

## Melissa M. Mack

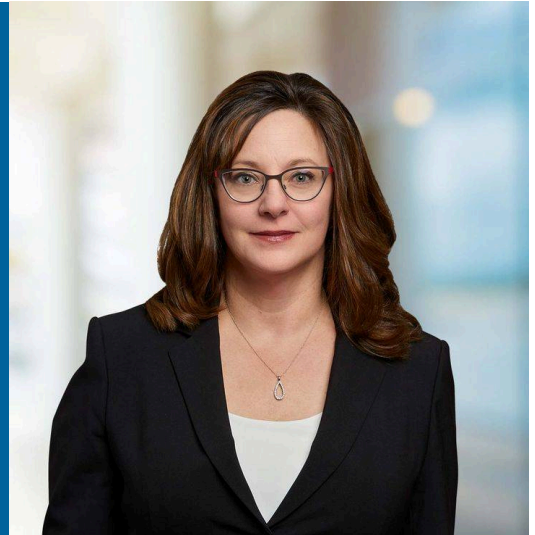
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As chair of Shipman's Tax Exempt Organizations Practice Group, Melissa Mack represents large and small tax-exempt organizations on tax-exemption, corporate and governance issues, providing practical and well-rounded counsel to our nonprofit clients. She represents public charities, private foundations, educational institutions, community foundations, hospitals and healthcare organizations, social service agencies, religious, cultural and performing arts organizations, supporting organizations, quasi-governmental entities and trade associations across multiple industries.

Melissa counsels clients on forming nonstock corporations, obtaining, maintaining and operating in furtherance of tax-exempt status, strategic planning and corporate transactions. She provides guidance to organizations and boards of directors on corporate governance, regulatory compliance, contracting, affiliations, mergers, dissolution, fiduciary duties, board disputes, policy and procedure development, unrelated business income taxes, executive compensation, intermediate sanctions matters, private foundation excise taxes, conflicts of interest, endowments, advocacy, lobbying limitations, fiscal sponsorships, charitable giving, grantmaking, fundraising, gift acceptance, corporate sponsorships, charitable solicitations and donor relations.

Melissa previously practiced for eleven years at Robinson & Cole before launching her own law practice, Mack Law LLC in 2014. In addition to her legal practice, Melissa also served as First Selectman of the Town of Suffield from 2015 through 2021.

### Distinctions

- Pro Bono Award, Robinson & Cole LLP, 2007

- New Leaders of the Law Award, *Connecticut Law Tribune* (2004)

## **Community Involvement**

- First Selectman, Town of Suffield (2015-2021)
- Director, Bradley Development League (2015-2021)
- Board Member, Capital Region Council of Governments (2015-2021)
- Commissioner, Suffield Historic District Commission (2014-2015)
- Counsel Conquering Cancer Fundraiser, co-founder, raised over \$150,000 for CT Children's Medical Center Hematology/ Oncology Division (2011-2013)
- Suffield Public Elementary Schools PTO Enrichment Committee, Grant Writer (2013-2015)
- Suffield Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Member (2010-2016)

## **Credentials**

### *Education*

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 2000, with honors
- Boston College, B.A., 1993