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Education

LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center (with Distinction)

J.D., American University Washington College of Law (*cum laude*)

A.B., Davidson College

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Associations

Board Member, American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Board Member, Hamiltonian Artists

Board Member, Tax Foundation

Fellow, American College of Tax Counsel

Member and Former Chair (2021-22), Taxation Community, District of Columbia Bar

Government Service

Majority Tax Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means (2017-18)

Languages

English

French

German

Loren Ponds frequently advises clients on international tax planning and controversy matters. Ms. Ponds has represented clients before the IRS in connection with Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs), Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP) claims to resolve instances of double taxation, and transfer pricing and foreign-derived deduction eligible income (FDDEI) audits. She also counsels on various transfer pricing issues related to intangible property and post-merger integration.

Ms. Ponds previously served as majority tax counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, where she developed, analyzed and refined the international tax provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). She leverages her extensive tax policy experience to provide strategic counsel to clients across a variety of industries on the impacts of the TCJA, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025. Clients also frequently turn to her for advice related to the Pillar One and Pillar Two frameworks spearheaded by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Ms. Ponds "has exceptional technical insights and her experience on Capitol Hill puts her in an elite position to offer practical perspectives," says *Chambers*.

Prior to joining Skadden, Ms. Ponds co-led the tax policy practice and served on the executive committee of another law firm. She also worked in the Washington, D.C. and Düsseldorf offices of a major global accounting firm, focusing on transfer pricing planning and controversy. In addition, Ms. Ponds was a trainee at the OECD in Paris and served as a German Chancellor Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at the University of Hamburg's International Tax Institute. In recognition of her achievements, Ms. Ponds has been honored as one of *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Global Tax Lawyers and ranked as a leading lawyer in *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500*, *International Tax Review* and *Best Lawyers*. She is a frequent speaker on key international tax issues.