

Committee on Ways and Means Tax Counsel Moving to Miller & Chevalier

Miller & Chevalier Chartered announced that Loren C. Ponds will join the firm as a member in the Tax Department, effective Oct. 29, 2018. Previously, Ponds served as tax counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, where she was instrumental in the development of the international tax provisions included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA).

"Miller & Chevalier is known for tax excellence," Ponds said. "I was drawn to the firm's outstanding reputation and talented practitioners, who are able to provide specialized tax guidance across varied issues, an important factor given my interdisciplinary practice."

Prior to her role with the Committee on Ways and Means, Ponds worked in Ernst & Young LLP's National Tax Department, with a focus on transfer pricing. She advised multinational companies on international tax planning projects, including intellectual property planning, supply chain optimization, and restructuring projects. In addition, Ponds regularly counseled companies on a wide variety of controversy matters, including advance pricing agreements, mutual agreement procedure cases, and Internal Revenue Service audit defense projects. She also spent two years working directly with the leader of Ernst & Young's global transfer pricing practice in Germany.

At Miller & Chevalier, Ponds will focus her practice on the implementation of the TCJA and other tax policy matters. She will also work with clients on transfer pricing and broader international tax issues.

"Loren's first-hand experience at the Committee on Ways and

Means, especially the critical role she played in drafting the international tax provisions of the TCJA, makes her one of the most well-equipped lawyers to advise clients navigating the new legislation,” said George A. Hani, Chair of Miller & Chevalier’s Tax Department. “Her counsel is grounded in deep knowledge of the underlying policies and her perspective from inside the process. She offers unique, detailed insight that few in the field can provide.”

“From executing complicated supply-chain restructurings, to guiding companies through transfer pricing dispute resolution, to drafting international tax legislation, Loren has gained vital experience and will be a tremendous resource to our clients. Her legislative experience, combined with her technical expertise, makes her uniquely situated to assist our clients as they seek to implement the TCJA, as well as pursue related technical corrections and administrative guidance,” said Marc J. Gerson, Chair of Miller & Chevalier’s Executive Committee. “We are thrilled to welcome her to the firm.”

Ponds earned an LL.M. in Taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center, a J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law, and an A.B. from Davidson College.