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Elizabeth Atkinson is a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Baltimore and Falls Church offices and a member of the Tax Group.

Ms. Atkinson concentrates her practice in the areas of tax planning, federal and state tax controversy, state and local tax, and employee benefits matters. She has over 30 years of experience advising clients of all sizes on tax compliance, estate planning and administration, and general mitigation of tax and penalty risks. Ms. Atkinson also advises on the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and other international compliance issues. She works with companies on the tax aspects of inbound and outbound cross-border transactions.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Ms. Atkinson served as co-chair of the Business Department at a national law firm. Ms. Atkinson also worked for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for 15 years, which allowed her to cultivate extensive knowledge of the internal processes and protocol.

Representative Matters

- Successfully obtained abatement of a Form 3520 penalty over \$4 million for a client.
- Favorably settled two Section 183 (Hobby Loss) cases in U.S. Tax Court.
- Resolved a National Research Program audit in less than six months, which resulted in a refund.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® for Tax Law since 2008; Litigation and Controversy Tax since 2011; Trusts and Estates since 2024
- Listed in Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2024
- Board of Directors The Center for Taxpayer Rights (2019 present)
- Board of Directors William & Mary Tax Conference (2014 present)
- Board of Directors Themba Project (2015)
- Fellow American College of Tax Counsel (ACTC)
- Member American Bar Association
 - Former Chair Low Income Taxpayers Committee
- Past Chair Virginia Bar Association, Taxation Council (2008 2009)
- Past President Hampton Roads Tax Forum
- Chair, Advisory Board The Community Tax Law Project

Publications

- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Maryland" (September 2025)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: New Jersey" (September 2025)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Virginia" (September 2025)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Washington, D.C." (September 2025)
- "The IRS Sets New "Beginning Construction" Guidance for Wind and Solar Projects Seeking Tax Credits" (September 2025)
- "No More Lists IRS Concedes on Reportable Transaction Penalties" (January 2025)

- "Business Income and Sales/Use Taxes: What Constitutes a Manufacturer for Certain Tax Incentives" (September 2024)
- "IRS Issues New Guidance on ERC Program Should You Hold or Fold?" (August 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Washington, D.C." (July 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Maryland" (July 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Virginia" (July 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Washington, D.C." (May 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Maryland" (May 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Virginia" (May 2024)
- "Final Regulations on Tax Credits for Electric Vehicles: No Time to Relax," republished in *Westlaw Today* (May 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Washington, D.C." (April 2024)
- "S.A.L.T. Select Developments: Maryland" (April 2024)

Speaking Engagements

- "The New Corporate Transparency Act in the United States," Pangea-Net Annual Tax Practice Meeting (October 2022)
- "How to Dip Your Toe in the U.S. Market," Global Operations Group Podcast (July 2021)

Webinars

- The Employer's Guide to Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (September 2025)
- Navigating IRS Uncertainty: Post-Tax Season Legal and Policy Update (May 2025)

Education

- Michigan State University School of Law, J.D., 1993, magna cum laude
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1981, with distinction

🕍 Admissions

- Maryland, pending
- Michigan, 1993
- Virginia, 2000

^{*} Baker Donelson professional admitted to the practice of law in Michigan and Virginia; Maryland bar application pending.