vs. independent contractor.
- Revised and clarified examples throughout the chapter.
- Updated the summary dealing with the many tax provisions involving education.
- Updated various retirement contribution amounts for inflation.

Chapter 12

- Added a Concept Summary comparing the tax attributes of various forms of business entities.
- Updated the *Tax in the News* feature that describes ways in which local and state jurisdictions compete to attract new businesses and employers in exchange for tax breaks.
- Added a Concept Summary on Schedule M-1 (Form 1120).
- Updated text to reflect new filing due dates for corporations.
- Updated text and examples throughout the chapter.

XII PREFACE

Chapter 13

- Enhanced and expanded the chapter examples on determining corporate E & P and allocating E & P to distributions.
- Updated Tax Fact feature "Who Pays Dividends?"
- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter.

Chapter 14

- Updated text to reflect new filing due dates for partnerships.
- Made minor revisions, updates, and clarifications throughout the chapter.

Chapter 15

- Updated S corporation filing statistics (including industry type).
- Enhanced and updated material concerning recognition period for built-in gains tax.
- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter.

Chapter 16

- Updated *Tax Fact* on tax rates in selected countries.
- Modified format of Exhibit 16.3 on computing state income tax liability.

Chapter 17

- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter, including changes made by the PATH Act of 2015.
- Updated chapter materials for inflation adjustments and for various computational formulas and amounts.
- Added *Tax in the News* feature on revenues raised by the corporate AMT.
- Revised and clarified text and examples throughout the chapter.

Chapter 18

- Updated data and statistics on number of business entities, their major industries, and profitability.
- Added return due dates, updated for 2015 law changes.
- Standardized uses of the terms *conduit perspective* and *entity perspective* and reorganized materials on these topics.
- Reorganized materials addressing entity effects of single and double taxation.
- Expanded materials concerning special allocations.

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Concerns about income inequity and job creation will keep income tax issues at the forefront of tax-related discussions throughout 2016 and 2017. Candidates and office holders will focus tax proposals on middle-class tax relief and tax increases for the wealthy. Federal tax treatments of income from overseas sources also may be reviewed. While a comprehensive "tax reform" bill is not likely, there will be serious consideration of various proposals, especially involving college tuition relief and the taxation of capital gains.

Congress may consider Federal corporate tax law changes during 2016–2017, including a decrease in the top tax rate and a move toward a territorial system in taxing income from overseas sources. Tax deferrals for unrepatriated global profits also may receive congressional and regulatory attention. Corporate tax reform remains difficult to craft, though, as so many businesses operate using pass-through structures. State and local governments also have budget problems, and they are looking for new revenue sources, including an adoption of the unitary concept and a broadening of the income and sales/use tax bases.

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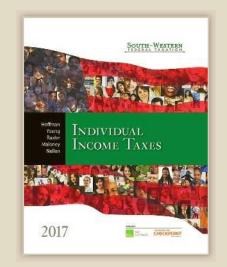
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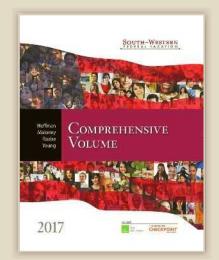
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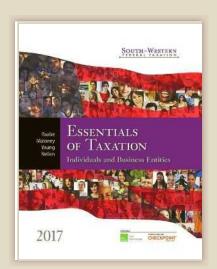
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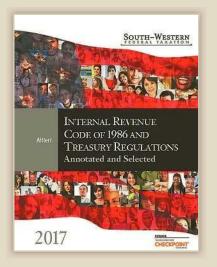
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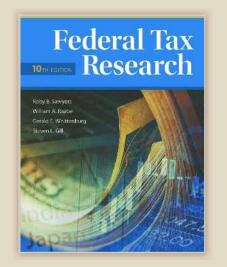
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Part 1 provides an introduction to taxation in the United States. Various taxes imposed by Federal, state, and local governments are discussed. A unique tax planning framework is presented that is applied throughout the book in developing tax planning strategies for both business entities and individual taxpayers. The tax research process, including the relevance of the legislative, administrative, and judicial sources of the tax law, is also discussed. Part 1 concludes with a chapter on accounting for income taxes, as a bridge to materials discussed in other accounting courses and an introduction to the financial disclosure effects of the tax law.

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