

# State and local tax services

## Overview

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Planning for and complying with state and local tax law requires a strategy tailored to your unique company.

You need a team with the national capabilities and local resources to advise you on the most effective and appropriate strategies to manage your tax burden. Grant Thornton's client service approach means you will receive personalized attention and customized strategies, regardless of your company's size or location.

Our team of highly experienced professionals includes former state tax officials, industry tax directors and attorneys – specialists who work together as a national team to meet the needs of our clients.

Grant Thornton's commitment to high professional standards and innovation, along with our reputation for working seamlessly with clients, are hallmarks of our approach.

**Our state and local tax services team responds to key corporate tax issues you may be facing with:**

- Independent reviews of existing strategies and structures
- Help in validating the viability and sustainability of proposed strategies
- Aid in documenting economic substance and business purpose
- Co-development of customized services to align tax and business planning
- Identification of non-structural tax savings
- Help finding permanent tax savings that decrease effective tax rates

### Contact information

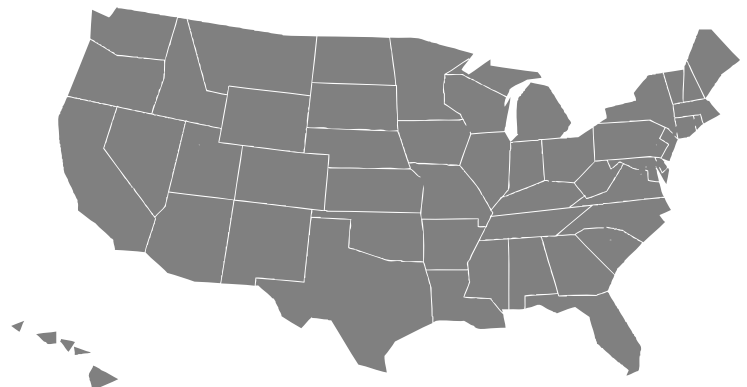
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We offer a range of state and local tax services to help you address these issues, including:

- **Credits and incentives analysis** — negotiate on your behalf for business incentives. Identify and file for programs for which your company is eligible.

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- **Income and franchise tax services** — create and implement practical tax saving strategies and corporate structures to comply with and minimize state tax burdens. We can provide you with the resources you need for an effective defense in the event of an audit.
- **Property tax services** — reduce property taxes through property assessment analysis, accelerating depreciation, tracking assets and unbundling equipment purchases.
- **Sales and use tax services** — find tax overpayments or significant exposure for underpayments while minimizing administrative burden.
- **Unclaimed property compliance (escheat)** — identify and manage unclaimed property. Comply with reporting requirements.
- **Tax controversy assistance** — identify tax overpayments, help you negotiate with auditors, represent you in formal state administrative hearings and more.
- **Tax compliance** — assist in preparing returns for multistate income tax, sales and use tax or property tax.

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