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Nicole works with clients to resolve state and local tax controversies at the audit, administrative, and judicial levels and advises clients on state and local tax law in transactional matters. She represents clients on matters that implicate virtually every category of taxes, including corporate income and franchise taxes, gross receipts taxes, gaming taxes, sales and use taxes, and transactions taxes.

Nicole frequently delivers lectures on state and local tax matters and has presented at several organizations, including the Council On State Taxation, Tax Executives Institute, Energy Tax Association, Ohio Tax Conference, and California Tax Policy Conference. In 2022, she was appointed to the Paul J. Hartman State and Local Tax Forum Advisory Board. Nicole was also appointed to the New York Tax Appeals Tribunal Advisory Panel in 2018. She regularly provides expert insights and commentary to the annual Bloomberg Tax Survey of State Tax Departments.

Prior to joining Blank Rome, Nicole was a partner at a leading Am Law 100 firm and served as a local state and local tax manager at one of the big four accounting firms. In 2006, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael B. Thornton, U.S. Tax Court.

Outside The Firm

Nicole is a licensed bartender.

Admissions

- New York
- Minnesota

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Minnesota Bar Association

Education

- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, BSB
- William Mitchell College of Law, JD

Recognitions

- 2019, “Rising Star” in Tax, listed in *Law360*
- 2018–2023, listed in *The Legal 500 United States*
- 2021–2023, “Next Generation Partner – U.S. Taxes: Contentious,” listed in *The Legal 500 United States*
- 2018–2020, “Next Generation Lawyer – U.S. Taxes: Contentious,” listed in *The Legal 500 United States*