



John D. Gatti
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John D. Gatti has more than 25 years of experience in business law and the laws of taxation.

Practice Areas

- Automotive
 - Business and Corporate Law
 - Captive Insurance and Alternative Risk Programs
 - China - US Business 中美业务
 - Estate and Trust Planning and Administration
 - Finance
 - International Business
 - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Taxation
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Bio

A Certified Public Accountant as well as an attorney, John concentrates his practice in the areas of taxation, mergers and acquisitions, business law, real estate law, and estate planning. He serves as the firm's administrative partner and chairs the firm's Taxation Practice Group.

John regularly advises business clients in a variety of areas including mergers and acquisitions, business formations, succession planning, real estate, joint ventures and general corporate matters. He has considerable experience representing professional services firms, including accounting, engineering, and architectural firms, as well as insurance agencies, in purchase and sale transactions.

He has extensive experience involving a variety of federal, state and multi-state income and franchise tax issues relating to corporate, partnership and limited liability company acquisitions, dispositions and restructurings. John advises on a wide range of tax issues including Subchapters C, K and S, consolidated returns, income tax accounting, and captive insurance companies.

John currently sits on the Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer for The Guidance Center in addition to

acting as Treasurer and Trustee for the Grosse Ile Township school district.

Prior to joining the firm, John served at a nationally recognized accounting firm specializing in the tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, and provided tax advice to clients in various industries including the automotive, transportation, publishing, food manufacturing, and health care segments.

John has been recognized by *DBusiness Magazine* as a “Top Lawyer” and is repeatedly listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Speaking Engagements

- “704(c) Allocations Contributions of Appreciated Property to Partnerships,” *Michigan Association of CPAs (MICPA) 2020 Fall Tax Symposium*
 - “Tax and Legal Issues For Nonprofits,” *Michigan Association of CPAs (MICPA)*
 - “Tax Implications of Exit Strategies for Corporations, Partnerships and LLCs,” *Michigan Association of CPAs (MICPA)*
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Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
 - American Bar Association
 - Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)
 - Mergers & Acquisition Task Force, Chair
 - Program Curriculum Task Force, Vice Chair
 - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
 - Grosse Ile Township School District, Trustee/Treasurer
 - The Guidance Center, Board Member/Chair
 - Leadership Detroit XL
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Bar and Court Admissions

- Michigan
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Education

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
 - *cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif
 - University of Michigan, B.A.
 - with high honors
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Representative Matters

- Purchases and sales of automotive suppliers.

- Sale of various divisions of durable medical equipment retailer.
- Sale of a food manufacturing company.
- Establishment of joint ventures for manufacturers.