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Profile

Delaney is experienced in assisting nonprofits and exempt organizations meet their charitable and philanthropic missions.

Delaney's practice includes working with nonprofits and exempt organizations at each phase of their lifecycle. She is experienced in establishing new nonprofits and drafting their formation and organizational documents in preparation for filing with the New York Department of State, including certificates of incorporation, articles of organization, bylaws and operating agreements. Delaney also assists nonprofits with implementing policies to comply with their legal and fiduciary duties under the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, including conflict of interest, whistleblower and investment policies.

After formation, Delaney works with nonprofits to complete various state and federal applications and registrations. She is experienced in assisting clients apply for and maintain federal income tax exemption. She also prepares charitable solicitation registrations with the Charities Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General and applies for sales tax and franchise tax exemptions through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. In addition, she advises New York nonprofits on multi-state business and tax compliance issues with respect to hiring telecommuting employees across the nation.

When advising nonprofit clients on governance and other routine matters, Delaney works to ensure that board members and officers understand their fiduciary obligations to their organization. She is also frequently involved in assisting nonprofits with various corporate transactions, including mergers, consolidations, and dissolutions. Further, she has represented nonprofits before the New York State Office of the Attorney General and the New York State Courts in various proceedings, including petitioning for *cy pres* relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To complement her exempt organizations practice, Delaney's experience in trust and estate planning allows her to further counsel nonprofit clients in matters related to charitable gift agreements, and work with individuals and families to make gifts to charities which have made a lasting impact during their lifetime.

Honors & Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2019)
- Siena College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2015)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York (2020)

Practices

- Business and Transactions
- Exempt Organizations
- Long Term Care
- Higher Education

- Albany County Bar Association
- Capital District Women's Bar Association, Women in Law Section
- Justinian Honorary Law Society
- Capital District Women's Bar Association "Sweet Success" Event Honoree, 2020
- Cameron-Danaher Prize Recipient, 2019
- John B. Lurie Memorial Prize Recipient, 2019
- Kate Stoneman Student Award Recipient, 2019
- Domenick L. Gabrielli Prize Recipient, 2019
- Thomson Reuters Award Recipient, 2019
- Siegel Scholarship Recipient, 2019
- Albany Law Review Editorial Board, Executive Editor for Notes and Comments, 2018–2019
- Student Service Award Recipient, 2018
- American Bar Association Client Counseling Regional Competition, Finalist, 2018
- Domenik L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moore Court Competition, Finalist, 2017
- Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition, Finalist, 2017
- Dean Thomas Sponslor Honors Teaching Fellow, Federal Civil Procedure, 2017

Representative Publications

- Co-Author, "10 Lessons From 10 Years of Nonprofit Whistleblower Policies," *New York Law Journal*, February 3, 2025.
- Contributor, "Not-for-Profit Report: Economic Relief During COVID-19," *Saratoga Business Journal*, December 14, 2020
- Fanning the Flames: Gaslighting as a Tactic of Psychological Abuse and Criminal Prosecution, 83 Alb. L. Rev. 313, 2020

Representative Presentations

- ALA Masters Series: Legal/HR Matters Impacting Associations, Empire State Society of Association Executives, March 12, 2021