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Overview

Brian K. Janowsky counsels high net worth clients and business owners. He tailors wealth transfer plans to each client's objectives, always mindful that clients' non-tax goals for their families, businesses, and philanthropic interests are the driving force behind any plan.

Brian has implemented sophisticated lifetime and testamentary wealth transfer techniques and advised fiduciaries and beneficiaries in the administration of trusts and estates. He also reviews and performs tax compliance (including estate, fiduciary, gift, and postmortem income tax returns), and has represented clients before state and federal tax authorities. He has represented fiduciaries and beneficiaries in litigated matters in state court, as well.

Before joining Schiff Hardin, Brian served as counsel in the trusts and estates practice of a New York-based law firm. Brian began his career in the trusts and estates field as a Senior Fiduciary Tax Analyst at a global financial and wealth advisory institution, where he analyzed complex estate, gift, generation-skipping, and fiduciary income tax matters for high net worth clients.

Practices

- Private Clients, Trusts and Estates
- Estate Planning
- Private Companies
- Business Succession Planning
- Probate, Estate Settlement and Trust Administration
- Tax Exempt Organizations and Charitable Planning
- Trust and Estate Litigation
- Wealth Transfer Strategies
- Family Office Services

Credentials

Education

- Albany Law School, J.D., 2006, *cum laude*
- University of Pittsburgh, B.S.B.A., Business Administration, 2003

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

Professional Memberships

- The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Member
- American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Member

- New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Section, Member

Insights

09.04.2020
Event
What Does Charitable Planning & Giving Look Like in 2020?

08.20.2020
News Release
Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Schiff Attorneys, Six “Lawyers of the Year,” and 21 Ones to Watch

07.23.2020
Event
Planning In A Low Interest Rate Environment

03.24.2020
Article
New York Allows Video Notarization for Estate Planning

03.20.2020
Alert
New York Allows Video Notarization for Estate Planning as Social Distancing Becomes Norm

01.02.2020
News Release
Schiff Elects Three Attorneys to Partnership

11.11.2019
Alert
Update: Hands Off Your Trust: U.S. Supreme Court Limits State Income Taxation of Trusts

11.06.2019
Event
The Use of S Corporations in Estate Planning

09.05.2019
News Release
Schiff Attorneys Named to 2019 *New York Metro Super Lawyers, Rising Stars* Lists

06.27.2019
Alert
Hands Off Your Trust: U.S. Supreme Court Limits State Income Taxation of Trusts

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Speeches & Presentations

- “What Does Charitable Planning & Giving Look Like in 2020?” (presenter) Hawaii Community Foundation (Sep. 3, 2020)
- “Planning In A Low Interest Rate Environment,” (co-presenter) Hawaii Estate Planning Council (Jul. 23, 2020)
- “The Use of S Corporations in Estate Planning,” 56th Annual Hawaii Tax Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii (Nov. 6, 2019)
- “Credit Shelter Trusts,” Anatomy of Trust, New York State Bar Association Trust & Estate Law Section, New York, N.Y. (May 31, 2019)
- “Estate Planning for Digital Assets,” Hawaii Estate Planning Council (Apr. 25, 2019)
- “Unwinding FLPs and LLCs,” 55th Annual Hawaii Tax Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii (Nov. 7, 2018)
- “Estate Planning for Digital Assets,” 49th Annual Fall Tax Day, Committee of Banking Institutions on Taxation, New York, N.Y. (Oct. 25, 2018)
- “Basics of Estate Planning and Advanced Directives,” Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Oct. 18, 2018)
- “Creating the Ultimate Digital Asset Estate Planning Checklist,” American Bar Association 2018 Fall Tax Meeting; Section of Taxation; Trust and Estate Law Division of the Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Atlanta, Ga. (Oct. 5, 2018)
- “Basics of Trust Administration,” Lorman Education Services Webinar (Jan. 30, 2018)

- “Qualifying Gifts to Charities Outside of the U. S. for the Income Tax Charitable Deduction,” 54th Annual Hawaii Tax Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii (Nov. 7, 2017)
- “Planning for Financial Services Executives,” RSM’s 9th Annual New York Investment Industry Summit, New York, N.Y. (Sep. 19, 2017)
- “Common Drafting Issues in Estate Planning,” American Bar Association Joint Meeting of the Taxation and Real Property, Trusts and Estates Section, Austin, Texas (Sep. 15, 2017)

Citizenship

Civic and Charitable Memberships

- American Cancer Society, Planned Giving Advisory Committee, Member

AWARDS & HONORS

- Best Lawyers in America (2021)
  U.S. News & World Report
- New York Metro Rising Star (2019)
  Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*
- New York Metro Rising Star (2018)
  Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*

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