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Practice Areas

Trusts & Estates

Steven Chill’s practice focuses on Estate Planning and Administration and Charitable Organizations. His clients include high net-worth individuals, professionals, business owners, individual and corporate fiduciaries and charitable organizations.

Steven’s Estate Planning and Administration practice include:

- Developing creative estate plans to minimize estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes to provide for the preservation of family wealth
- Handling all aspects of the administration of estates and trusts, including post mortem tax planning
- Counseling families on estate-planning opportunities available with respect to closely held businesses and the transfer of such businesses to younger generations
- Handling matters before the Internal Revenue Service and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, including audits, appeals and ruling requests
- Handling Surrogate’s Court matters
- Analyzing the appropriateness of the use of various insurance products as part of an estate plan
- Advising clients on the use of estate planning techniques that provide benefits for the family as well as for charitable organizations
- Advising executors and trustees in the discharge of their fiduciary duties

Steven’s Charitable Organizations practice includes: formation of not-for-profit organizations; obtaining and maintaining Section 501(c)(3) recognition; and counseling public and private charitable organizations on fundraising and administrative matters. He also serves as an officer and/or director of several not-for-profit organizations.

Publications

- “Essential Estate Planning Documents,” Client Alert, July 15, 2020
- “Virtual Will Signings in New York,” Client Alert, April 8, 2020
- “COVID-19: Estate Planning in Uncertain Times,” Client Alert, April 5, 2020
- “SECURE Act” Limits Estate Planning with Retirement Accounts,” Client Alert, February 10, 2020
- “Proposed Rules May Drastically Restrict Valuation Discounts For Gifts And Bequests Of Interests In Family Controlled Entities,” Client Alert, August 25, 2016
- “Estate Planning under the Tax Relief Act of 2012,” Client Alert, January 2013
- “Action Points for the Tax Relief Act of 2010,” Client Alert, February 14, 2011
- “Tax Relief Act of 2010 Estate Planning Opportunities,” Client Alert, December 20, 2010
- “Possible Death Knell for GRATs,” Client Alert, March 23, 2010
- “The Federal Estate Tax Has Been Repealed (at least for now),” Client Alert, January 25, 2010
- “Undisclosed Offshore Accounts: IRS Offers Limited Tax Amnesty But The Window Of Opportunity Is Short,” Client Alert, June 4, 2009
- “Married Couples: Taking advantage of the new $3,500,000 Federal estate tax exemption can significantly increase your New York estate tax bill,” Client Alert, February 2009
- “Low Interest Rates and Slumping Market, a Powerful Incentive for Creation of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts,” Client Alert, September, 2008
- “Client Alert,” June 2006
- “Computer Conundrums Baffle Executors,” Client Alert, July 1, 2004
- “Language in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) May Impede Implementation of Your Intentions in Your Health Care Proxy or Power of Attorney,” Client Alert, March 2004
- “New York’s Failure to Amend Its Estate Tax Law Can Be Very Costly to Non-Residents,” Tax Bulletin, May 2003
- “Save Money and Pay for College by Unlocking the Potential of Section 529,” Client Alert, March 2003

Speaker/Author

- Writer and speaker on estate planning, wealth preservation and charitable giving

Professional Activities

- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Member, New York State Bar Association (Trusts and Estates Law Section)

Board Experience

- Member, Operating Board, Fordham Institute for Family & Private Enterprise

Awards and Recognitions

- Listed among New York *SuperLawyers*, 2013-2024

Education & Honors

- New York University School of Law L.L.M.
- Boston University School of Law, J. D.
- Northeastern University B. S., *magna cum laude*
- Certified Public Accountant, New York

Prior Work Experience

- Weitzner, Levine, Hamburg & Chill

Bar Admissions

- State of New York
- U.S. Tax Court