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Genevra brings an insider's perspective to her client's issues. Prior to entering private practice, she was the sole in-house attorney for a prominent community foundation in Dallas, Texas, where she managed all issues related to legal compliance, board governance, and risk management. While in this role, she trained in-house staff, worked with ultra-high-net-worth donors, and consulted internal stakeholders on development and planned giving topics.

Genevra's law practice focuses exclusively on the representation of tax-exempt organizations on a wide range of matters including governance, tax compliance, endowments, executive compensation, complex gifts, fiscal sponsorship structures, intellectual property issues, and employment matters. She has counseled private foundations, public charities, supporting organizations, community foundations, churches, and other religious organizations on a wide range of issues.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Genevra worked in development in both for-profit and non-profit institutions, specializing in fundraising-related data evaluation and modeling.

**Education**

J.D., *cum laude*, SMU Dedman School of Law, 2010

B.B.A., *cum laude*, University of Iowa, 2001

**Professional Experience**

Attorney, Mendrygal Law, PLLC (2016-Present)

Associate, Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. (2014-2016)

Associate Legal Counsel, The Dallas Foundation (2011-2014)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Justice Douglas S. Lang, Fifth Court of Appeals of Texas (2010-2011)

**Selected Professional, Community and Business Activities**

- Communities Foundation of Texas Advisory Council (2018-Present)
- Dallas Council of Charitable Gift Planners (formerly the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, North Texas Chapter) Board of Directors (2013-2016)
- Texas Bar CLE Governance of Nonprofit Organizations Conference, Planning Committee (2015)
- The Dallas Foundation, Advisory Council (2014-2016)
- The Dallas Foundation, Women's Philanthropy Institute (2019-Present)
- Dallas Bar Nonprofit Study Group (2012-Present)
- State Bar of Texas, Taxation Section Member (2014-Present)
- American Bar Association, Section of Taxation Member (2019-Present)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Member (2011-2016)
- Dallas Estate Planning Council, Member (2012-2016)
- Girl Scouts of North East Texas, Volunteer (2013-Present)
- Maharishi School, Advisory Director (2017-2019); Executive Committee Member (2018-present); Development Committee Chair (2018-Present)
- Armstrong-Bradfield Preschool Association Member (2013-Present); Home Tour Committee (2013)

**Presentations**

- "Creating Efficiencies and Sustainability for Future Growth in the Non-Profit Sector" Capital One, October 2019 (panelist)
- "Compliance 101" It's Lonely at the Top, May 2019 (co-presenter)
- "Asked and Answered: Nonprofits 101" Dallas Bar Nonprofit Group, March 2017 (co-presenter)
- "Gift Acceptance Policy Bootcamp" Dallas Council of Charitable Gift Planners (formerly the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning - North Texas Chapter), December 2015
- "New Overtime Rules for Employees: Complying with the FLSA in 2015 and Beyond," The Church Network Dallas Chapter, November 2015
- "Using Community Foundations" Alliance for Greater Works Ultimate Financial and Legal Conference, October 2015

- "Legal and Fiduciary Responsibilities" Center for Nonprofit Management Board Member Bootcamp, March 2015 (co-presenter)
- "Launching a 501(c)(3) Webinar" Alliance for Greater Works, March 2015 (co-presenter)
- "Donee Beware" Partnership for Philanthropic Planning – North Texas Chapter, February 2015 (co-presenter)
- "Gift Planning on the Run: Establishing the Program" Partnership for Philanthropic Planning – North Texas Chapter, November 2014 (co-presenter)
- "Gifts with Hair" Association of Fundraising Professionals Philanthropy in Action Conference, June 2014 (co-presenter)
- "The Role of a Community Foundation" Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants Nonprofit Organizations Conference, May 2014 (co-presenter)
- "Fiscal Sponsorship Overview" Dallas Bar Association Nonprofit Group, November 2013
- "Demystifying Private Company Valuation" Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement-Southwest Conference Dallas, May 2009

### **Publications**

- "Corporate Philanthropy: The Charity's Point of View" Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, February 2015 (co-author with Jonathan Blum)
- "Survey of Recent Mandamus Decisions of the Texas Supreme Court," 64 SMU L. REV. 393 (2011) (co-author with The Honorable Justice Douglas Lang and Pamela S. Kohler)
- Comment, "GPS for the Sky: A Survey of Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) and Its Implementation in the United States" 74 J. AIR L. & COM. 473 (2009)
- Casenote, "Gays in the Military – The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Fails to Subject 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' to a Strict Scrutiny Test: Witt v. Department of the Air Force" 74 J. AIR L. & COM. 143, 148 (2009)