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Mr. Taverna oversees McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P.'s tax department, where he focuses on federal income tax aspects of public finance, financial products and tax controversy. Mr. Taverna provides tax advice to issuers and underwriters regarding tax-exempt bond financings involving new money projects, current and advance refundings, capital as well as working capital financings, commercial paper issues, and pooled bonds. He participates in the structuring of governmental bonds, private activity bonds, §501(c)(3) bonds, recovery zone bonds, qualified zone academy bonds, build America bonds, and any other type of tax-credit bonds. Mr. Taverna also represents numerous clients in connection with various IDRs, V Cap Closing Agreements, IRS audits and other administrative proceedings.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Taverna was a tax attorney at two law firms with an established Wall Street presence. He practiced in public finance by serving as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel and special tax counsel for numerous financing transactions throughout the country, including in particular financings for general governmental purposes, multi-family residential rental housing, and senior leaving, health care and higher educational facilities. In addition, he advised clients on the federal and state tax aspects of domestic and international hedge fund formations and operations, mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations, public and private debt and equity offerings, and general corporate, partnership and investment issues. Mr. Taverna advised and represented clients on swap transactions and tax-exempt entities with regard to the federal and state tax implications related to their formation and operations. Prior to joining private practice, Mr. Taverna clerked for Hon. O'C. Wefing, Appellate Division Superior Court of the State of New Jersey.

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