



Brenda Jackson-Cooper Joins Estate Planning Group

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Ivins, Phillips & Barker, Chartered, one of the nation's premier tax, estate planning and employee benefits law firms, announced today that Brenda Jackson-Cooper, formerly with Arnold & Porter, LLP, has joined the firm as a partner in the estate planning group in Washington, D.C.

"Brenda is a highly regarded estate planner with an extensive background in business succession planning, charitable giving and trust-related matters, both domestic and international," commented Ivins partner, H. Carter Hood. "Our firm has represented many of our estate planning clients for multiple generations, and Brenda has the skills and insight that will help us continue that legacy. We are delighted to have her join us, and by the expertise, energy and enthusiasm she brings with her." H. Stewart Dunn, Jr., the senior partner at the firm, added, "I believe Brenda's background, experience and high level of energy will enhance our firm's ability to provide clients with effective legal representation of the highest quality." As to why she chose Ivins, Brenda explained, "Ivins, Phillips & Barker has a long tradition of grappling with complex tax issues in a practical and client-focused way. I am honored to join a firm whose name is synonymous with excellence."

Ms. Jackson-Cooper advises individuals on a broad range of estate, gift and GST tax planning matters, crafts customized estate plans designed to achieve clients' tax and non-tax objectives and implements a range of lifetime giving strategies designed to transfer wealth with maximum tax efficiency. She also develops estate tax liquidity plans, administers large estates with multi-jurisdictional components and provides post-mortem tax planning advice. Mrs. Jackson-Cooper also has provided extensive support to litigation teams representing estate planning clients in federal income tax



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controversy matters before the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Ms. Jackson-Cooper also has special expertise in estate planning for same-sex couples and understands the challenges posed, and the opportunities sometimes presented, by the lack of federal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships

Prior to joining Ivins, Ms. Jackson-Cooper practiced for nine years in the Trusts & Estates Group at Arnold & Porter, LLP, where she assisted domestic and foreign individuals with a wide range of estate planning and administration, business succession planning, charitable giving and trust administration matters, with a focus on helping closely held business owners avail themselves of the benefits of pre-sale tax and estate planning.

Ms. Jackson-Cooper is a graduate of Yale University and the Vanderbilt University Law School.

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