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**Biographical Information for Broadband Tax Institute**

Jim is the Telecommunications Tax Practice Leader and Principal-in-charge of the Chicago office of Ryan & Company, the largest independent state and local tax consulting firm in the nation. He leads five teams of professionals that perform telecommunications as well as sales and use tax consulting services for various communications clients across the country.

Prior to Ryan & Company, Jim was Director of Transaction Taxes with Ameritech Corporation, a Chicago-based diversified company with revenues of roughly \$20B. In addition to being a global telecommunications service provider, Ameritech provides services such as wireless communications, security monitoring through its SecurityLink brand name, equipment leasing and financing, cable television, data network integration, equipment sales, and advertising. He had responsibility for all transaction taxes for Ameritech throughout the country. Jim was with Ameritech for over 13 years, and early in his career with Ameritech, was a Federal Income Tax manager.

Prior to joining Ameritech, Jim held state and local tax positions with Midland Ross Corporation, a fortune 500 manufacturer, and Sherwin-Williams, a global leader in the paint and chemicals industries. Prior to entering the private sector, he was a revenue auditor for the Illinois Department of Revenue and a tax agent for the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Cleveland State University and a Master of Science in Taxation degree from the University of Akron. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Jim is the past chairman of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Tax Committee. Jim is also a member of the Illinois Tax Institute, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Tax Committee, and a member of the Board of the Chicago-based Civic Federation. Furthermore, Jim is an active participant in the Institute of Professionals in Taxation and is involved with various national and local accounting associations.