
BECKY FARR SEIDEL



Becky Farr Seidel is an attorney focusing on taxation, corporate and transactional matters that impact nonprofit organizations. Becky practices in Leaffer Law's Boulder and Denver offices, where she counsels her clients on matters that span the nonprofit life-cycle, including matters typically faced by startups and transitioning organizations. She also monitors developments in the nonprofit space, such as social enterprise, political activity sensitivities and IRS delays, and disaster relief to make sure clients stay informed on emerging topics.

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Experience

Becky works regularly with clients in the following areas:

- Corporate governance
- Private foundation issues including self-dealing, jeopardy investments and expenditure responsibility
- Applications for tax-exempt status and related follow-up with the IRS
- Political activity, lobbying and advocacy
- Nonprofit restructuring, consolidation and merger
- Private benefit and inurement issues, including excess benefit transactions and intermediate sanctions
- Unrelated business income taxation
- Complex operational structures such as nonprofit/for-profit combinations and joint ventures

Becky is the principal author of the Leaffer Law Group Nonprofit Law Blog and a contributing author to *A Guide for Colorado Nonprofit Organizations*.

She has taught nonprofit law fundamentals at the University of Colorado School of Law and the Colorado State University MBA program, and has presented at the Annual Institute Primer on Advising Nonprofit Organizations and the National Scholarship Providers Association annual conference. She regularly presents on timely topics such as social enterprise, program-related investments and donor-advised funds.

Becky was named one of Law Week Colorado's Up-and-Coming Lawyers in 2012. She serves on the Humane Society of Boulder Valley's Community Access Committee, which focuses on creating strategic collaborations with other Boulder-area nonprofits. Through these efforts, Becky and her fellow committee members help the organization better serve specific segments of the community including the low-income, elderly, homeless, and mentally-ill populations.

A Colorado native residing in Boulder, Becky enjoys spending time outdoors running, hiking and just taking in the scenery in the company of her husband, her son and her dog. She also enjoys sampling the many microbrews that Colorado has to offer.

Professional Leadership

- Principal author, Leaffer Law Group Nonprofit Law Blog
- Contributing author, *A Guide for Colorado Nonprofit Organizations* (revised edition 2013), published by CLE in Colorado
- Legal editor, *Principles & Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado*, published by the Colorado Nonprofit Association
- Legal editor, Colorado Secretary of State's five-module eLearning course for nonprofits
- National Scholarship Providers Association, Advisor

Community Service

- Humane Society of Boulder Valley, Community Access Committee Member
- Friends of Levitt Pavilion Denver, Past Board Member
- Topplers, Past Board Member

Distinctions

- Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star (2014-2016)
- Law Week Colorado's Up-and-Coming Lawyers (2012)

Education

- New York University LL.M. (2008)
- University of Colorado School of Law J.D. (2007)
- University of Colorado at Boulder B.S. (1999)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado