

## Barton Expands Tax Practice With Former Akerman Partner

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Law360 (June 22, 2020, 7:52 PM EDT) -- Barton LLP announced it has added a former Akerman LLP partner as a tax partner in its New York office.

Alvan L. Bobrow started at Barton on June 15. With Akerman LLP, he represented clients in financial services, manufacturing, e-commerce, entertainment and media. He also advised domestic and global businesses on treaty, permanent establishment and constitutional nexus issues. His criminal defense practice incorporates cases involving tax fraud, unreported income and tax shelter abuses.

Bobrow's practice has always focused on state and local taxes.


"SALT has always been an important component to providing comprehensive tax advice to a client," he told Law360. "Whether it is business taxes, transfer tax or personal income tax, Barton will now be able to have complete expertise in this area along with the advice it already provides when addressing international and federal tax issues."

SALT raises economic nexus issues central to several legal disputes, including taxation of digital products and residency issues, given the current federal limitation on deduction of state income tax, Bobrow said.

"Even President Trump announced last year that he is **becoming a Floridian**," the attorney quipped.

Bobrow joined Barton, based in New York, because of its reputation as a transactional and litigation boutique — and "not just any boutique, but a quality boutique," he told Law360.

"Barton meets that high bar and has become the go-to firm for BigLaw attorneys ... seeking a better way to practice," he said.

One of Bobrow's most notable tax cases was [CBS Inc. v. Comptroller of the Treasury](#) , in which the Court of Appeals of Maryland unanimously reversed a lower court ruling and held that the state government had to comply with the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act and promulgate a regulation before changing how it apportioned taxes for his client, he said.

Before entering private practice, Bobrow served as vice president and general tax counsel for CBS. He belonged to the senior leadership team, where he advised the company's board and C-suite on tax and legal issues. He also is the principal drafter of the national multistate income apportionment rules for broadcasters. Before joining Akerman, he led Mayer Brown LLP's national, state and local tax practice group.

Bobrow earned his undergraduate degree from City College of New York and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School. He also earned a master of laws degree from the University of Miami School of Law. Bobrow served as a maritime law specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard, which he calls his "best graduate degree."

"Alvan will provide significant value to our transactional team, our private client group, and our regulatory investigations and enforcement practice through his substantial experience with complex tax structures and strategies on local, state, national and international levels," said managing partner Roger E. Barton.

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