

Stephanie L. Petit

Principal



Ms. Petit focuses on the representation of nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations and their donors, with an emphasis on corporate governance, international grantmaking, company and private foundations, religious organizations, and fiscal sponsorship.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Berkeley Law, 1998; Order of the Coif; Associate Editor, *California Law Review*
- A.B., *cum laude*, Princeton University, 1995

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ms. Petit is a member of the American Bar Association, Tax Section and The Bar Association of San Francisco. She is a former member of the Nonprofit and Unincorporated Organizations Subcommittee of the Business Law Section of The California State Bar.

SPEAKING & TEACHING

Ms. Petit has spoken at a number of national exempt organization conferences. In addition, she previously served as an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco's Institute for Nonprofit Management and has guest lectured at Golden Gate University and UC Berkeley School of Law.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Ms. Petit is admitted to the bar in the state of California.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Formation & Tax Exempt Status
- Nonprofit Governance & Ethics
- Public Charities
- Private Foundations
- Grantmaking & Social Investing
- Nonprofit Structures, Relationships & Affiliations
- Attorney General, IRS, Franchise Tax Board, and Property Tax Proceedings
- International Charitable Transactions & Operations
- Religious Institutions

Ms. Petit is a frequent writer and editor on exempt organization topics. Her work includes co-authoring the third edition of *Fiscal Sponsorship: 6 Ways To Do It Right* (October 2019), “The New Foundations of Open Source,” *Santa Clara High Technology Law Journal* (February 2017), and “Final Regulations on Foreign Public Charity Equivalency Determinations,” *Taxation of Exempts* (July/August 2016). For many years, she has served as a co-author of CEB’s *Advising California Nonprofit Corporations*, and she previously served for ten years as the editor of the exempt organizations department of the *Journal of Taxation*. Ms. Petit is the founding editor of Adler & Colvin’s blog, www.nonprofitlawmatters.com.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

After graduating from law school, Ms. Petit served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sidney R. Thomas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Before joining Adler & Colvin, she practiced general business law.