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Vorys is pleased to announce that Jacquelyn Abbott, of counsel in the firm's Houston office, has been inducted into the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (ACEBC). ACEBC is a not-for-profit association of attorneys who represent the full spectrum of employee benefits law and clients, including employers, plans, plan participants and relevant government agencies.

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Abbott's practice focuses on employee benefits and related federal compensation tax matters, advising on labor negotiations, pension and fringe benefit plan mergers and acquisitions. She also provides legal advice to human resource and corporate financial services leaders on employee benefits and employment tax laws including MHPAEA, CAA, ERISA, ADEA, ADA, GINA, FMLA, COBRA, ACA, HIPAA and other applicable federal laws. Prior to joining Vorys, she served as the supervising tax counsel for the ExxonMobil Corporation, and in-house counsel for the Lincoln National Corporation and Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

Abbott has previously served as chair of the ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC) health policy committee (2008-2012), as well as the co-chair for American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Subcommittee on Welfare Plan and EEOC, FMLA and Leave Issues (2019-2020).

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