

## Small Group Members October 12, 2011

**Albert A. DiMillo, Jr.** is a Maine native who graduated with high distinction from the University of Maine with a B.S. in Accounting and received an MBA with high distinction from Babson College. He spend the first seven years of his career with the Portland Offices of two International CPA firms, managing income taxes for some of Maine's largest corporations and high income individual taxpayers. From 1984 – 1994 he worked for Bath Iron Works (BIW) and its parent company, including more than seven years as BIW's Director of Income Taxes and Chief Tax Officer. He managed all income, property and sales taxes for BIW. In 1995, he left Maine and worked for two international corporations headquartered in Massachusetts, including ten years with Raytheon Company, a \$20 billion in sales defense contractor. For seven years as Raytheon's Director of Income Taxes and Audits, he managed all corporate income tax compliance, planning and audits for federal taxation and all 50 states that Raytheon operated in. He managed a group that included 12 CPA's and tax attorneys. He was a member of Raytheon's due diligence teams that reviewed over \$10 billion in business acquisitions. He retired in December of 2006 and moved back to Maine. He is a former member of both the Tax Executives Institute and the American Institute of CPAs.

**Charles "Wick" Johnson**, is a former teacher, entrepreneur and owner of Kennebec Technologies (formerly Kennebec Tool and Die) since 1984. Kennebec Technologies is an award-winning manufacturing company specializing in high-precision components for aerospace, defense, alternative energy, medical, semiconductor, and telecom applications and employing more than 65 workers in its 20,000 square foot facility. Products go to Boeing, GE, Pratt & Whitney, Rolls Royce Volvo Aerospace and others. Mr. Johnson has led the Kennebec Technologies team of innovators while serving in public roles: University of Maine System Trustees (past chair), Augusta Board of Trade (past chair) and the Maine State Chamber Board of Directors. The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors named Charles "Wick" Johnson its 2010 "Business Person of the Year."

**Laurie Lachance** was named President and CEO of the Maine Development Foundation in 2004 and is responsible for overseeing all the activities of the Foundation. Prior to coming to MDF, Ms. Lachance served as the Maine State Economist for eleven years for three governors. In that capacity, she chaired the Maine State Revenue Forecasting Commission, and served as lead or co-lead on utility restructuring, telecommunications, the retirement industry, and tax reform. Prior to joining state government, Ms. Lachance served as the Corporate Economist at Central Maine Power Company. She is a frequent author and speaker on the economic status of Maine. Ms. Lachance holds an undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College and an MBA from Thomas College, and has been the recipient of several awards including: the Kenneth M. Curtis Leadership Award, Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow, Thomas College Distinguished Alumnus, and, most recently, the Deborah Morton Award.

**Christopher S. McLoon**, is a partner at Verrill Dana who advises clients in structuring business transactions to achieve optimal business and tax results. He has experience that spans several industries, including timber, renewable energy, and real estate investment/development that involve both small start-ups as well as the investments of hundreds of millions of dollars. He has experience with incentives such as tax credits for investments in renewable energy, historic rehabilitation, low-income housing, and economically distressed communities. He listed in the 2012 *The Best Lawyers in America* under Tax Law and Corporate Law and distinguished by peers as a "New England Super Lawyer" in Tax Law. After earning his JD at Vermont Law School, he earned an LL.M in tax law from New York University School of Law. He has earned awards and assignments from the American Bar Association Tax Section, including a John S. Nolan Fellowship, the Chair on the subcommittee on partnership terminations, mergers, and divisions, and principal drafting responsibility for comments to the Treasury Department on the taxation of assets-over partnership mergers. He is a member of the faculty at the University of Maine Law School as an adjunct professor in Partnership Taxation.

**Gary Vogel**, joined Drummond Woodsum in February 2008 after practicing for more than 20 years at two prominent Portland law firms. He brings experience in corporate and commercial transactions with clients that include manufacturing and service companies, banks operating in Maine and out-of-state lenders involved in transactions in Maine, real estate developers and investors and non-profit organizations. Mr. Vogel also has experience in affordable housing transactions and working with state and federal housing finance agencies including Maine State Housing Authority, HUD, and the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency in a variety of programs including the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit, the Section 8 Program and various guaranteed loan programs for private, public housing and non-profit developers. Mr. Vogel is listed in the 2012 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the category of Real Estate. He has been a frequent presenter at continuing professional education conferences involving the use of Maine LLCs and corporations, the purchase and sale of businesses as well as commercial real estate financing transactions.