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April Fortner focuses her work on a variety of employee benefits matters. She partners with Polsinelli attorneys to design and implement qualified plans and provides counseling services that align legal strategies with clients' business objectives.

Prior to practicing law, April worked as a paralegal on various employee plan matters that were subject to and exempt from ERISA, including public sector and corporate retirement plans, 125 plans, and health and welfare plans.

During law school, April was a Fellow for the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law and for the Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project. April was also a student attorney in Colorado Law's Appellate Practicum, where she successfully argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit that the district court's order should be vacated.

Education

- University of Colorado Law School (J.D., 2023)
 - Health Law and Policy Certificate
 - Civil Rights and Racial Justice Law Certificate
- University of Maryland Global Campus (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2015)
 - Legal Studies

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

Recognition

- International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans Certified Employee Benefits Specialist

Capabilities

- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Nonprofit Organizations

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DOL Retracts 2022 Cryptocurrency Guidance for 401(k) Plans

On May 28, 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) rescinded its 2022 guidance that warned retirement plan fiduciaries to exercise “extreme care” when offering cryptocurrency investments in 401(k) plans. The new stance reflects a more neutral approach, though...