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Melissa Gierach joined DLA Piper as an advisor in federal policy and regulatory affairs, with specific focus in the area of tax policy.

Prior to joining DLA Piper, she served as a senior advisor of tax policy on Capitol Hill for nearly ten years, having worked for multiple senior Members of Congress seated on top-tier committees of jurisdiction within the House of Representatives. Additionally, Melissa spent the latter years of her Capitol Hill tenure in service to the Subcommittee Chairman of Tax Policy on the House Ways and Means Committee.

While working on Capitol Hill, Melissa was focused on comprehensive tax reform efforts, with a more granular focus on the international tax space impacting multinational business. She developed, drafted and introduced more than a dozen pieces of stand-alone legislation in the tax space, as well as the intersection of tax and health care. She developed bipartisan legislation known as Innovation Box highlighted early in the 114th Congress by both the Ways and Means Committee, as well as House Leadership, as a potential alternative or step in the larger discussion of comprehensive tax reform.

Most recently, Melissa has focused her practice on advising clients with respect to areas of concern following passage of tax reform, as well as in-depth advisement across all aspects of the newly created Opportunity Zones provision, including active engagement throughout the development of O Zone regulatory guidance.

Melissa Gierach is not a lawyer.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- M.P.H., Health Policy: Economics, George Washington University 2011
- B.S., Florida State University 2007

INSIGHTS

RELATED SERVICES

- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- US Law and Policy
- FDA
- Tax

RELATED SECTORS

- Healthcare

Publications

House tax proposal: significant statutory changes include raising corporate rate, overhauling international taxation system

21 September 2021

While the Senate is likely to cut back on some of the proposals, tax increases for business and individuals are expected to be enacted by Thanksgiving.

Biden Administration "Green Book" tax proposals would affect private investment funds if enacted

9 June 2021

The Green Book incorporates changes from the American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan.

COVID-19 Phase 4 limited legislative relief, tax extenders, and what else to expect in the near term

28 December 2020

The 2020 year-end "omnibus" package contains a number of tax provisions designed to help employers deal with the impact of the pandemic on their business operations, including their workforce, largely consisting of enhancements and adjustments to CARES Act provisions.

COVID-19 Phase 4 legislation: Information and progress update

14 May 2020

A summary of the start of Congressional negotiations on additional COVID-19 related business relief provisions.

COVID-19 Phase 4 federal legislation – UPDATE

21 April 2020

Time is of the essence and the plan is to have a draft Phase 4 COVID-19 relief bill ready by the end of April.

Negotiations begin on legislation to mitigate economic impact of coronavirus outbreak: Congressional tax writers seek your input

10 March 2020

The Congressional tax writers are seeking private sector input in two different but equally important forms.

DLA Piper to provide tax relief input to Congress from businesses impacted by coronavirus

9 March 2020

Of particular concern is the travel and tourism sector, but the Committee staff is open to considering the impact on other economic sectors.

Events

Previous

Policy priorities and insights: The road ahead post-election

13 January 2021 | 12:00 - 1:15 ET

Webinar

Part 3: The 2020 general election results – implications of tax and economic policy for business

12 January 2021 | 2:00 - 3:00 ET

Webinar

2020 general election results: Implications for tax and economic policy for business

2 December 2020

2020 general election results: Implications for tax and economic policy for business

Webinar

2020 general election results: Implications for tax and economic policy for business

5 November 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 ET

2020 general election results: Implications for tax and economic policy for business

Webinar

Payroll taxes during COVID-19: Federal tax credits and deferrals and state and local tax matters

17 September 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 ET

Webinar

COVID-19: tax relief policy update

26 March 2020

Webinar

- Policy & Technical Corrections Following Tax Reform: What's Ahead in 2018? 14 Feb 2018
- The 115th Congress and Trump administration begin intense efforts to complete comprehensive tax reform, Webinar, 10 Jan 2017