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J. DONALD MOTTLEY is an attorney in the Tax, Probate and Estate Planning Department of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. His law practice focuses on state and local tax matters, tax issues involving non-profit organizations, tax controversies (federal, state, and local), and on public agency law. As a public agency lawyer, Mottley both represents public agency clients and represents other clients before public agencies. Mottley has been able to draw upon 25 years of experience as a public official and as an attorney and financial manager to the benefit of his clients. He is admitted to practice before Ohio courts as well as the Supreme Court of the United States, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Internal Revenue Service. He is also a Managing Director of Focused Capitol Solutions LLC, a business affiliate of the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, which provides governmental relations and public policy services at its offices in Cincinnati and Columbus. In this role, Mottley represents clients before Ohio state government agencies and the Ohio General Assembly.

In 1993, Mottley began his eight years of service in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he represented part of Dayton and several suburban communities in Montgomery County. While in the state legislature, he chaired the House Ways and Means and Joint Agency Rule Review Committees and served on the Finance and Insurance Committees. He previously served in various positions for the Montgomery County Commissioners and County Auditor's Office. Mottley began his career in public service as a member of the West Carrollton Board of Education, a position he held for 12 years.

Prior to being admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1991, Mottley served as a financial manager with NCR Corporation for over 10 years, culminating in his appointment as Treasurer of NCR Credit Corporation (an equipment financing/leasing



Practice Groups:

Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations, Tax Controversy and Litigation, State and Local Tax, Tax, Public Law

Bar/Court Admissions:

Federal

U.S. Supreme Court, 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, Southern District of Ohio

State

Ohio

Year First Admitted to

Practice Law:

1991

Education:

Salmon P. Chase College of Law - Northern Kentucky University (1991), Wright State University (1976), Wright State University (1975)

Professional Affiliations /

Recognitions:

Ohio State Bar Association

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Mottley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, *magna cum laude*, and a Master of Science degree in economics from Wright State University. He received his *Juris Doctor* degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, finishing first in his graduating class. Mottley also received a Certificate in Employee Benefits Taxation from Capital University's graduate law program. He is an active member of the Taxation Committees of the Ohio State Bar Association (where he chairs the Taxation Committee and is the former chair of the Subcommittee on Municipal Income Taxation) and of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. He is a frequent presenter on Ohio tax issues, including sales and use tax and municipal income tax.

Mottley resides in Columbus, Ohio.