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Industries

Family Office
Private Companies

Practices

Private Clients, Trusts & Estates
— Business Succession Planning
— Estate Planning
— Probate, Estate Settlement & Trust Administration
— Wealth Transfer Strategies

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, JD, summa cum laude, Certificate in Tax Law, 2006

Dartmouth College, BA, 1996

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A conscientious and responsive advisor, Christine translates clients' priorities and family dynamics into successful long term plans. Whether planning for a liquidity event, creation of a family office, transition to a younger generation, or ongoing governance and growth, she guides her clients in meeting their social and philanthropic goals and in educating younger generations on the stewardship of wealth. She has successfully implemented governance structures connecting trusts, family foundations, and family enterprises in a way that mentors and maintains a cohesive social vision.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Publications

- "Employer-Sponsored Charities May Allow Businesses to Help Employees Affected by Recent Disasters," (co-author) *Schiff Hardin Insight* (Oct. 18, 2017)
- "The Rising Tide Carry CLAT: Help for Hedge Fund Principals" (co-author) *Trusts & Estates* (Oct. 2016)
- "Help for Control Freaks: Navigating IRC Section 2036(a)(2) in Family Limited Partnerships," (co-author) *WealthManagement.com* (Oct. 23, 2014)
- "Code Section 2701: A Transfer Lurking Around Every Corner," (chapter author) *Westlaw Estate, Tax and Personal Financial Planning* (Dec. 2013, Jan. 2014)

Presentations

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"The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Wealth Transfer Planning for Residents in High Income Tax States," 63rd Annual Hawaii Tax Institute, Honolulu, HI (Nov. 15, 2026)

- "Avoiding the Illinois Surprise: Strategic Planning for the State Estate Tax," (co-presenter) Chicago Estate Planning Council, Chicago, Ill. (Mar. 12, 2026)
- "Recent Developments Affecting Estate Planning," NYSSCPA 2024 Annual Private Wealth Conference, New York (Dec. 12, 2024)
- **"**A-Z Family Office Structure Considerations U.S. and International Tax, Cultural, Governance," STEP Orange County, 12th Annual Institute on Tax, Estate Planning and the World Economy, Conference (Feb. 15, 2024)
- "Highlights of Heckerling," Wealthmanagement.com, Webinar (Jan. 31, 2024)
- "Prioritizing Well-Being While Managing a Practice - Tips from Law Firm Partners," ABA and the Special Committee On Career and Wellness of the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law & Section of Taxation, Webinar (Oct. 19, 2023)
- "Current Developments in Estate and Tax Planning," ACTEC ALI CLE, Webinar (Dec. 6, 2022)
- "The Fundamentals: Common and Practical Planning and Gifting Techniques for All Wealth Transfer Advisors," Hawaii Tax Institute, Conference (Nov. 7, 2022)
- "Planning for and Calculating the Illinois Estate Tax," ISBA Trusts & Estate Section, Webinar (Sep. 7, 2022)
- "Common Planning Techniques," ABA RPTE Skills Training for Estate Planners, Webinar (Aug. 12, 2022)
- "Hot Topics in Business Planning," ABA RPTE National CLE Conference, Dallas, Texas (Apr. 28, 2022)
- "Overview of Estate, Gift and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax," Chicago Estate Planning Council, Webinar (Jan. 26, 2022, Jan. 27, 2021)
- "Pivot Planning and Drafting to Maximize Flexibility," Chicago Estate Planning Council, Webinar (Jan. 20, 2022)
- "October Surprise," ACTEC 2021 Fall Meeting, Webinar (Oct. 9, 2021)
- "Common Planning Techniques (e.g. ILITs, Grantor Trusts and Gift/Sales, GRATs, QPRTs)," ABA Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law, Webinar (Aug. 13, 2021)
- "Beyond Taxes: Securities Law Considerations for the Estate Planner," IICLE 64th Annual Estate Planning Short Course, Webinar (May 25, 2021)
- "Estate Planning with Entities," American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education, Webinar (May 20, 2021)
- "The Senate Went Blue, What Should Estate Planners Do?" (panelist) American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education/The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Webinar (Feb. 2, 2021)
- "Tax Planning for Closely-Held Business Interests Before a Liquidity Event," 32nd Annual RPTE National CLE Conference, Webinar (May 14, 2020)
- "Fundamentals of Estate and Gift Tax," Chicago Estate Planning Council: Estate Planning Fundamentals Training Program (Jan. 8, 2020)
- "Unwinding and Exiting Family Limited Partnerships & LLCs," 57th Great Plains Federal Tax Institute, Omaha, Neb. (Dec. 5, 2019).
- "Beyond the Fundamentals: Introduction to Common Estate Planning Techniques," Chicago Estate Planning Council Fundamentals Course, Chicago, Ill. (May 23, 2019)
- "The New Normal in Entity Planning: A Practical Application of the Most Impactful Legislation and Judicial Rulings in Recent Memory," American Bar Association 31st Annual RPTE National CLE Conference, Boston, Mass. (May 9, 2019).
- "Please, Don't Put It There: Navigating the Prohibited Transaction and Minimum Distribution Rules in IRAs," 61st Annual Estate Planning Short Course, IICLE, Champaign, Ill. (May 15, 2018)
- "Estate Planning for Private Equity and Hedge Fund Principals," Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants 2017 Georgia Federal Tax Conference, Atlanta, Ga. (Jun. 8, 2017)
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"Current Developments – and Time Tested Principles – of Planning with Valuation Discounts," (co-presenter) Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 60th Annual Estate Planning Short Course, Chicago, Ill. (May 9, 2017) (May 25, 2017)

