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#### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program Services and Compliance International Latin America and the Caribbean Puerto Rico Qualified Opportunity Zones Tax Credits Taxes

#### **EDUCATION**

LL.M. in Taxation, University of Miami School of Law, 2004 J.D., St. Thomas University School of Law, 2002 B.S., Nova Southeastern University, 1999

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Florida

#### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish English





Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez is a Florida Bar board certified tax attorney who focuses her practice in the area of domestic and international tax. She also practices in the areas of corporate tax, exempt organizations, estate and gift tax planning, probate, federal income tax, with a strong emphasis on tax compliance. Additionally, she advises foreign and domestic clients on tax implications of cross-border transactions and advises on structuring and planning to maximize tax benefits under U.S. tax treaties in order to minimize overall U.S. and foreign taxes.



# **AFFILIATIONS (PAST & PRESENT)**

American Bar Association, Young Lawyer's Division- Taxation Section, Vice-Chair; Taxation Section, Member

American Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Member

The Florida Bar, Taxation Section, Member

The Florida Bar, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Member

The Florida Bar, Elder Law Section, Member

Dade County Bar Association, Probate & Guardianship Committee, Member

Dade County Put Something Back Pro Bono Project, Member, 2005-Present

Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America, Education and Communication Committee, Member, 2005-Present

Gulf Coast Area Tax Exempt/Government Entities Council, Council Member, 2006-Present

Junior Achievement, Education Volunteer, 2005-Present

The Education Fund, Education Volunteer, 2005-2009

University of Miami School of Law, LLM Program, Pensions Course, Substitute Professor, Spring 2006

Miami Dade College School of Business, Federal Income Tax, Adjunct Professor, Fall 2010

## **PUBLISHED WORKS & LECTURES**

Law 360, Co-author, "Treasury's Step Toward Global Transparency," June 2, 2016

LISI Asset Protection Planning Newsletter #311, Co-Author, "In re Ferrante: Not Modifying Trust to Comply with Tax Law Creates Bankruptcy Nightmare," November 10, 2015

Dominican Business Advisers, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FACTA) Seminar, Speaker, "FACTA: Recent Developments and Upcoming Deadlines," November 13, 2014



Florida Bar Journal, Author, "Estate Planning for Pets," November 2005 EB-5 Investor Program, Speaker, "Overseas Capital Funding & Capital Raise," March 7, 2012

Nexia International, Presenter, "U.S./International Tax Overview and Update," Panama, February 28, 2012

Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Central Florida Chapter, Speaker, "International Investor Taxation and Reporting Seminar," February 16, 2012

South Florida Legal Guide, Author, "Gifts from Abroad: What Uncle Sam May Need to Know," 2011

Florida Bar Taxation Section, Speaker, "Updates on Partnership Tax," July 2009

-American Bar Association Taxation Section News Quarterly, Author, "Notice 2007-69 Grants Temporary Relief for Plans Needing to Amend Definition of Normal Retirement Age," Vol. 27, No. 2, Spring 2008

Gulf Coast Area TE/GE Council, Speaker, "New Requirements for Tax Exempts Under Section 4965," October 2007

Florida Bar Taxation Section Bulletin, Author, "IRS Extends Transition Relief for Section 409A Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans," June 2007

Practical Tax Lawyer, Author, "What You Should Know About Health Savings Accounts," Summer 2007

Financial Planning Association of Broward County, Speaker, "Estate Planning for Non-Traditional Couples," April 2007

The Florida Bar Taxation Section, Speaker, "Updates on Tax Exempt Organizations," July 2006

Florida Bar Journal, Author, "Estate Planning for Pets," November 2005 EB-5 Investor Program, Speaker, "Overseas Capital Funding & Capital Raise," March 7, 2012

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