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Misty's practice is dedicated exclusively to representing nonprofit and tax exempt organizations, including forming tax-exempt organizations, preparing organizational documents and policies, preparing applications for federal and state tax exemptions, and advising on issues regarding the operation, management, and taxation of tax-exempt organizations, with a focus on private foundations, including complex activities such as program related investments and international grantmaking and operations. Her practice also includes addressing sophisticated tax issues.

The legal advice that Misty provides is grounded in experience. During her 24-year career, Misty was the head of finance of a \$1.5B private foundation with domestic and international operations, served as in-house tax counsel at a major public utility, and was a member of the tax team of a top-rated international law firm. This diverse background gives her a unique lens into the legal and financial aspects of the nonprofit sector and the needs of nonprofit clients.

Education

J.D., with honors, University of Texas School of Law, 1999

B.S., summa cum laude, University of Southern California, 1996

Professional Experience

Mendrygal Law, PLLC (2023-present)

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Vice President - Finance (2013-2023)

Energy Future Holdings, f/k/a TXU Corp., Associate General Tax Counsel (2005-2011)

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (1999-2005)

Selected Professional and Community Activities

- AICPA Private Foundation Summit, June 2017 – Presented "Direct Charitable Activities of Private Operating and Non-Operating Foundations"
- UT Law Nonprofit Organizations Institute, January 2017 – Presented "Operating Abroad: Tax Implications and Other Considerations for US Non-Profit Organizations"
- Foundation Financial Officers Group – Member (2013-2023)
- St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Austin, TX – Member and Volunteer