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Diana Clarkson focuses her practice on federal and state tax aspects of corporate transactions, including entity planning, mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, tax-free spin-offs, and restructurings. Her significant tax background adds value to the counsel she gives businesses and their owners, including planning strategies and considerations involved in the transition of businesses to buyers or the next generation in a tax-efficient manner.

Diana also advises employers on a wide variety of general business tax matters with an emphasis on employment tax issues, including fringe benefit withholdings and their related tax consequences, and providing solutions to complex state and local tax problems involving direct and indirect state taxes as well as real estate transfer taxes and municipal taxes.

Published Work and Lectures

- New York State Bar Association, Speaker, “Decanting Irrevocable Trusts: A Practical Guide,” October 16, 2019
- Monroe County Bar Association, Speaker, “Decanting Irrevocable Trusts: A Practical Guide,” January 30, 2019
- Rochester, New York, “Tax Reform: What You Need to Know Seminar,” February 13, 2018
- Buffalo, New York, “Tax Reform: What You Need to Know Seminar,” January 30, 2018
- Monroe County Bar Association, Speaker, “Tax Considerations in M&A Transactions,” June 21, 2017
- Greater Rochester Enterprise’s Eyes on the Future Radio Show, WHAM 1180, Speaker, “Steps to Avoid an Audit,” September 2016

Affiliations

- Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Board Chair
- Allendale Columbia School, Former Board Member and Audit Committee Chair, 2011-2020, Audit Committee Member

Areas of Experience

Tax
Corporate Tax
M&A and Private Equity
Transactional Risk

Education

J.D., College of William and Mary, 2008
B.S.E., Princeton University, Operations Research and Financial Engineering, 2003

Admissions

Bars

New York

Related Content

Akerman Represents Fourshore in Palm Coast Sales Acquisition
February 28, 2025

Akerman Represents Graycliff Partners in Boss Industries Acquisition
January 10, 2025

Akerman Advises Fourshore Partners on Acquisition of Logistics Company
September 23, 2024

- American Red Cross Greater Rochester Chapter, Former Board Member, 2012-2020; Board Chair, 2017-2019
- Princeton Club of Rochester, Former Board Chair, Former Board Member, 2009-2018, Harvard Yale Princeton Ball Committee Chair
- Allendale Columbia School Alumni Association, Board Member, 2008-2020; Past President, 2012-2014

Honors and Distinctions

- *Rochester Business Journal*, Recipient of the “Women of Excellence” Award, 2023
- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in New York for Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Corporate Compliance Law, and Trust and Estates
- *Rochester Business Journal*, Recipient of the “Forty Under 40” Award, 2019
- American Red Cross Greater Rochester Chapter, The Jane Fairchild Freund Volunteer Leadership Award, 2019
- *The Daily Record*, Recipient of the “Up and Coming Attorneys” Award, 2018
- *Super Lawyers Magazine* 2017-2021, Listed as a “Rising Star” in Upstate New York
- New York State Bar Association, Empire State Counsel, 2016