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OVERVIEW

Taylor is an associate in the firm's Corporate practice. She focuses her practice on representing all types of private investment funds, including real estate, private equity, SBIC, and venture capital funds. Taylor also represents clients in private investment transactions, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and other general corporate matters.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Real Estate
- Small Business Investment Company (SBIC)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Business Law Section, North Carolina Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 2022, contributing editor, *North Carolina Law Review*
- University of Lynchburg, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2019, philosophy/political science; president, University of Lynchburg Pre-Law Society

BAR ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina

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COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, “SBIA Lunch & Learn: Unique Licensing Issues for SBICs, Accrual SBICs, and Reinvestor SBICs,” November 15, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Investing in All of America Act Expands SBIC Leverage, Bonus Incentives, and Investor Base,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 21, 2026.
- Co-author, “More Than $1.24B in SBA Debenture Leverage Priced at 4.38%,” *Troutman Pepper*, September 24, 2024.
- Co-author, “More Than $1.6B in SBA Debenture Leverage Priced at 5.035%,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 15, 2024.
- Co-author, “Amendments and Clarifications to the Small Business Investment Company Investment Diversification and Growth Rules,” *Troutman Pepper*, January 24, 2024.
- Co-author, “SEC Charges BNY Mellon Investment Adviser for Misstatements and Omissions Concerning ESG Considerations,” *Investment Management Update*, December 2022.
- Co-author, “SEC Adopts Rules to Require Electronic Filing for Investment Advisers and Institutional Investment Managers,” *Investment Management Update*, December 2022.
- Author, “Doctors vs. the Dead Man: Why Application of North Carolina Rule of Evidence 601(c) Breeds Injustice in Wrongful Death Suits Arising From Alleged Medical Malpractice,” *North Carolina Law Review*, Vol. 100, 2022.
- Co-author, “Doctors vs. the Dead Man: The Problem with Application of North Carolina Rule of Evidence 601(c) in Wrongful Death Suits Arising From Alleged Medical Malpractice,” *The North Carolina State Bar Journal*, Fall 2021.
- Author, “Examining a Natural Duty of Justice and Its Implications,” *Dialogue*, April 2019 & *Agora*, March 2019.