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EDUCATION

J.D., May 2008

Lewis & Clark Law School
Portland, Oregon

- Dean's Scholarship, 2005-2008
- Business Law Roundtable Scholar, 2007-2008
- Paul H. Casey Business Law Scholarship, 2007-2008
- Animal Law Review, associate editor
- Small Business Legal Clinic, student director

B.A., *magna cum laude* 2006

Portland State University

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2022 – Present

Director, Trucker Huss (Counsel Prior to 2026)
Portland, Oregon

2008 – 2021

Counsel Miller Nash, LLP
Portland, Oregon

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, Oregon State Bar

Member, Minority Lawyers Association

Member, Oregon Women Lawyers

Member, Western Pension & Benefits Council
(Portland Chapter)

Member, Asian American Business Alliance

Member, Washington State Bar

Member, Multnomah Bar Association

Member, International Foundation of Employee
Benefit Plans

LANGUAGES

French – Native/Bilingual



Joelle concentrates her practice on qualified retirement plans, including defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans (such as 401(k), profit sharing, ESOPs and money purchase pension plans), and plans of tax-exempt entities and public employers.

Joelle advises public and private employers on all aspects of the design, operation, and compliance of their tax qualified retirement plans. She prepares plan documents and summary plan descriptions and all types of notices to participants and governmental agencies.

Joelle also advises plan sponsors and fiduciaries on how to address and resolve compliance issues, corrections under Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System and the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program, and fiduciary best practices. She also represents clients before the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor in plan audits and investigations.

In addition, Joelle has experience advising employers about employee benefits issues in mergers and acquisitions. She works closely with employers and multiemployer pension plans on issues related to prohibited transactions and withdrawal liability matters and assists them with negotiating service provider contracts and reviewing investment management agreements.

Joelle also assists Oregon public employers with PERS matters.

ABOUT TRUCKER HUSS

With more than 30 attorneys practicing solely in employee benefits law, Trucker Huss is one of the largest employee benefits specialty law firms in the country. Our in-depth knowledge and breadth of experience on all issues confronting benefit plans, and their sponsors, fiduciaries and service providers, translate into real-world practical solutions for our clients.