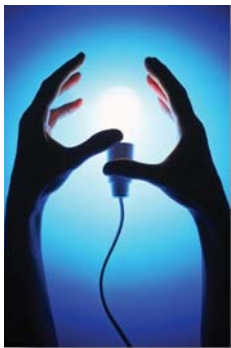




DIXON HUGHES PLLC

Certified Public Accountants and Advisors



Dixon Hughes understands the entrepreneur's passion and personal investment and the unique demands of high growth companies.

Services for

LIFE SCIENCES AND INNOVATION

Science, technology and knowledge are the primary driving forces of change and growth across the globe. Advances in industry such as biotechnology, computers, electronics, materials and chemicals are changing the way we live and operate and will continue to do so.

Dixon Hughes has earned the trust of life science and innovation companies by providing sound advice and innovative consultation to clients while helping them achieve their corporate and financial objectives. We understand the highly competitive marketplace and the unique characteristics of the various development stages, from funding, research and development, going to market, and new revenue streams to healthy, mature revenue streams. We are with you along this path and are ready to be involved for the long run.

Our life science and innovation team provides you with an array of quality services designed to meet your business needs and add value by identifying areas for improved efficiencies and operating effectiveness, including:

- Audit and Assurance Services
- Comprehensive Tax Services
- Corporate Finance Services (Mergers and Acquisitions)
- Business Valuation Services
- Corporate Governance (Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance)
- Executive Compensation and Incentive Planning
- Fraud and Forensic Accounting
- Dispute and Litigation Support
- Information Technology, Planning, Solutions and Implementation
- Internal Audit and Control Procedures

International Resources

Whether you are looking for business opportunities beyond national boundaries or need international support in addition to services in your home market, Dixon Hughes' participation in Praxity, AISBL provides a gateway to the global marketplace.



Praxity™, a global alliance of independent firms, gives you access to professional accounting and auditing firms committed, as we are, to the high standards required in international business. We are here to help you succeed and operate competitively wherever your business takes you.

Dixon Hughes has extensive experience in the international tax arena. We assist both foreign companies who do business in the U.S. and U.S. companies operating overseas. Our areas of experience include almost every area of international tax law including, but not limited to:

- Transfer pricing
- Subpart F income minimization and effective utilization of foreign tax pools
- Tax treaty analysis, including permanent establishment, non-discrimination and limitation on benefits
- Withholding tax obligations and minimization
- Passive Foreign Investment Companies including Qualified Electing Fund elections
- Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, mergers and acquisitions
- Effective tax-rate reduction through international tax planning (implementation of an Interest Charge Domestic International Sales Corporation; utilizing an 80/20 company; “check the box” planning, etc.)
- Tax-efficient cross-border financing
- Earnings stripping calculations
- Earnings and profits calculations
- Foreign tax credits
- Dual consolidated loss
- Branch profits tax
- Hybrid entities
- Foreign currency gains/losses
- Sourcing rules
- Expense allocations

The Service You Need— The Way You Need It.

As the largest Southeast-based CPA firm, we combine deep industry experience, comprehensive accounting and advisory services, and a strong commitment to personal service. Members located throughout the region direct our resources to your best advantage. In short, we can give you the service you need, the way you need it.

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