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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

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University of Mississippi School of Law

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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ADMISSIONS

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Diana McDonald

Senior Policy Advisor

Diana advocates for client policy priorities on Capitol Hill. In this unique role at Groom, Diana connects clients with key congressional offices and translates complex retirement, health, and tax issues into relatable, actionable items for lawmakers and their staffs. Diana counts as legislative victories provisions in such important legislation as the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017*, the *SECURE Act of 2019*, the *CARES Act of 2020*, and the *SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022*.

Previously, Diana served as Policy Director for the Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs during the 84th Legislature. In that role, she worked extensively with state retirement agencies and employee groups to address funding and administrative requirements for the state's pension and health plans. Prior to joining Groom, Diana worked on executive compensation and Affordable Care Act matters at a major accounting firm.

Diana writes and speaks on issues related to retirement and health policy for various entities, including the D.C. Bar, the American Bar Association, the *Journal of Pension Planning and Compliance*, and *TAXES Magazine*, among others. Diana credits her career to a tenth grade history class viewing of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and delights in mentoring similarly inspired students.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Policy Director, Committee on State Affairs, Texas Senate

Law Clerk, United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

Judicial Intern, The Honorable S. Allan Alexander, United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi