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Kristen Nugent is an associate in MendenFreiman's business law and tax planning practice areas. She joined the firm in 2020 and provides legal counsel to small and medium-sized businesses on a variety of corporate and transactional matters, including business and corporate representation, entity structuring, incentive plans, entertainment law matters, licensing agreements, employment law and related agreements, trademark and copyright clearance and related registration.

Kristen also has extensive experience with employee benefit plans, including plan compliance and corrections; mergers and acquisitions; nonprofit organizations; taxable and tax-exempt financing structures (including lease-purchase agreements, credit-enhanced transactions, and public/private partnerships); and international corporate and tax law issues.

Prior to joining MendenFreiman, Kristen served as in-house counsel with a Georgia corporation and was an associate with Hunton & Williams LLP and King & Spalding, LLP.

"The most rewarding part of this job is helping my clients succeed. I am proud to be a trusted advisor, guiding my clients through confusing or complicated legal issues so they can achieve their business goals."

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2008
 - Virginia Law Review, editorial board
 - Order of the Coif
 - Virginia Health Law Association
- University of Notre Dame, B.A. in Political Science, graduated first in her class, summa cum laude, 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Managed ongoing legal, tax, and regulatory compliance for a Fortune 500 company's four 401(k) savings plans and 18 pension plans in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.
- Designed a centralized corporate governance and risk-management strategy for a corporation expanding in several international markets.
- Managed vendor and artist contracting, volunteer management, event insurance, and other logistical matters for a festival with approximately 15,000 daily attendees.
- Created, negotiated, and prepared new financing structures for several Atlanta-based clients based on opportunities created by economic stimulus legislation.

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Georgia, member

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, Chapter 17 - “Practical Legal Concerns” and Chapter 18 - “Neuroimaging and the Constitution” in *Neuroimaging in Forensic Psychiatry: From the Clinic to the Courtroom* (2011, textbook)
- “Cosmetic Surgery on Patients with Body Dysmorphic Disorder: Cutting the Tie that Binds” in *Dev. In Mental Health Law* (2010)
- “Proportionality and Prosecutorial Discretion: Challenges to the Constitutionality of Georgia’s Death Penalty Law and Procedures Amidst the Deficiencies of the State’s Mandatory Appellate Review Structure” in *University of Miami Law Review* (October 2009)
- “Patenting Medical Devices: The Economic Implications of Ethically Motivated Reform” in *Annals of Health Law* (Winter 2007)

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