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Krisanne S. Cunningham is a Director at Fennemore in our Business & Finance Practice Group, where she advises clients on mergers and acquisitions and complex business and transactional matters.

With more than 25 years of experience, Krisanne advises companies, boards, and entrepreneurs on mergers and acquisitions, corporate and business law, LLCs and joint ventures, incentive equity arrangements, tax planning, and nonprofit organizations. She regularly negotiates and manages sophisticated mergers and acquisitions, including transactions valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars. She has deep experience with Nevada LLCs and joint ventures and frequently advises boards of directors and management teams on corporate governance, fiduciary duties, and strategic decision-making. Her practice also includes advising entrepreneurs and start-up companies from early-stage capital raises and equity compensation planning through growth, restructuring, and eventual sale or exit.

Krisanne currently serves as Chair of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Nevada and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada, reflecting her active leadership within Nevada's legal community.

Krisanne earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she received the Madeleine and Roger Traynor Award and served as Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Tax Review. She also earned an LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, graduating With Distinction and serving as a Graduate Tax Scholar. She began her legal career in Washington, DC, where she represented Fortune 500 companies and major nonprofit organizations in complex corporate and tax matters.

Krisanne is consistently recognized for her work in corporate and transactional law. She is ranked in Chambers USA (Corporate/Commercial), holds an AV Preeminent Peer Review rating from Martindale-Hubbell, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She has been named one of the Top 50 Women by Mountain States Super Lawyers and has received the "Lawyer of the Year" award in Mergers & Acquisitions in Las Vegas from Best Lawyers of America, with additional

recognition in Corporate Law and Business Organizations. She has also been named to Nevada's Top Rank by Nevada Business Magazine since 2013, based on peer voting.

She is licensed to practice law in Nevada, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Georgia.

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law

LL.M, Taxation, Georgetown Law Center, with Distinction

B.B.A., University of Notre Dame, *summa cum laude*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Finance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Emerging Businesses & Technologies

General Counsel Services

AWARDS AND HONORS

Martindale-Hubbell,[®] AV Preeminent Peer Rating (5.0 out of 5.0)

Chambers USA,[®] Corporate/Commercial Law: Nevada, 2021-2026

Mountain States Super Lawyers,[®] Top 50 Women, 2024-2025

Mountain States Super Lawyers,[®] Top 100 Attorneys, 2024-2025

Mountain States Super Lawyers,[®] Mergers and Acquisitions, 2019-2025

Best Lawyers of America[®] "Lawyer of Year" Award, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2026

Best Lawyers of America,[®] Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Business Organizations, 2020-2026

Nevada Top Rank (formerly Nevada Legal Elite), Nevada Business Magazine, 2013-Present, Top Vote-getter in Southern Nevada, 2016

Avvo 10.0 Rating (out of 10.0)

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, *Nevada Corporate M&A 2026 Guide*, Chambers Global, 2026

Co-Author, "Maximizing Tax Efficiency: The Power of F Reorganizations in M&A Deals," Nevada Lawyer, December 2025

Co-Author, "Paving the Way for a Successful M&A Deal," Nevada Business Magazine, October 2025

Author, "Mergers & Acquisitions as a Niche Area of Law," Nevada Lawyer, July 2025

Author, "Working Capital Adjustments in M&A Transactions," Nevada Business Magazine, October 2024

Author, "M&A Transactions: Sandbagging Provisions Explained," Nevada Business Magazine, October 2023

Author, "This Is More Complicated Than I Thought: Breaking Down the M&A Process," Nevada Business Magazine, October 2022

Author, "M & A Deals: Tax Considerations of Equity vs. Asset Sales," Nevada Business Magazine, October 2021

Author, "A Summary of Common Tax – Favorable Types of Incentive Equity: Corporations and Partnerships/LLCs," Nevada Lawyer, December 2021

Author, "Letters of Intent: The Foundation/Cornerstone of a Deal," Nevada Business Magazine, October 2019

Author, "Tax Considerations with Multi-Member LLCs," Nevada Lawyer, April 2016

Author, "Tax-Exempt Organizations and Joint Ventures," Nevada Lawyer, April 2016

Co-Speaker, "Nevada LLCs," National Business Institute, Las Vegas, NV

Co-Speaker, "Tax Planning and Section 1031 Exchanges," Nevada Society of CPAs

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Chair of Tax Section, State of Nevada Bar

Executive Committee, Business Law Section, State of Nevada Bar

Member, USO Intermountain Advisory Board

Member, President's Club, Metro Chamber of Commerce

Member, Executive Women's Council, Metro Chamber of Commerce

Member, Hope Means Nevada Board of Directors

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, M&A Subcommittee

ADMISSIONS

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