

■ *Extended Profile*

John T. “Tim” Leadbeater practices in the areas of state and federal taxation, estate planning, corporate, partnership, limited liability company law and asset protection planning. He regularly advises clients on a wide array of both state and local and federal tax issues. He has substantial experience in Florida state tax law issues including the representation of clients in numerous cases before the Florida Department of Revenue. These state tax issues run the gamut, including sales and use tax, corporate income tax, documentary stamp tax, communications services tax, insurance premium tax and others. Tim is AV rated by Martindale–Hubbell.

He joined the firm in September 2002 after nine years of service as a senior attorney, assistant general counsel and revenue program administrator with the Florida Department of Revenue. During his last year of employment with the Florida Department of Revenue, he was mobilized after 9/11 and served on active duty as the Deputy Comptroller for a three–star command and was deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Before becoming an attorney and a CPA, he served on active duty in the Army from 1973–1981 including enlisted service in an airborne unit and commissioned service as the commander of a 29–soldier special weapons custodial team on a missile site in an overseas location followed by service as a Captain in the 82nd Airborne Division. From 1981 until 2003 he served in the Army Reserve retiring in 2003 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is an honors graduate of the Army’s Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The oldest of seven children, his family immigrated to Deerfield Beach, Florida in 1964 from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada when he was thirteen. He became an American citizen in a naturalization ceremony in Miami on June 6, 1973. Tim has lived the “American dream” and is grateful to be an American citizen while still maintaining his Canadian citizenship.

EDUCATION:

LL.M., Taxation, University of Florida College of Law, 1989

J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1988

M.B.A., Florida Atlantic University, 1985

B.A., Florida Atlantic University, 1973

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Florida Bar

Florida Certified Public Accountant

MEMBERSHIPS:

Florida Bar, FICPA.

RECOGNITION:

AV rated by Martindale–Hubbell

Selected 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Florida Super Lawyer, Taxation

Selected 2009 The Best Lawyers in America – Tax Law

Member, Statewide Nominating Commission for Judges of Compensation Claims, 2005 – 2009 (direct gubernatorial appointee)

MILITARY SERVICE

Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, USAR

United States Army (Reserve), 1981–2003 (mobilized 2001–2002), Comptroller

United States Army (Active), 1973–1981 (Special Weapons Custodian/Team Cmdr. and 82d Airborne Div. Paratrooper)