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Services

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Investment Management

Jessica assists start-up and small business entities to protect their valuable intellectual property assets while achieving their goals through creative corporate and tax planning strategies.

Jessica is a shareholder of Fredrikson and a member of its Business & Tax Planning, Nonprofit & Tax Exempt Organizations, and Internet, Technology & E-Commerce groups. Jessica supports many businesses in the role of general counsel, and deals with issues relating to choice of entity in entity formation, business ownership and disputes and the purchase and sale of businesses.

As the Chair of the Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations Group at Fredrikson, Jessica also addresses a wide range of issues for nonprofit and tax-exempt entity clients. She assists in all stages of a nonprofit entity's lifespan, from corporate formation and obtaining tax exempt status, resolving federal and state law compliance issues, to guiding nonprofit clients through winding-up and dissolving the entity. She has specific experience dealing with mergers and acquisitions of nonprofit entities, and counseling nonprofit directors and officers with regard to complying with fiduciary duties in the context of a merger or acquisition of the entity that they serve. She works with clients to structure non-profit/for-profit joint ventures and works regularly with non-profits doing international work.

In her work with the Internet, Technology & E-Commerce Group, Jessica concentrates on copyright protection and registration for a variety of works, including technology-based works such as online works and computer programs, as well as more "traditional" works, such as books, scripts, art and musical arrangements. She provides advice and drafts agreements relating to the transfer of intellectual property assets in transactions and provides advice in negotiating publishing and licensing agreements.

Credentials

Education

- Temple University Beasley Law School, J.D., 1999
- University of Wisconsin, B.A., 1993, Japanese and Sociology, *with distinction*

Admissions

- Minnesota, 1999

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Tax Law, 2022-2024; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2023-2024
- North Star Lawyer, Minnesota State Bar Association

Civic & Professional

Professional Activities

- Frequent presenter on choice of entity, closely-held business entity and tax-exempt entity at Minnesota State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education and National Business Institute seminars
- American Bar Association, Member
- Minnesota Bar Association, Member
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member
- William Mitchell College of Law, Adjunct Business Practicum Professor, Spring and Fall, 2008; Spring 2009; and Spring 2010 Semesters
- Afghanistan Transitional Commercial Law Project, Advisor on Partnership Law to The Afghan Transitional Administration, 2002-2004
- United States Department of State Program, Presenter on Intellectual Property Issues in Almaty, Kazakhstan, October 2002

News

Firm News | 08.17.2023

Fredrikson Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024

Article | 08.18.2022

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Legal Updates

Legal Update | 11.07.2023

The Corporate Transparency Act and What It Means for You and Your Business

Legal Update | 01.07.2021

IRS OK's Deductions for PPP-Funded Expenses

Legal Update | 05.08.2020
PPP Forgiveness May Become Deductible

Legal Update | 04.23.2020
Employment Question of the Day: April 23, 2020

Legal Update | 03.26.2018
Minnesota Businesses Anxiously Wait as State Lawmakers Battle over Implementing Federal Tax Reform

Legal Update | 03.01.2018
The New IRS Partnership Audit Rules

Legal Update | 12.01.2017
What Happens to Your MN LLC's Member Control Agreement After 1/1/18?

Legal Update | 09.26.2016
Can a 501(c)(3) Host a Political Candidates' Debate?

Legal Update | 12.02.2015
New LLC Acts in Minnesota and North Dakota

Publications & Presentations

Co-Presenter, *Positive Family Business Leadership and FAQs in the Time of COVID-19*, Fredrikson & Byron and Platinum Group Webinar, April 2, 2020

Presenter, *Fundraising Legally: What You Need to Do and What Donors Need from You*, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits' 2018 Nonprofit Fundraising Conference, July 26, 2018

Co-Presenter, *The Impact of the New Audit Rules on Multi-Member LLCs*, Minnesota CLE: Significant Changes for Minnesota LLCs, December 7, 2017

Co-Presenter, *Ten Legal Challenges Faced by Family-Owned Businesses*, Fredrikson & Byron's 33rd Annual Employment & Labor Law Seminar, November 3, 2017

Co-Speaker, *Best Practices for Selecting Your Business Entity Type*, 2017 Best Practices Conference, October 26, 2017