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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1990
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A.B., Bryn Mawr College, 1987
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Bar Admissions

New York

District of Columbia

Pennsylvania

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit

Associations

Fellow, American College of
Tax Counsel

Government Service

Chief (2024-25) and Deputy Chief (2022-
24), IRS Independent Office of Appeals

Deputy Division Counsel (International),
LB&I Division (2019-22)

Associate Tax Legislative Counsel,
Office of Tax Policy, U.S. Department of
the Treasury (2002)

Attorney-Advisor, Office of Tax Policy, U.S.
Department of the Treasury (1999-02)

Liz Askey has more than three decades of experience advising on tax controversy matters, including examinations, appeals, alternative dispute resolution and litigation. Ms. Askey's practice spans a variety of domestic and international tax issues, and she has extensive experience in controversy mitigation strategies, including private letter rulings, closing agreements, pre-filing agreements, industry issue resolutions, and regulatory and legislative tax policy advocacy.

Ms. Askey joined Skadden after serving in several high-level positions at the IRS, including most recently as Chief of the Independent Office of Appeals (Appeals). In this role, she set strategy and oversaw the operations of nearly 1,800 Appeals employees and programs designed to resolve tax controversies between taxpayers and the IRS without litigation. She also previously served as Deputy Chief of Appeals. Prior to these roles, she served as Deputy Division Counsel (International) for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel's Large Business and International (LB&I) Division, where she directed the work of approximately 350 attorneys and paralegals responsible for litigating LB&I cases and providing advice to exam teams and Appeals. Earlier in her career, Ms. Askey served as an attorney-advisor and associate tax legislative counsel in the Office of Tax Policy at the Department of the Treasury (Treasury).

In addition to her roles in federal government, Ms. Askey spent over two decades as a tax controversy and policy practitioner, including as a partner at another national law firm, a principal at a Big Four accounting firm and in-house at a global multinational corporation, where she represented clients in litigation, examinations and at Appeals. She also advised on regulatory and legislative tax policy matters before Treasury, the IRS and congressional staff.

Ms. Askey is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel and has held leadership positions with the taxation sections of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association and District of Columbia Bar. She is also a frequent speaker and writer on tax controversy topics.