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Kristina is of counsel in the [private client](#) and [tax](#) team.

She focuses on representation of nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations. She serves as corporate counsel to large and small NGOs, including public charities, family and corporate foundations, social welfare organizations, lobbying entities, universities and museums. She provides tax advice and counsels clients on a wide variety of issues, including state and federal laws applicable to formation, organization, management, governance and compliance. She also assists clients with obtaining private letter rulings from the IRS on specific transactions and issues impacting NGOs. She works extensively with organizations focused on foreign charitable operations, and has organized and provided ongoing oversight for operations and project funding in Afghanistan, Africa, Central America, China, India, Mexico, South America and Spain.

Before entering the legal profession, she focused on intensive care nurse. Her 15-year background in critical care medicine provides a unique complement to her tax-exempt organizations. She is recognized as one of San Diego's Top Lawyers 2020 in Charities and Nonprofit by San Diego Magazine. She also has achieved a Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating™.

Admissions

State of California, 1990

Education

Loma Linda University, A.S.

University of San Diego School of Law, summa cum laude, J.D.

Languages

English

Memberships

State Bar of California, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section

California Western School of Law, Adjunct Professor

San Diego City Ballet, Advisory Board

San Diego Spay Neuter Action Project, Board of Directors

Key dates

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