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Howard Liebman is a Partner with Jones Day and heads the Tax Practice in Brussels, Belgium. He focuses on international tax and corporate structuring, coordinating both the corporate and tax sides of transnational M&A, joint ventures, and restructurings.

Liebman recently represented Platinum Equity in its pan-European acquisition of the Geesink Norba Group from Oshkosh Corporation as well as the purchase of the 3B-Fibreglass manufacturing business from Owens Corning. He has handled many pan-European tax and corporate structuring and M&A projects for IT companies such as Fujitsu Consulting and NextiraOne Europe, U.S. tax reorganizations for various European multinationals as well as several pan-Latin American structuring and restructuring projects.

Liebman has been active in the ABA since 1979, both in the Tax Section and in the International Law Section. For much of the 1990's, he chaired an EC Task Force formed under the Foreign Activities of U.S. Taxpayers Committee of the Tax Section, participated on several panels at various Section events and had put together and chaired a program on the "EU/OECD Codes of Conduct" at the San Diego Mid-Year Meeting of the Section in 2000. He concurrently chaired the European Tax Law Subcommittee of the International Law Section from 1994 through 1999, in which capacity he worked closely with the Section of Taxation as the liaison from the Committee on International Taxation of the Section of International Law and Practice. He also organized and chaired a panel on "Transatlantic Tax Issues: The Nexus between Competition Law and Tax Policy" at the 2003 Fall Meeting of the International Law Section, held that year in Brussels, Belgium.

For the past six years, Liebman has chaired the Legal & Taxation Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, which takes the lead in lobbying for U.S. industry in Belgium and the EU.

Liebman co-authored the BNA Portfolio (No. 999 - 2nd) on "Doing Business in the

European Union" and has chaired and spoken on tax panels at Congresses of the International Fiscal Association in Stockholm, Eilat and Amsterdam. He is also the Belgian correspondent of *Tax Management International Forum* and frequently publishes articles on international taxation in both U.S. and European journals.

Liebman is a member of the bar in the District of Columbia and Brussels French Section-List B

He received his J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School (1977); an A.M. in International Relations with honors from Colgate University (1975), and an A.B. in International Relations and Economics summa cum laude (1974).

Honors and Distinctions:

Chambers Europe — leading tax lawyer (cited for "his excellent advice, technical skills and detailed knowledge of so many different industries"); also listed in *PLC Which lawyer?*, *Who's Who Legal*, and the *European Legal 500*.