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OVERVIEW

Lauren Flynn is a government affairs advisor and a member of the Public Policy and Law practice group. She provides strategic advice to clients navigating complex legislative and regulatory issues across the tax, tax-exempt, retirement, financial services, and employee benefits spaces. Her clients include non-profit entities, Fortune 500 companies, and trade/member associations, among others.

Lauren is a trusted advisor to clients, developing and implementing policy strategies consistent with the mission of their organizations. She helps clients navigate the legislative process, from developing legislative concepts, to building policymaker support, to final passage. Lauren helps distill complex issues for a broad audience, from drafting comment letters to regulatory agencies to correspondence with government agencies, and crafting one-pagers and other briefing materials. She also manages multifaceted outreach campaigns. Lauren works to ensure clients receive seamless support and actionable insights through comprehensive monitoring and analysis. Lauren also manages a variety of stakeholder coalitions.

Prior to joining the firm, Lauren worked for a senior member of the US House of Representatives as a legislative assistant and legislative correspondent. During this time, she advised the congressman on a variety of issue areas and developed a deep understanding of congressional rules and procedure.

Lauren earned her Master of Public Policy degree with an emphasis in national security and public policy from George Mason University, and was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected by the National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics as a Top Lobbyist, 2025
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Government: Government Relations, 2023

EDUCATION

- M.P.P., George Mason University, 2011

- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2006

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- August 2026, Global Data Protection Insights
- 7 July 2026, SEC Proposes to Rescind Climate Disclosure Rules
- 7 May 2026, Is America Finally Getting a National Data Privacy Law?
- 29 January 2026, Proxy Wars
- 22 October 2025, OBBBA Offers Important Incentive to Encourage Manufacturing, Production, and Refining in the United States
- 12 August 2025, New US Proposals to Change How Digital Assets, Virtual Currencies, and Cryptocurrencies Are Taxed Could Significantly Impact the Industry
- 8 August 2025, Budget Reconciliation Law Puts Beginning of Construction in the Spotlight
- May 2025, A Closer Look at the House Ways and Means Budget Reconciliation Legislation–Process and Policies
- 5 March 2025, President's Remarks Keep the Pressure on Congress to Deliver on Taxes
- February 2025, What's Next for Employers Under the Trump Administration
- 15 October 2024, House ESG Oversight Focuses on Proxy Voting; Issuer Attention Is on CSRD
- September 2024, Taxing Expectations: Tax Policy After the TCJA
- 21 March 2024, FY2025 Budget Supports Biden Administration's Focus on Fairness in the Tax Code
- 6 March 2024, SEC Issues Long-Awaited Climate Risk Disclosure Rule
- 14 December 2023, The EU CS3D Trilogue Nears Conclusion
- 9 November 2023, California Enacts Landmark ESG Legislation
- 5 September 2023, GOP ESG Bills Await US House Floor Consideration
- 27 June 2023, House GOP ESG Working Group; Interim Report Released
- 14 November 2022, SEC Adopts Final Rule Requiring Additional Proxy Voting Disclosures
- 28 July 2022, Déjà Vu All Over Again: SEC Reverses 2020 Proxy Rules Changes and Proposes Shareholder Proposal Rule Changes
- 23 March 2022, SEC Issues Climate-Related Risk Disclosure Rule Proposal
- 5 November 2021, The Wait Is Finally Over: Highly Anticipated OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard Mandates COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing for Larger Employers

- 7 June 2021, Biden Administration ESG Activity Accelerates
- 14 May 2021, SEC to Move Quickly on Proposed ESG Disclosures
- 23 December 2020, COVID-19: Tax Issues Addressing Pandemic Relief and Extenders Feature Prominently in Year-End Legislation
- 10 November 2020, Post-election Forecast: Tax Policy Agenda is Clearer but Still Hazy
- 3 November 2020, Bipartisan Leaders of the House Ways and Means Committee Release Latest Retirement Reform Package
- 30 October 2020, Retirement Security Offers a Ray of Sunshine for Bipartisanship, Though the Outlook for Social Security Reform Seems Cloudier
- 19 October 2020, Eye on the Election: Potential Impact on Tax Incentives for Power and Related Industries
- 13 October 2020, Looking Ahead: President Trump's Potential Second Term Policy Agenda
- 9 October 2020, 2021 U.S. Tax Forecast: How the November Elections Could Lead to Significant Tax Changes Affecting You and Your Business
- 16 July 2020, DOL Issues Proposed Rule on ESG Investing for ERISA Plans: Part 1: History and State of Play
- 27 March 2020, COVID-19: Historic Coronavirus Relief Package Enacted
- 17 March 2020, COVID-19 Policy Update: House Passes Coronavirus Response
- 10 March 2020, COVID-19: Grassley: "Targeted Tax Relief" Being Considered to Counter Economic Effects of Coronavirus Spread
- 18 July 2019, K&L Gates Responds to the Federal Reserve’s Rulemaking on Control Proceedings
- 11 June 2019, Back from the Dead: Senate Taskforces Aim to Deliver Tax Extenders from Expiration Purgatory but Some Provisions Could Stay Six Feet Under
- 4 May 2018, Another Kind of Tax Cut
- 23 April 2018, Will Taxpayers Be the Victims of the Mnuchin-Mulvaney Duel Over Tax Regulations?
- 16 April 2018, The Recent Spate of Tax Reform Notices Provides Openings for Taxpayer Input
- 17 January 2018, Tax Reform: Finale or Intermission?

NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 January 2025, K&L Gates Names Nearly 35 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Policy Professionals Across Firm

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Financial Services Policy
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Tax

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a nonprofit organization to advocate for policies that promote incentivizing charitable giving and would not constrain the ability of donors to give.
- Represented a staffing company to secure regular extensions of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.
- Represented a large corporation in successfully preserving Section 127, the employer-provided tuition reimbursement benefit.
- Manage a coalition to extend Section 179D, the energy efficient commercial building deduction. Successfully led efforts to make Section 179D permanent and negotiate key improvements to how the deduction operates.
- On behalf of a religious denomination, secured passage of language to expand the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate religious exemption.
- On behalf of a global manufacturing company, worked to lessen the effect of proposed changes to energy tax credits in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, leading to longer wind down periods for a couple of energy tax credits.
- Worked with a large financial advisory company to navigate the changing landscape with respect to the fiduciary rule, including changes in administrations and in control of Congress.
- Drafted a comprehensive strategy paper on advancing a complex policy issue across multiple iterations of congressional and administration control.
- Worked with the Small Business Administration on behalf of religiously affiliated organizations to ensure they could access support programs to allow them to continue to operate during the pandemic.