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Katrina helps clients successfully navigate complex tax laws and procedures to achieve their objectives in tax-exempt organization, tax controversy, and payroll tax matters.

Katrina is an experienced tax lawyer that specializes in three areas: tax-exempt and nonprofit organizations, tax controversy, and payroll tax.

Her tax-exempt and nonprofit organizations practice consists of advising on a wide variety of issues occurring throughout an organization's life cycle. She regularly counsels public charities, private foundations, hospitals and healthcare organizations, academic institutions, and other organizations on formation and securing tax-exemption, governance, private foundation excise taxes, unrelated business income, hospital 501(r) and community benefit rules, excess benefit transactions, and dissolution issues. She also advises individuals on forming charitable organizations as part of their estate plan.

In her tax controversy practice, Katrina represents tax-exempt, business, and tribal clients in all stages of U.S. federal and state and local tax disputes, including audits, administrative proceedings, litigation, collections, and refund or abatement requests.

Katrina has additional expertise in payroll and tax reporting matters, frequently advising clients on tax issues related to remote work, executive compensation, fringe benefits, and employment and information returns.

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2011)
 - *magna cum laude*, Business Law Concentration, Order of the Coif, National Moot Court Competition Team, Legal Writing Instructor
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A., 2008)
 - *with distinction*, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Select Experience

Tax-Exempt and Nonprofit Organizations. Katrina counsels public charities, private foundations, hospitals and healthcare organizations, academic institutions, and other

organizations on issues occurring throughout an organization's life cycle, including:

- Formation and tax-exemption
- Private foundation excise taxes
- Unrelated business income tax
- Hospital 501(r) and community benefit requirements and policies

Court Admissions

- U.S. Tax Court

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota State Bar Association, Tax Section
- Native American Finance Officers Association, Corporate Advisory Committee, 2025
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Legislative Committee, 2022-2023

Clerkships

- United States Tax Court, Honorable Mark V. Holmes, 2011–2012

Accolades

- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2024-2025
- *Minnesota Monthly*, Top Lawyer in Tax Law, 2024
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Insights

December 21, 2017

New Tax Act

June 19, 2017

Despite Clash Over Tax Cuts, Governor Dayton Signs Bill Enacting Important Income Tax Changes for Minnesota Residents and Nonresidents

September 26, 2016

Impasse Over Light Rail Derails Minnesota Tax Residency Provisions, 81 State Tax Notes 1025 (with Katina M. Peterson)