

## Former Congressional Tax Counsel Joins BakerHostetler

By **David Hansen**

*Law360 (July 13, 2021, 6:15 PM EDT)* -- A former legislative counsel to the Joint Committee on Taxation has become a partner at BakerHostetler's D.C. office to lead its tax-exempt organizations team, the firm announced.

Alexander L. Reid, previously of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, has become the national leader of BakerHostetler's tax-exempt organizations and charitable giving team, the firm said in a statement Monday. He will work with numerous types of tax-exempt organizations, including colleges and universities, charities, foundations, museums and other nonprofits, according to the statement.



Alexander L. Reid

Reid had worked as legislation counsel to the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress and as a fellow in the Office of Tax Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department, according to the firm. As legislation counsel he advised members of Congress and staff on tax policy and helped draft hearing publications and technical explanations of tax legislation.

"Alex's broad-based tax background representing clients in a range of industries, coupled with his experience working at the Treasury Department and the Joint Committee on Taxation on Capitol Hill, will provide invaluable insights to our clients and our national tax practice group," said Jeffrey H. Paravano, chair of the group and managing partner of the firm's D.C. office. "He also has a deep understanding of the complex regulatory and compliance challenges faced by the nonprofit sector, and we are looking forward to his leadership of our tax-exempt organizations and charitable giving team."

Joining a firm with a "deep history" of influencing national tax policy was an opportunity too good to pass up, Reid told Law360.

"The firm has been a major player in the tax world for a hundred years," he said.

Another factor that drew him to BakerHostetler is that its chair, Paul Schmidt, is a tax attorney.

"For a tax lawyer, it feels like a welcoming place to work, run by your own people," Reid said.

While Reid declined to discuss much of his past representation of specific clients, he said he recently wrote a friend-of-the-court brief successfully encouraging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the Americans For Prosperity Foundation v. Bonta case. Earlier in July, the high court ruled that California's

law requiring charitable organizations to disclose donor tax information is unconstitutional.

"The process of winning certiorari is an important opportunity to get issues before the court," he said.

Reid earned a master's in law degree and law degree from New York University School of Law. He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University. Reid received a Distinguished Legal Writing Award from Law360 in 2018. He also belonged to Law360's Tax Practice Group of the Year in 2017.

He began with BakerHostetler on Monday.

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