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 University of Michigan Law  
 School, J.D., *magna cum laude*,  
 2007, Executive Editor,  
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University of California -  
 Berkeley, B.A., with high  
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## Amanda Pedvin Varma

Amanda Pedvin Varma is an associate in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is a member of the Business Solutions Department. She focuses her practice on tax law.

Ms. Varma has experience handling tax legislative, transactional (domestic and international), and controversy matters. She represents clients before the Treasury Department, IRS, and Congress, and has provided legislative and administrative advocacy on various tax issues, including tax treaties, government-assisted financial institution acquisitions, the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), and international and corporate tax reform.

Ms. Varma also provides pro bono representation to clients with a focus on family law.

### Noteworthy

- Recipient of the John L. Honigman Award for Senior Law Review Editor who displayed the most dedication to the Review

### Seminars & Events

Amanda Varma to Speak at the Insurance Tax Conference's 35th Annual Federal Tax Seminar, November 5, 2010

### Selected Publications

Co-author, US Branch Report "Tax Treaties and Tax Avoidance: Application of Anti-Avoidance Provisions" in *Cahiers de Droit Fiscal International*  
 August 2010, International Fiscal Association

Letter to Department of the Treasury on Economic Substance Doctrine (Section 7701(o))  
 July 7, 2010

The Future of Tax Planning? From *Coltec* and "You Know It When You See It" to *Schering-Plough* and "Assimilation with Applicable Tax Laws"  
 2010

LegalEase: Plain Talk on Legal Topics - Strip Search  
 March 2010, *LeadersEdge*

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The Future of Tax Planning: From Coltec to Schering-Plough  
January 19, 2010, *Tax Analysts*

Handling Tiered Issues Under the IRS's Industry Issue Focus Program  
August 2009