

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 matters, international grantmaking, company and private foundations, and religious organizations.

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, including “Representing and Managing Tax-Exempt Organizations” at Georgetown Law, the Council on Foundation’s annual conference, and the Grant Managers Network national conference. She has 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.

Ms. Petit is also a frequent writer and editor on exempt organization topics. She currently serves as an author of CEB’s *Advising California Nonprofit Corporations*, the editor of the exempt organizations department of the *Journal of Taxation*, and the founding editor of Adler & Colvin’s blog, www.nonprofitlawmatters.com.

Most recently, she co-authored “Final Regulations on Foreign Public Charity

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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

Equivalency Determinations,” published in the July/August 2016 issue of *Taxation of Exempts*, and “The New Foundations of Open Source,” published in the February 2017 issue of the *Santa Clara High Technology Law Journal*.

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.