



## **Report of the Litigation Committee to the Executive Committee**

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Donnita Wald (North Dakota), Chair

Ray Langenberg, Vice Chair

The Litigation Committee has traditionally held in-person training and informational sessions (commonly referred to as roundtables) 2-3 times a year. These roundtables give state tax attorneys employed by revenue departments and attorney general offices an opportunity to discuss current and recent tax cases and key litigation issues and to share ideas with colleagues in other states. Since the middle of calendar year 2021, the roundtables have been shifted to the web due to the pandemic.

During the first quarter of FY 2022, the Committee held two virtual roundtables, one on income and other business activity taxes (September 23, 2021) and one on sales and other transaction taxes (September 30, 2021). Attorneys from around three dozen jurisdictions registered for both sessions.

At each roundtable, the chair or vice-chair has provided background and history of the Committee. Nancy Prosser, MTC General Counsel, introduced the members of the MTC legal team. Brian Hamer, MTC Counsel, has provided the primary staff support for the Committee.

Attendance at the roundtables was limited to public sector tax attorneys in order to preserve confidentiality and attorney-client privilege. In accordance with the MTC's public participation policy, these roundtables were not decision-making meetings; rather they were opportunities for states to informally share information and ideas.

To ensure that interested state attorneys are aware of Litigation Committee programs and other MTC programs that may be of interest (and also to identify attorneys that may be resources to attorneys in other states), MTC legal staff has continually worked to expand the Litigation Committee attorney roster.