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## **CSX Transportation, Inc. – Assistant Tax Counsel**

Nicki N. Howard is Assistant General Tax Counsel at CSX Transportation, Inc. CSX is a U.S. Class 1 freight rail road which services states east of the Mississippi and territories in portions of Canada. CSX is headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. In her role, Nicki assists in the legal research and preparation of income, franchise, sales & use and property tax returns. She also defends the positions taken on these returns both federally and in state and local jurisdictions. Nicki also assists internal stakeholders in researching and implementing optimal and compliant federal and state and local transactional tax planning. Nicki also drafts, supports and defends state tax legislation impacting the rail industry. Additionally, Mrs. Howard supports CSX's Canadian and Mexican tax interests.

### **Experience**

Nicki has more than 20 years of experience as a tax attorney in various fields of the practice. Prior to joining CSX, Nicki worked as an international and federal tax associate at Atlanta based law firm Alston + Bird, where she focused her practice on federal mergers and acquisitions, tax planning, federal and international pass through entity structuring, tax planning and trial and appellate court controversy tax assistance. Nicki later served as external Senior International Tax Counsel for a Fortune 500 manufacturing company where she developed and maintained

international structures which benefited from various tax treaty agreements.

### **Professional qualifications and memberships**

Nicki is licensed as an attorney in Georgia and as “In-House Counsel” in Florida. Nicki is also a member of the Georgia Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association and the American Bar Association where she serves on the Tax and Business sub committees.

### **Presentations and publications**

Nicki is the Editor and Contributing Author of the Georgia Limited Liability Company Forms and Practice Manual. She also speaks on various, international, federal and state & local income and franchise tax topics at conferences hosted by the ABA, Deloitte, IPT, COST, Hartman, et cetera.

### **Education**

LL.M. in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center  
J.D., Georgetown University Law Center  
M.B.A., Florida A&M University  
B.S. in Accounting, Florida A&M University

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