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EDUCATION

LL.M. in Taxation, with distinction, 1999
 Georgetown University Law Center

J. D., with honors, 1996
 Golden Gate University

B.A., Rhetoric and Philosophy, 1993,
 Willamette University

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2001 – Present
 Director (Associate prior to 2005)
 Trucker Huss
 San Francisco, California

1999 – 2001
 Associate
 Cooley Godward LLP
 Palo Alto, California

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, The State Bar of California
 Past President, Bay Area Chapter of the
 National Institute of Pension Administrators

Member, American Bar Association
 (Contributing Author, Labor Section's
 Employee Benefits Law)

Member, Bar Association of San Francisco

Member, Los Angeles IRS/Practitioners
 Benefits Conference (Past Member of
 Steering Committee)

Member, Western Pension & Benefits Council

Lauded by Chambers as having “exceptional client management skills” and a “very diligent and detail-oriented” approach, Mary has two decades of experience in all aspects of employee benefits.

Currently, her main focus is assisting employers with the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and drafting executive compensation and nonqualified deferred compensation plans. She designs and drafts voluntary and involuntary severance plans. Mary assists employers with obtaining Private Letter Rulings from the IRS and she submits comments to the IRS and Department of Labor both prior to the issuance of regulations and in response to proposed guidance issued by those agencies.

Mary has extensive experience in handling benefit plans in mergers and acquisitions. Her clients include large publicly-held companies and complex multi-entity health care organizations. Mary has lectured frequently on ACA and executive compensation topics for many clients and organizations including Western Pension and Benefits Conference, the San Francisco Bar Association and the Bay Area Chapter of the National Institute of Pension Administrators. For many years she was a contributing author to the ABA Labor Section's Employee Benefits Law, published by BNA. Mary is a Chambers rated lawyer and is listed as a 2017 and 2018 Top Rated Employee Benefits Attorney in San Francisco, CA by Super Lawyers.

ABOUT TRUCKER HUSS

With more than 25 attorneys practicing solely in employee benefits law, Trucker Huss is the largest employee benefits specialty law firm outside of Washington, D.C.

Our in-depth knowledge and wealth of experience on all issues confronting benefit plans, plan sponsors, and plan fiduciaries translates into real-world, practical solutions for our clients—backed by the resources to handle the most complex or the most straightforward matters.

