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### PRACTICE AREAS

White Collar and Government Regulatory Litigation  
Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets



### Biography

Damon Rowe joins Meadows Collier after two decades of service at the IRS. His practice focus is White-Collar Crime, Tax Controversy and Government Regulatory Litigation. He has expertise in many areas including cryptocurrency, financial crimes, civil and criminal tax, money laundering, fraud, internal investigations and the Bank Secrecy Act.

Mr. Rowe began his career at the IRS in 1998 as a Special Agent and held numerous leadership positions for the agency. He served as the Special Agent in Charge for both the Los Angeles and Dallas Field Offices in the Criminal Investigation Division. This office investigates a diverse mix of financial investigations, including cybercrime, international tax fraud, identity theft, public corruption and Bank Secrecy Act. His next leadership position was Executive Director of International Operations in the Criminal Investigation Division. He successfully designed and implemented novel strategies to detect and mitigate international financial crimes, devised an international financial crime strategy used to train and educate thousands of global investigators in over 50 countries. His most recent position was Executive Director of the Office of Fraud Enforcement. While in this position, International and Domestic fraud threat mitigation strategies were developed and implemented for all IRS business operating divisions. This office implemented a four-pillar intelligence model which aided in fraud detection. He led the COVID Relief Fraud Project and the Joint International Task Force.

Damon Rowe is currently an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University School of Law, where he teaches a course in international white-collar crime.

Mr. Rowe received his LL.M. in Tax from SMU Dedman School of Law and his J.D. from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He graduated from the University of Houston with a B.S. in Accounting.

Mr. Rowe was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1992.

### Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation, 1996
- Texas Southern University, J.D., 1992

- University of Houston, B.S., Accounting, 1989

### Memberships

- National Bar Association
  - Member, Tax Law Section
- American Bar Association
  - Member, Tax Section
  - Member, Tax Section, Diversity in the Professions Committee
- Dallas Bar Association
  - Member, Tax Section
  - Member, Criminal Section
- American College of Tax Counsel
  - Fellow
- Association of Government Accountants
  - Member
- Association of Former Internal Revenue Executives (AFIRE)
  - Member
- The National Black Lawyers
  - Member
- Texas Blockchain Council
  - Member
- J.L. Turner Legal Association
  - Member

### Teaching

- Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University School of Law, teaching " International White Collar Crime", Spring 2022

### Admissions

- Texas, 1992
- United States Tax Court
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

### Honors and Awards

- Inductee, 2023 Edition of Who's Who in America

### Publications

- "Being Prepared for an IRS Criminal Investigation Visit", Dallas Bar Association *Headnotes*, April 2023
- "*IRS Priorities: Detecting Fraud, Protecting Taxpayers*", A Closer Look, International Fraud Awareness Week in November 2021
- "*When it comes to tax scams, knowledge is power*," A Closer Look , IRS Office of Fraud Enforcement, April 2021

## **Presentations**

- May 10, 2024 - TXCPA Dallas Convergence 2024
- May 4, 2024 - American Bar Association (ABA) May Tax Meeting
- April 16, 2024 - Willis-Knighton (WK) Eye Institute Seminar
- March 9, 2024 - National Bar Association 44th Annual Mid-Year Conference
- December 1, 2023 - 2023 NE IRS Representation Conference (Day Two)
- November 30, 2023 - 2023 NE IRS Representation Conference (Day One)
- September 14, 2023 - Collin County Bar Association Corporate Counsel Section
- June 6, 2023 - Damon Rowe - Tax Alliance Conference Bootcamp
- May 6, 2023 - 2023 ABA Section of Taxation May Tax Meetings
- May 5, 2023 - ABA Section of Taxation 2023 May Tax Meetings
- March 7, 2023 - Mike Villa and Damon Rowe are guest speakers on the Tax Rep Network
- February 2-3, 2023 - 2023 Tax Law in a Day
- December 16, 2022 - Society of Louisiana CPAs' Tax Conference
- November 18, 2022 - 2022 NE IRS Representation Conference
- October 27, 2022 - UCLA Extension's 38th Annual Tax Controversy Conference
- October 20, 2022 - Texas Management Group (TMG) Annual Meeting (Day One)
- October 18, 2022 - TXCPA Dallas Member Appreciation CPE Series
- October 14, 2022 - ABA Section of Taxation 2022 Fall Meeting
- September 23, 2022 - 2022-2023 State Bar of Texas Tax Section Leadership Academy
- September 15, 2022 - Meadows Collier, Baker Tilly and Texas A&M University Co-Sponsored Event
- September 14, 2022 - September 2022 1-Hour Webinar
- September 7, 2022 - 40th Annual Course Tax Law 2022: Practicing Law in Uncertain Times-Webcast Replay
- August 23, 2022 - Metroplex Practice Management Group (MPMG) Aug. 2022
- August 23, 2022 - TXCPA CPE Summit 2022 (Day Two)
- August 3, 2022 - 40th Annual Course Tax Law 2022: Practicing Law in Uncertain Times
- August 2, 2022 - Armanino Presentation
- June 22, 2022 - Cryptocurrency: A Tax and Estate Planning Perspective
- May 25, 2022 - Texas Bank and Trust Taxation and Estate Planning Update for Professionals
- May 18, 2022 - Wichita Falls Chapter Free CPE Day
- May 14, 2022 - Damon Rowe - ABA Section of Taxation 2022 May Tax Meeting
- May 10, 2022 - Texas Bank and Trust Taxation and Estate Planning Update for Professionals

## **Blog**

- November 17, 2023 - The Form 8300 Hazards for Businesses and Practitioners  
The IRS has recently increased their focus and examinations of businesses who deal in cash (or cash equivalents such as cashier's checks and money orders). These examinations have led to significant fines and penalties for these unsuspecting businesses. If the IRS discovers that a business is not properly reporting cash transactions on IRS Form 8300, Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business, the associated fines and penalties can easily amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- August 30, 2023 - IRS Targets High-Income Individuals Illegally Claiming Puerto Rico's Tax Benefits  
The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Commissioner Danny Werfel stated that the Agency is taking "swift and aggressive action" to strengthen enforcement efforts against high-income individuals. As part of these

enforcement efforts, the IRS identified approximately 100 individuals, including crypto traders and fund managers suspected of illegally claiming Puerto Rico's tax benefits. According to the IRS, the enforcement efforts will include both civil audits and criminal investigations.