

## As Ever, We're Still Here For You

## Dear Friends,

We hope this note finds you well and safe. The health and safety of our employees and our clients is our primary concern at this difficult time. Please rest assured that while we have made the decision – in company with the majority of our fellow members of the business community here in Washington, DC – to practice social distancing, **our provision of legal services to you will remain uninterrupted** during this period. When working remotely, all of our attorneys and staff have full access mirroring the resources they use in our office, phone lines are forwarded to those off-site, and the office remains accessible for any truly urgent needs that may arise. We have backup plans in place for our technology resources, and contingency plans in place should any of our attorneys become unavailable. We are making full use of audio- and video-conferencing services and can work with you to identify which works best with your current set-up.

For 85 years, through good times and bad, Ivins, Phillips & Barker has remained committed to providing our clients with the highest level of client service alongside our expert advice focused on the various aspects of tax law. Today, facing unprecedented challenges to individuals, corporations, markets, and governments posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain as committed as ever to those core values.

We continue to monitor developments and guidance from the CDC, as well as the federal and District governments, to guide our own operations as well as to provide you with timely updates and advice where appropriate. These unprecedented events pose novel legal questions which we will continue to work to address on your behalf and communicate to you. We have <u>added a page to our website</u> to aggregate relevant resources for you, which will continue to update and evolve.

Most of all, we want to share with you our best wishes for your health and our promise that we stand by you as we all navigate this difficult moment. We have faced hard times before across our long history, and because of that we know that this too shall (eventually) pass. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of our team about how we can help.

We hope to serve you for another 85 years and beyond,

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