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Vorys Welcomes Experienced In-House Benefits Counsel to Houston Office

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Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP announced today that experienced employee benefits attorney, [Jacquelyn Meng Abbott](#), has joined the firm's Houston office as of counsel. Prior to joining Vorys, Abbott was supervising tax counsel at Exxon Mobil Corporation. She also was in-house counsel at Lincoln Financial Group for more than two decades.

"Jacquie is a welcome addition to the Vorys Houston office," said Steve Browning, the firm's Houston managing partner. "She has a wealth of experience in employee benefits counseling that will uniquely complement the experience of the attorneys based in our Houston office and across our firm's six other offices."

During her time as in-house counsel, Abbott was responsible for legal compliance of medical, dental, life insurance and disability plans. In addition, she advised on payroll tax matters. She also has extensive experience advising human resource and corporate financial services leaders on employee benefits and employment tax laws including: ERISA, ADEA, ADA, FMLA, COBRA, ACA, HIPAA, TCJA, and other applicable federal and state tax laws.

"I've spent my career working in-house helping business leaders solve the complex challenges associated with employee benefits and compensation," said Abbott. "I'm excited to join Vorys and use the skills and knowledge that I developed as in-house counsel to best support our clients."

Abbott is a member of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, where she served as the chair of the section's Corporate Counsel Committee from 2012-2019. She received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law. She received her B.A. with honors from Bowling Green State University.