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Jenn works with real estate and nonprofit clients on tax and transactional matters.



Industries

Cannabis
Nonprofits & Associations
Public Finance
Real Estate

Practices

Finance

Languages

Spanish

Education

University of Virginia School of Law JD, 2019
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Jenn works with corporate, financial institution, and investor clients on the tax aspects of domestic and cross-border transactions, capital markets transactions, real estate investments (including REITs), joint ventures, and other corporate structuring and compliance matters.

Jenn also works closely with clients in all phases of complex real estate transactions, including the acquisition, development, financing, leasing, and disposition of commercial properties and associated real estate tax matters. She works with lenders, borrowers, and government-sponsored enterprises in a wide array of tax-exempt and taxable bond finance transactions, secondary market credit enhancement transactions, and other real estate finance transactions.

Jenn's practice also includes advising non-profit organizations on corporate structuring, formation, operational matters, compliance, financing, and federal and local tax matters.

Jenn also works in the cannabis/hemp/CBD space, where she advises on state and federal regulatory and tax compliance matters.

Jenn maintains a robust *pro bono* practice that includes work with organizations such as CHANGE and Legal Aid DC, in addition to assisting nonprofit organizations and other clients by advising on constitutional protection and legislative matters.

Previous Work

Jenn joined Arent Fox as a Summer Associate and returned to the firm after graduating from law school. During law school, she served as a Legal Intern at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Public Defender's Office, where she interviewed clients, attended hearings, and researched and drafted memoranda on affirmative defenses to felony charges and Fifth and 14th Amendment protections. She was also a *Pro Bono* Intern at The Rutherford Institute, for which she researched and drafted memoranda analyzing First Amendment issues. Jenn also interned with the Legal Aid Service of Broward County, where she worked on child advocacy matters under the Dependency Law Project (DLP). Through DLP, which is dedicated to providing legal representation to dependent children in foster care who are victims of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, Jenn attended hearings, researched case law, drafted motions, and advocated for tailored educational and mental health resources for children receiving legal representation.

At the University of Virginia School of Law's International Human Rights Law Clinic, Jenn interviewed LGBT+ victims of torture and worked on a team that researched and drafted a formal report and recommendation under the Global Magnitsky Act to the US Secretary of State in furtherance of imposing sanctions on foreign government officials accused of committing human rights violations.

Jenn also served as the Senior Executive Editor of the *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law*, Vice President of Women of Color, Treasurer of the Latin American Law Organization, Co-Chair of the Feminist Legal Forum, and Peer Advisor to L.L.M. students.

Prior to pursuing a law degree, Jenn founded and managed a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of in-school bullying as it relates to diverse, minority, and disadvantaged youth and implementing faculty support and prevention programs. She also worked as a paralegal in both transactional and litigation matters.

Life Beyond the Law

Jenn enjoys reading Victorian and Gothic literature and engaging in political activism that benefits disadvantaged youth, historically oppressed groups, and those suffering from mental illness. She also consumes an impressive amount of her home-baked bread while playing board games with her friends and family.

Bar Admissions

California