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### **Property Tax Advisory Services**

With competing demands and resource challenges, internal tax departments may find it difficult to maintain a property tax advisory skillset in-house. Our property tax specialists assist companies with each phase of the property tax assessment cycle. Our specialists include former industry executives and assessment officials, lawyers, and Certified Public Accountants.

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Deloitte's property tax practice brings a broad base of experience to a full complement of property tax advisory services including:

## Assessment Analysis and Appeals

Unlike other tax areas, where the tax impact of economic decline or taxpayer-specific operational issues may be reflected on filings as matter of course (e.g., reduced receipts on a sales tax return or net operating losses on an income tax return), property tax may require taxpayers to take affirmative steps to ensure that their property tax assessments align with their economic circumstances. Timing is critical as assessing jurisdictions typically have more flexibility to grant relief on matters that are raised proactively versus in an appeal setting. Our property tax advisory specialists help companies understand how their properties are valued, what positions might exist for challenging the values, and the process for seeking reductions in assessed value.

#### Personal Property Consulting

With personal property, the cost base subject to tax varies across jurisdictions, and with the cumulative nature of property tax, reporting errors and corresponding tax liabilities may quickly compound. Our specialists have experience with reporting requirements and may identify instances when categories of assets or elements of cost may be excluded from assessment, leading to reduced potential to overpay property taxes.

#### Property Tax Process and Technology

Deloitte's property tax specialists are experienced in management and execution of the end-to-end property tax function. Property tax assessing jurisdictions number in the thousands. The property tax assessment cycle also includes multiple points at which taxpayers must be responsive with respect to reporting, assessment analyses, and tax bill payments. The combined effect means that active management of the process and tools that provide visibility and tracking of taxpayer obligations and timelines are critical.

Our property tax advisory practitioners assist companies with resources, systems, and technologies to better address the property tax function. Our specialists consult on task automation, internal reporting technologies, and streamlining of data collection. We also analyze procedures and assist with internal process improvement projects.



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