

# **Duane Morris Welcomes State and Local Tax Partner Lauren A. Ferrante in Chicago**

Lauren A. Ferrante has joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Chicago office. Ferrante offers experience representing clients in state and local tax (SALT) controversies and planning matters. Prior to joining Duane Morris, she was a partner in McDermott Will & Emery LLP's SALT Practice.

Ferrante represents taxpayers with respect to multi-state and local tax issues, including at all stages of controversy disputes at the audit, administrative and judicial levels. She has extensive experience defending clients against tax claims brought under state false claims acts. Ferrante also assists taxpayers with SALT planning, transactional and compliance matters. She is a frequent writer and speaker on SALT issues and former chair of the Chicago Bar Association's State and Local Tax Committee.

Ferrante is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law (LL.M. in Taxation, with Honors, 2010), the University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2009) and Miami University (B.A., magna cum laude, 2006).