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Katherine Utz Hunter is a trusted advisor on employee benefits matters, known for her thoughtful, detail-oriented approach and her ability to translate complex legal requirements into clear, practical guidance for clients.

Katherine is a member of the Firm's Corporate Department. Her practice focuses on ERISA compliance and the design and administration of employee benefit plans, including retirement and health and welfare plans. She regularly advises plan sponsors on navigating complex regulatory requirements, drafts and amends plan documents and participant communications, and counsels clients on plan governance, fiduciary considerations, and operational compliance. Katherine represents a wide range of clients on complex employee benefits issues and regularly guides organizations through the regulatory, structural, and transactional considerations associated with their benefit plans.

She was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Employee Benefits (ERISA) in the St. Louis Region in 2020 by *Best Lawyers*®, and has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® for several years.

Katherine has contributed to legal scholarship through her publication *United States v. Windsor and the States' Approaches to Same-Sex Marriage*, published in Bloomberg BNA's Benefits Practice Resource Center. She is also the author of *Paths to Motherhood* (Kindle Direct Publishing, 2021).

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 2009)
 - Dean's List: Spring 2008, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009
 - CALI Award in Employment Relationship and Civil Procedure 2
- University of Missouri (B.A., *with honors*, 2006)
 - Economics, with an emphasis in Mathematics
 - Member of Honors College
 - Pi Beta Phi Sorority

Services

- Corporate Strategies
- Employee Benefits

Legal Background

- Employee Benefits Attorney (Of Counsel), Utz & Lattan, LLC (September 2011 - May 2023)
- Employee Benefits Associate, Seyfarth Shaw, LLP (December 2009 - August 2011)

Admissions

- Missouri Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- The Whitney Strong Organization
- Past session member for First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis.