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Brian counsels high net worth clients and business owners.



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Brian 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 ArentFox Schiff, 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.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Presentations

- "Family Matters: Plan to Avoid and Limit Family Business Disputes," Hawaii Tax Institute, Conference (Nov. 8, 2023)
- "Tie It Up Neat with a Bow: Estate and Succession Planning for the Family Business," Family Business Center of Hawaii, Conference (Feb. 1, 2023)
- "The Silent Treatment: Trustee Duties to Disclose and Inform under Modern Trust Law," Hawaii Estate Planning Council, Webinar (Aug. 4, 2022)
- "Fixing a GST SNAFU," ABA RPTE National CLE Conference, Dallas, Texas (Apr. 29, 2022)
- "Planning for Influencers: Can My Heirs Cash in On My Likes?" (presenter) Hawaii Estate Planning Council (Apr. 22, 2021)
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- “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)

Recognitions

- *Chambers High Net Worth* – Private Wealth Law, New York (2022-2023)
- The Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers* (2021-2023)
- New York Metro Rising Star, *New York Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters (2018-2020)

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- 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
 - American Cancer Society, Planned Giving Advisory Committee, Member
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Bar Admissions

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