

Toni Ruo

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Toni Ruo is committed to helping businesses, individuals, nonprofits and other tax-exempt organizations to identify practical solutions to resolve their tax matters while meeting their business objectives. Toni advises clients on the tax consequences of various corporate and business transactions including corporate and partnership formations, mergers, acquisitions and dispositions. She advises clients throughout all phases of a dispute, including audit, administrative appeals and judicial proceedings. Nonprofits and other tax-exempt organizations come to her for assistance navigating complex laws to establish and maintain tax-exempt status and ensure regulatory compliance.

Prior to joining Polsinelli, Toni worked in the tax department at an accounting firm where she assisted individuals, partnerships, and corporations in determining income tax liability.

Education

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2023)
- Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business – Saint Louis University (MAcc, 2018)
 - Taxation
- Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business – Saint Louis University (B.S., 2018)
 - Accounting
 - SLU Pep Band Member (NCAA Division 1 Athlete)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Recognition

- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in:
 - Litigation and Controversy - Tax, 2026

Capabilities

- Tax
- Nonprofit Organizations

- Nonprofit / Charities Law, 2026
 - Tax Law, 2026
- Certified Public Accountant, Kansas and Missouri
- University of Kansas School of Law
 - Janean Meigs Memorial Award, May 2023
 - Pro Bono Distinction, May 2023
 - UMB Bank Excellence in Estate Planning Award

Community

- Heart of America Tax Institute, Committee Member
- Kansas City Symphony, Forte Co-Chair
- Kansas City Kansas Community Orchestra, Principal Horn
- Kansas City Horn Club, Member
- Midwest Wind Ensemble, Third Horn