

Matt Clausen

Principal



Mr. Clausen's practice focuses on federal and state tax law, corporate governance, and trust law matters that arise for tax-exempt organizations and their donors. He advises exempt organizations (including community foundations, donor-advised fund providers, private foundations, and supporting organizations), and the individual and corporate donors that support them.

EDUCATION

- LL.M. (Taxation), New York University School of Law, 2005
M. Carr Ferguson Scholarship
Graduate Editor, Tax Law Review
- J.D., U.C. Davis School of Law, 2001
Order of the Coif
- B.A. (Honours Philosophy), University of British Columbia, 1996

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Clausen is a member of the American Bar Association (Exempt Organizations Committee of the Tax Law Section), the California State Bar Association (Co-Chair, Tax Exempt Organizations Committee – Taxation Section), the Bar Association of San Francisco, the San Francisco Estate Planning Council, and the Northern California Planned Giving Council.

SPEAKING & TEACHING

Mr. Clausen has served as adjunct faculty in the Golden Gate University School of Law's Tax LL.M. program and in the University of San Francisco's Masters of Nonprofit Management program, and has lectured for nonprofit professionals and legal advisors on tax and corporate governance issues affecting exempt organizations and their donors.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Before joining Adler & Colvin, Mr. Clausen practiced at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in San Francisco, Washington D.C., and London, focusing primarily on

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Clausen is admitted to the bar in the state of California.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- › Formation & Tax Exempt Status
- › Private Foundations
- › Revenue Generating Activities
- › Charitable Gift Planning
- › Attorney General, IRS, Franchise Tax Board, and Property Tax Proceedings
- › Nonprofit Mergers, Dissolutions, and Asset Transactions

tax-exempt bonds and related financing structures, taxation of cross-border corporate transactions, and public-private partnerships. Prior to working at Orrick, Mr. Clausen was a litigator at Thelen, Reid & Priest in San Francisco.