- "Duties and Powers of the Trustee" and "Distribution Provisions: Understanding the Issues and Options," (co-presenter) Family Office Exchange (FOX), Atlanta, Ga. (Jun. 20, 2017)
- "Basics of Drafting Estate Planning Instruments," Chicago Estate Planning Council: Estate Planning Fundamentals Training Program (Jan. 18, 2017)
- Testified on behalf of the American Bar Association Real Property Probate & Trust Law Section in the hearing before representatives from the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Policy and the Internal Revenue Service on proposed valuation regulation under Section 2704 (Dec. 1, 2016)
- "Ethical Obligations in Representing Incompetent, Unavailable and Deceased Clients" and "They're Finally Here! Unpacking the Proposed Regulations under Section 2704(b)," ABA Section of Taxation & ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Division, Boston, Mass. (Sep. 30, 2016)
- "New Code Section 2704 Regulations: Revolutionary or Revolting?," ABA Section of Real Property, Trusts and Estates, Spring Symposia, Boston, Mass. (May 13, 2016)
- "Unpacking the Myths and Mysteries of Chapter 14," ABA Section of Taxation, Washington, D.C. (May 6, 2016)
- "Pre and Post Sale Planning for You, Your Company, and Your Family," A Conference for Business Owners: M&A Solutions for Privately Held Companies, Chicago, Ill. (May 4, 2016)
- "Keep What You Reap," Chicago Private Equity Forum, Chicago, Ill. (May 4, 2016)
- "Business Succession Planning: Keeping It in the Family," 49th Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning (Jan. 12-16, 2015)
- "TarnishProof Your Plan: Avoiding the Whipsaw of Valuation MisMatches in Entity Planning," ABA Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Webinar and Spring Symposia (Oct. 7, 2014 and May 1-2, 2014)
- "Tax Traps Involved in Related Party Transactions with Family or Closely Held Businesses," (panelist) ABA Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law, Trust & Estate Division 2014 Joint Fall CLE Meeting (Sep. 19, 2014)

Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers* (2020-2027)
- *Chambers High Net Worth* – Private Wealth Law, Illinois (2022-2026)
- Leading Global Tax Lawyers, *Lawdragon 500* (2025)
- "Lawyer of the Year" – Trusts and Estates, Chicago, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2023)
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters (2019-2024)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer, Law Bulletin's *Illinois Leading Lawyers Network* (2016-2024)
- Distinguished Authors Award, Philanthropy Planning Category, *Trusts & Estates* (2017)
- Illinois Rising Star, *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters (2012-2016)
- Emerging Lawyer, Law Bulletin Publishing Company's *Leading Lawyers* (2015)

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- American Bar Association: Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section; Business Planning Group, Former Chair
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow
- Chicago Community Trust, Professional Advisory Council
- Chicago Estate Planning Council, Board of Directors Member

Bar Admissions

Florida

Illinois
New York