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Doug joined Deloitte from Helmsman Advisors LLC where he provided strategic tax and business planning advice to private equity firms, hedge funds, and family offices of high net worth individuals. Prior to his time at Helmsman, he spent over a decade with one of the world's largest private equity and hedge funds, where he was the founding member of what grew to be a 15+ member internal tax team. His primary focus was on managing the firm's global tax risk - including U.S. and foreign tax planning and structuring, tax controversies, and treaty/substance best practices for both the investment funds and internal (IPO ready) holding company structures. During his tenure with the firm, he also had management responsibility at various times for the family office operations of the firm's senior partners, the management company and its worldwide offices, and various other support services including HR and IT.

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