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### Overview

Prior to joining the Tenenbaum Law Group, Julie served as in-house general counsel of the North American Spine Society for six years, an internationally recognized association for medical professionals in the spine care field. In this role, she not only provided legal advice on all aspects of the Society's operations, but also served as a member of the association's executive management team. Julie understands the legal, operational, and governance challenges facing nonprofit organizations and is very experienced in providing practical, understandable, usable legal advice to address all of these considerations.

Julie handled all day-to-day legal aspects of the Society, such as vendor, meeting, and other contracts and related issues; bylaws, conflicts of interest, and other governance and nonprofit corporate law issues; employment matters; publications; intellectual property; federal tax exemption, and overall risk management, among other areas of nonprofit law. In addition, she oversaw the association's ethics and compliance program, a key legal and reputational safeguard. Through this program, Julie managed the organization's peer review disciplinary proceedings and ensured that the organization had rules and processes in place to maintain the high scientific integrity of its work. Finally, she has a fairly nuanced understanding of key issues impacting healthcare-focused associations.

Prior to working at the North American Spine Society, Julie spent nearly ten years in private practice as a civil litigator. Representing associations, businesses, and individuals in this role, she

worked on complex cases from a variety of backgrounds, including contract, employment, copyright, class action, and premises liability cases. This experience has helped her to assess a client's risk profile and offer advice on how to avoid, or if necessary, navigate this complex arena.

Julie received her juris doctorate degree in 2006 from Northern Illinois University College of Law, where she graduated *summa cum laude* and was the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award for graduating first in her class. During law school, Julie also served as the Lead Articles Editor for the *Northern Illinois University Law Review*.

Julie is based in the Chicagoland area and is an active and involved member of the nonprofit and association community. She currently sits on the Legal Advisory Council of the American Society of Association Executives and is also involved in the Council of Medical Specialty Societies through one of its legal-focused work groups.

## Education

- J.D., Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2006, *summa cum laude*
- B.A., Business Administration, Augustana College, 2002, *cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- District of Columbia (pending)

## Professional Affiliations

- 2018-Present, Member, American Society of Association Executives' Legal Advisory Council
- 2019-Present, Member, Council of Medical Specialty Societies' General Counsel Professional Peer Group
- 2018-Present, Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- 2018-Present, Member, Association of Corporate Counsel (Member of the Compliance and Ethics Network, Health Law Network, and Nonprofit Organizations Network)
- 2018-Present, Member, Association of Corporate Counsel – Chicago Chapter
- 2016-17, Member, American Society of Association Executives' Healthcare Community Committee
- 2014-15, Member, American Society of Medical Association Counsel

## Honors and Awards

- 2014-15, Illinois Emerging Lawyer, Association & Non-Profit Law
- 2014-15, Illinois Emerging Lawyer, Commercial Litigation
- 2012, The National Trial Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40 – Illinois
- 2011, Illinois Rising Star

## Experience

- 2015-21, General Counsel, North American Spine Society, Burr Ridge, IL
- 2006-15, Attorney, The Collins Law Firm, P.C., Naperville, IL
- 2004, Intern, United States Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, Fort Knox, KY
- 2004-06, Academic Support Program Tutor, Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL
- 2002-03, Research Assistant, Legislative Research Unit, Springfield, IL

## Publications

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May/June 2020

*The Opioid Epidemic: Lessons to Learn on Conflicts of Interest* (Article), *SpineLine* (Co-Author)

June 17, 2019

*Protect Your Conference Housing from Unauthorized Providers* (Article), American Society of Association Executives' *Associations Now* (Co-Author)

January/February 2014

*Physician-Owned Distributorships: What Is the Risk?* (Article), *SpineLine* (Co-Author)

2007

*Federal MCL Regulatory Standards and Common Law Causes of Action: A Discussion on Why the MCL has No Place in Common Law Causes of Action*, *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law* 8: 2006-07 (Co-Author)

2006

*Sotelo v. Directrevenue LLC: Paving the Way for Spyware-Free Internet*, *22 Santa Clara High Tech L.J.* 841 (Co-Author)

## Speaking Engagements

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April 30, 2019

*Identifying and Navigating Conflict of Interests in Associations*, American Bar Association and Association Forum's *Associations and the Law Conference*, Chicago, IL

## In the Media

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*Tenenbaum Law Group Welcomes Addition of Counsel Julie Kulovits*

April 12, 2021

The Tenenbaum Law Group (TLG) is pleased to announce the addition of Counsel Julie Kulovits to the firm. Based in the Chicagoland area and most recently the general counsel of the North American Spine Society for the last six years – an internationally recognized association for medical professionals in the spine care field – Julie has broad-based experience with association and nonprofit legal issues. Prior to her in-house role, Julie spent a decade in private practice as a civil litigator in Illinois. Julie brings 15 years of law practice to TLG, where she will help to service the firm's client base of over 350 associations and nonprofit organizations, as well as companies and executives that work with or provide services to nonprofits. Founded on January 1, 2020 by Managing Partner Jeff Tenenbaum and Counsel Nisha Thakker, TLG is nationally recognized, Washington, DC-based boutique law firm focused exclusively on the nonprofit sector, with clients across the United States.