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Catherine is an associate in the firm's corporate department. Catherine advises and assists clients with business formations, corporate governance matters, mergers and acquisitions, sales tax registrations and audits and other tax issues. She also specializes in the formation, regulation and governance of legal entities for decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs) and other blockchain companies, including blockchain-based limited liability companies (BLLCs).

Before joining Gravel & Shea in 2018, Catherine provided tax consulting services through a leading national tax firm, including assisting clients during IRS tax audits and documenting research and development (R&D) projects for tax purposes. She also litigated on behalf of indigent civil clients and prosecuted misdemeanors. Catherine gained business development and marketing experience while working in non-legal positions for solar and mortgage trade associations and for a Vermont business improvement district.

### EDUCATION

George Mason University School of Law, J.D. 2014, *magna cum laude*

Member, *George Mason Law Review*

President, Student Bar Association

University of Vermont, B.A. (Geography) 2007, *magna cum laude*

American University, Washington Semester, Public Policy Seminar, 2006

### HONORS

Listed as a "Rising Star" in *New England Super Lawyers*®, (2023)

### MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Vermont Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Chittenden County Bar Association

Former Commissioner on the Arlington, Virginia County Tenant-Landlord Commission, (January 2016 – September 2017)

### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, *Blockchain Basics for Estate Planning*, Bloomberg Tax Management Estates, Gifts and Trusts Journal.™ (March 2020).

Co-Author, *Portfolio 85: Doing Business as a Foreign Corporation: Chapter 24, Vermont*, Reproduced with permission.

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<http://www.bloombergindustry.com>.

Presenter, *Introduction to Blockchain Law and Blockchain-Based LLCs (BLLCs) and Legal Implications of Blockchain for Tax and Estate Planning*, <https://thetaxandestateplanningforum.com/>, The Tax & Estate Planning Forum (October 2019).

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia (2014)

Vermont (2019)

#### **PRACTICE AREAS:**

- Business Formation & Representation
- Commercial Real Estate Financing
- Emerging Technologies
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Cannabis