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Deanna McWeeney is an associate in the firm's Tax and Employee Benefits practice group. She has experience in general legal matters, contracts, negotiations, tax planning, audit defense, mergers and acquisitions, and other related transactions. She counsels clients on the full spectrum of income, sales and use, payroll, property, capital gains and other taxes. She has particular experience in taxation issues relating to the life cycle of a business, including business formations, mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and other transactions with respect to a variety of entity structures, including limited liability companies, partnerships and S-corporations.

Deanna also represents tax-exempt organizations on tax-exemption, corporate and governance issues, providing practical counsel to our nonprofit clients. She 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 all facets of operating a tax-exempt organization, including corporate governance, mergers, dissolution, fiduciary duties, policy and procedure development, unrelated business income taxes, private foundation excise taxes, conflicts of interest, lobbying limitations, charitable giving, grantmaking, fundraising, gift acceptance, corporate sponsorships, charitable solicitations and donor relations.

Prior to joining Shipman, Deanna was a transactional associate working on mergers and acquisitions and general business planning matters. Deanna also was an associate at a Big Four accounting firm in its state and local tax group.

Distinctions

- Listed as a Connecticut Super Lawyer Rising Star[®]: *Tax* (2023-2024)

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association: Business Section; Tax Section; Young Lawyers Section, Business Law Committee Chair (2021-2022)

Credentials

Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., 2018, *magna cum laude*
- Boston College, B.A., 2015

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut