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Peter Kotschedoff is a principal at Versatax Consulting and has 34 years of experience in all phases of real and personal property assessment, including appeals board representation/testimony, appraisal, possessory interests and tax exemptions. His consulting experience includes airline, biopharmaceutical, communications, energy, entertainment, high-tech/R&D, hospital, hotel, manufacturing, office campus, refinery, retail shopping center, spaceship, stadium, theater, theme park and other special use properties. He has also been active with the California State Board of Equalization and legislature in the creation of new law relative to property tax and other industries.

Prior to founding Versatax, Peter spent 6 years with Duff & Phelps as a Managing Director in charge of the California property tax practice and 10 years with Deloitte Tax, as a Senior Manager in the complex property tax group. Prior to Deloitte, Peter was an Appraiser with the Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor, where he appraised multiple property types as well as co-designed the Automated Assessment Appeals computer software program used at the time by the County for appraisal and case preparation during the appeals process.

Peter has been published in the *Orange County Business Journal*, quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, has authored papers for the Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT) and contributed to the American Society of Appraisers textbook on Valuing Machinery and Equipment. He frequently presents property tax issues to various organizations, including the Appraisal Institute, Tax Executive Institute, IPT, Wichita State University conference on Appraisal for Ad Valorem Taxation, International Association of Assessing Officers, International Property Tax Institute, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, California Assessor's Association, California Alliance of Taxpayer Advocates (CATA), Los Angeles County Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association and the Society of Auditor Appraisers (SAA).

Peter received his B.A. in business administration and real estate finance from California State University, Fullerton. He is formerly a certified general real estate appraiser in California, formerly a licensed real estate broker in California, holds the CMI designation from IPT and while with the Assessor was certified as an appraiser for property tax purposes by the California State Board of Equalization.

Peter is CATA's founding President, past Chairman of the Board and currently Chairs the Advisory Board, is a member of IPT, the Broadband Tax Institute and the SAA. Peter has also been an in-house training instructor for the L.A. County Assessor, Deloitte Tax and Duff & Phelps. Lastly, CATA has given Peter their Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the property tax industry.