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Timothy Becker Joins Choate's Tax Group

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By HFLR Editor, *Hedge Fund Law Report*

Choate Hall & Stewart LLP recently announced that Timothy Becker has joined the firm as a partner in its Tax Group. Becker has over 11 years of experience advising private equity funds, venture capital funds and hedge funds, as well as their portfolio companies, on tax, M&A and other activities.

Becker's practice includes advising these and other investment vehicles on U.S. and international tax and structuring issues relating to fund formation, operations and investments, as well as U.S. tax issues arising from inbound and outbound investments by funds. See "[Potential Impact on US Hedge Fund Managers of the Reform of the UK Tax Regime Relating to Partnerships and Limited Liability Partnerships](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 7, No. 10 (Mar. 13, 2014); "[Tax Practitioners Discuss Taxation of Foreign Investments and Distressed Debt Investments at FRA/HFBOA Seminar \(Part Three of Four\)](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 7, No. 4 (Jan. 30, 2014); "[Key Hedge Fund Tax Developments in the U.K., the European Union, Ireland, Germany, Spain, Australia, India and Puerto Rico](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 6, No. 26 (Jun. 27, 2013).

Becker is highly experienced in both domestic and cross-border transactions including purchase and sale agreements, financings, joint ventures, operating and royalty agreements, reorganizations, spin-offs and split-offs, mergers and acquisitions and public offerings. See "[Tax Practitioners Discuss Taxation of Swaps, Wash Sales, Constructive Sales, Short Sales and Straddles at FRA/HFBOA Seminar \(Part Four of Four\)](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 7, No. 5 (Feb. 6, 2014); "[Hedge Fund Tax Experts Discuss Allocations of Gains and Losses, Contributions to and Distributions of Property from a Fund, Expense Pass-Throughs and K-1 Preparation at FRA/HFBOA Seminar \(Part One of Four\)](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Jan. 16, 2014); "[Tax and Structuring Considerations for Funds Organized to Invest in Master Limited Partnerships](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 6, No. 30 (Aug. 1, 2013).

Previously, Becker was a partner in the tax practice at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in New York City. See "[Akin Gump Partners Present Overview of Recent Developments in Fund Taxation, Fund Manager Transactions and Hedge and Private Equity Fund Investment Terms](#)," *Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 6, No. 48 (Dec. 19, 2013).

"We continue to focus our efforts on attracting high level senior talent to our team and Tim's broad experience in complex tax and structuring matters makes him an excellent fit for our firm," said Charles Cheever and Bill Gelnow, co-managing partners at Choate. "Tim will be a great asset to our clients in private equity, M&A, finance and cross-border transactions and we are very excited to have this accomplished lawyer on board."

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