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Grace Taylor is an associate in Armstrong Teasdale's Corporate Services practice group with a focus on tax, employee benefits and estate planning.

Grace has experience counseling clients through all stages of becoming tax-exempt organizations, in addition to working with individuals and businesses in tax controversy matters before the Internal Revenue Service and Missouri Department of Revenue. She also assists employers in drafting, amending and implementing employee benefits programs, ensuring tax and ERISA compliance. Grace has advised clients on estate planning, helping them to protect their assets and legacy through various planning tools.

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm as an attorney, Grace worked for Armstrong Teasdale as a law clerk. She gained valuable experience representing clients in tax controversies before the IRS while at the Washington University Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. Grace was also a judicial extern to the Hon. Martha L. Walters, Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law (J.D., 2020)
 - Washington University Jurisprudence Review, Senior Editor
 - Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Seattle University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2016)
 - History; Minor in Medieval Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

EXPERIENCE

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate

Employee Benefits and

Executive Compensation

Tax

Trusts and Estates

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

\$108 Million Acquisition of Bank Holding Company

Represented Delta Bancshares Company, bank holding company of Jefferson Bank and Trust, St. Louis, Missouri, in its merger with a subsidiary of First Mid Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: FMBH), bank holding company of First Mid Bank & Trust, Mattoon, Illinois. The total consideration for this cash and stock deal was approximately \$108 million. We also provided counsel on employee benefits and tax aspects of the transaction.

\$35 Million Recapitalization with Private Equity Sponsor Funding

Advised client on a recapitalization of a revenue cycle management company with funds from a private equity sponsor. The funds came in as equity, senior debt and subordinated debt with portions paid at closing as well as through a possible earn-out. The transaction required a simultaneous buyout of an affiliated joint venture and the execution of complicated software licensing and development agreements between the affiliate and the target company, which was to be controlled by the private equity sponsor post-closing.