

James Pickett

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James Pickett is a Director in Bennett Thrasher's Tax Controversy practice, where he is responsible for helping clients manage their tax disputes involving both field and correspondence audits; post-audit issue resolution, including representation in IRS Appeals; IRS penalty and collection notices; claims; and other tax compliance-related matters.

Prior to joining Bennett Thrasher, James worked for the Internal Revenue Service for more than 29 years, serving in various positions in the three largest divisions of the IRS. During the last six years of his IRS career, he was a Team Manager in the Large Business and International (LBI) Division, where he supervised a team of revenue agents conducting the largest corporate IRS audits throughout several states. At the IRS, James worked in multiple assignments as a Revenue Agent, conducting corporate income tax, employment tax and individual income tax audits. In addition to his extensive compliance experience, he also served in several non-compliance assignments with the IRS, through which he conducted tax training events, helped write and produce various IRS publications, provided IRS assistance to the public and handled media relations.

In addition to his IRS career, he has prior employment experience in the banking, pharmaceutical and consumer product industries. James also held a parallel career as an Army Reserve officer and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 28 years of service.

James is a licensed CPA in Georgia and Alabama. He has been published in a number of outlets, including Industry Today, Current Accounts – The Georgia Society of CPAs (March/April 2019, pp. 12-13), Construction Executive, CPA Practice Advisor and Accounting Today.



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