

Cassondra Koven

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Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, JD; *American University Law Review*, Senior Staff
- State University of New York at Geneseo, BA, *Cum Laude*

Practices & Industries

- Trusts & Estates
- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court
- US Tax Court

Biography

Cassondra represents businesses, fiduciaries, and individuals in complex disputes involving commercial, financial, and estate-related matters.

Drawing on her experience as a general attorney with the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel and as a trial attorney with the US Department of Justice Tax Division, Cassondra handles all phases of litigation from case development and discovery through dispositive motion practice, trial preparation, and resolution. She has experience with complex matters involving fraud allegations, bankruptcy proceedings, collection disputes, estate-related issues, and controversies involving high-net-worth taxpayers.

Cassondra brings substantial federal litigation experience to her practice. She manages discovery, conducts depositions, drafts and argues substantive motions, prepares witnesses for trial, and develops litigation strategies in matters requiring detailed factual investigation and sophisticated legal analysis. Her experience includes disputes involving estates, asset recovery, fiduciary-related issues.

Bar Associations

- New York State Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Law Section Member, Women in Law Section Member

Prior Experience

- Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel, Litigation and Advisory, General Attorney
- United States Department of Justice, Tax Division, Civil Trial Western Region, Trial Attorney
- United States Department of Justice, Tax Division, Civil Trial Southern & Criminal Enforcement Northern Regions, Law Intern
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Honorable Julio M. Fuentes, Intern
- Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Tax and Finance Unit, Law Clerk
- American University Washington College of Law, Professor Robert Tsai, Dean's Fellow Research Assistant
- American University Washington College of Law, Federal Taxation Clinic, Student Attorney
- Weinrieb Law Firm, Legal Intern
- St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, Legal Intern

Selected Honors

- Internal Revenue Service, Special Act Award, 2025
- United States Department of Justice Tax Division, Special Commendation Award, 2023