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Education

LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, 2004 (Thomas Bradbury Chetwood, S.J. Prize)

J.D., Yale Law School, 2000

B.A., Yale University, 1997 (*summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa)

Bar Admissions

California
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Government Service

Attorney Adviser, Office of Tax Legislative Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury (2007-2010)

Associations

Fellow, American College of Tax Counsel

Board Member, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

Emily M. Lam is co-head of the firm's global Tax Group. She advises clients on a broad range of tax controversy matters, focusing on complex audits and appeals, closing agreements and creative resolution of tax disputes. Drawing on her prior experience at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and more than two decades of practice, she provides clients with sophisticated tax counseling on the most sensitive matters.

Ms. Lam, who began her career in Skadden's Washington, D.C. office, rejoined the firm in 2010 after serving as an attorney adviser in the Office of Tax Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. While at the Treasury Department, Ms. Lam worked closely with the Internal Revenue Service on administrative guidance, consulted with Congressional staff regarding legislation and interfaced with other government agencies on various tax policy matters.

Ms. Lam also advises tax-exempt organizations and counsels on charitable giving issues.

On the strength of her professional achievements, Ms. Lam has been recognized numerous times as a leading tax lawyer in California and nationwide, including being selected annually for inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The *Daily Journal* also has named her several times to its list of Top Women Lawyers in California and previously recognized her as one of the state's top 20 Lawyers Under 40.

She has also been recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.*, *Euromoney*'s *Women in Business Law Expert Guide* and *Expert Guides' Guide to the World's Leading Tax Advisers* and is annually listed in the *International Tax Review*'s *World Tax* and *Women in Tax Leaders* guides. She has also been named one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Tax Lawyers. In addition, she has received a Women in Business Law award from *Euromoney* and Legal Media Group, recognizing her as one of the country's outstanding tax dispute resolution attorneys. The *Silicon Valley Business Journal* also has named her one of its Women of Influence.

Ms. Lam is a frequent speaker and panelist before private bar and industry groups, including the Tax Executives Institute and the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation.

Ms. Lam is active in Skadden's recruitment, development and retention initiatives and serves on the firm's Ethics and Pro Bono committees. She previously served on Skadden's Policy Committee, the firm's highest governing body, and as head of the firm's Palo Alto office.