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SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Cameron helps tax-exempt organizations achieve their goals in compliance with their tax-exempt status.



Industries

Nonprofits & Associations
— Private Foundations & Public Charities
— Higher Education
— Associations

Practices

Private Clients, Trusts & Estates
— Estate Planning
— Tax-Exempt Organizations
— Charitable Planning
Tax
Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)

Education

DePaul University College of Law, JD, summa cum laude, 2018

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Cameron advises tax-exempt organizations throughout their lifecycles on a broad range of tax compliance and governance issues. She works closely with tax-exempt organizations to enhance tax compliance and improve corporate governance while achieving their goals. She advises boards on fiduciary obligations and best practices, helps clients navigate the complexities of Federal tax law, and structures corporate transactions and restructurings. She also monitors new and proposed legislation and litigation that impacts tax-exempt organizations. Additionally, Cameron works with high-net-worth individuals and families to establish private foundations, endowments, and donor-advised funds. With a background in trusts and estates, Cameron brings a valuable perspective and understands how charitable and philanthropic planning fits into a client's overall estate and legacy plan.

Cameron works with a variety of tax-exempt organizations, including public charities, private operating and grantmaking foundations, and social welfare organizations, and trade and professional associations. She also works with tax-exempt organizations representing a broad range of industries, including medical and scientific research organizations, educational organizations, healthcare organizations, humanitarian organizations, standards development and certification organizations, "friends of" organizations, low-income and affordable housing organizations, corporate foundations, family foundations, supporting organizations, and advocacy organizations.

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Cameron was a tax associate at a large international law firm and a Public Interest Law Initiative Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Publications

— Proposed Legislation Targets Nonprofits Supporting Immigrant Communities" (co-author) (Feb. 20, 2025)

— "Updated: Court Halts Trump Administration Order Pausing Government Grants; Trump

Administration Rescinds OMB Memo" (co-author) (Jan. 28, 2025)

- "What Employers and Nonprofits Should Know About Trump's Executive Order Banning Diversity Preferences" (co-author) (Jan. 23, 2025)
- "Supporting Employees Impacted by Wildfires" (co-author) (Jan. 13, 2025)
- "Staying on Course: Navigating Election Year Issues for Exempt Organizations" (co-author) (Mar. 14, 2024)
- "10 Legal Issues for Nonprofit and Association Leadership in 2024" (co-author) (Mar. 4, 2024)
- "IRS, Treasury Release Proposed Regulations on Donor-Advised Funds" (co-author) (Jan. 4, 2024)
- "The Nonprofit Sector Need Not Apply: The Corporate Transparency Act and its Tax-Exempt Organization Exemptions" (co-author) (Dec. 27, 2023)
- "Section 501(c)(4) and the Social Welfare Organization" (co-author) (Jul. 17, 2023)
- "Tax Aspects of Fiduciary Litigation - Litigating Disputed Estates, Trusts, Guardianships, and Charitable Bequests," (co-author) Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2023)
- "Chapter 8 - Litigating Disputed Estates, Trusts, Guardianships, and Charitable Bequests," (co-author) Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2020)
- "Installment Land Contracts & Low-Income Homebuyers in Chicago: A Call for Legislative Reform," 67 *DePaul L. Rev.* (2018)

Recognitions

- Illinois Rising Star (2025)

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- American Bar Association
  - Tax Section, Exempt Organizations Committee
  - Business Law Section, Nonprofit Organizations Committee
- Illinois Women's Bar Association
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago

Bar Admissions

Illinois