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Carrie J. Pollak is counsel in the Corporate, Real Estate, Tax and Health Care Practices. Her legal practice concentrates in the area of corporate governance. Ms. Pollak regularly advises tax-exempt and nonprofit organizations on diverse legal issues including formations, taxation and tax exempt issues, corporate governance, corporate restructurings, regulatory matters, and a variety of commercial ventures, contracts and transactions, and tax-exempt financing, including bond issuance. She routinely represents providers of charitable services, such as long-term health care and affordable housing, and works with various nonprofit groups. Ms. Pollak teaches Nonprofit Organizations at Cornell Law School.

Ms. Pollak also represents a variety of companies and for-profit businesses in the areas of corporate governance, commercial real estate, commercial ventures, contracts and transactions.

She routinely represents clients before the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the New York State Office of the Attorney General, Department of Taxation and Finance and Affordable Housing Corporation. She has represented clients before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as the New York State Department of Environmental Protection.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate
- Public Finance
- Real Estate
- Tax
- Municipal
- Health Care
- Nonprofit Governance & Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Military

RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS

- Recipient, 40 Under Forty Award, presented by M&T Bank and the Business Journal News Network (2017)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Chair of the Board of Directors, The Wetland Trust
- Member of the Board of Directors, Visiting Nurse Service of Ithaca and Tompkins County

- Member, New York Bar Association
- Past Member of the Board of Directors, Finger Lakes Land Trust
- Past Member of the Board of Directors, Ithaca Carshare
- Past Member of the Board of Directors, The Wetland Conservancy

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- NonProfit Law for Fundraising Professionals (April 2018)
- NYSBA, "New York Not-For-Profit Organizations Practice Symposium: From Basics to Hot Topics" (November 2017)
- Southern Tier Library System Trustee Retreat, "Non-Profit Law for Libraries" (October 2017)
- Library Trustees Association of New York State, Trustees in the Know: Legal Update-Conflict of Interest, Board/Staff Relationships and Employment Liability (May 2017)
- 34th Annual NYS Federation of Lake Associations Conference, "New York Not-for-Profits: What Are the Rules?" (May 2017)
- Hancock Estabrook 2017 Health Law Symposium (March 2017)
- Hancock Estabrook Ithaca Seminar Series, "Commercial Real Estate - From Concept to Occupancy & Beyond" (November 2016)
- The Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County Workshop Series, "Board Basics: Legal and Financial" (October 2016)
- Tompkins County Bar Association, "Non-Profit Revitalization Act of 2013" (September 2014)

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- "Lobbying/Advocacy and Political Campaign Activity: The Limits on Nonprofit Organizations and Their Leaders". Hancock Estabrook 2017 Spring Newsletter
- *Non-Profit Revitalization Act of 2013*, December 2013

EDUCATION

- Cornell Law School, J.D., 2008
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, B.A., 2004

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
- New York
- Pennsylvania