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Eric is an attorney in the firm's Private Client & Trust Group who focuses his practice in the areas of estate planning, trust administration, estate settlement and charitable gift planning.

Eric advises high-net-worth individuals and families from the U.S. and abroad on developing and implementing tax-efficient estate and gift plans that meet each client's personal and financial goals. He also counsels clients regarding the use of sophisticated estate planning and charitable giving techniques to aid with the accumulation, preservation and transfer of wealth.

Prior to joining Goulston & Storrs, Eric was an Associate at an *Am Law* 100 firm.

Accolades

- Chambers High Net Worth (Band 1 Firm Ranking), 2017-2020
- Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch (2021-2024): Trusts and Estates
- Graduate, New England Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) (2022)

Affiliations

- Member, New England Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Boston Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
 - Co-Chair, Estate Planning Committee
 - Member, Tax Law Update Committee

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education

- Suffolk University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2012)
- Providence College (B.A., 2006)

Publications

October 4, 2023

Massachusetts Doubles Estate Tax Threshold as Part of \$1 Billion Tax Reform Act

January 25, 2023

Trust Administration and Estate Planning in the Age of Climate Change

Boston Business Journal

December 23, 2019

IRS Releases Final Anti-Clawback Regulations

Boston Bar Association

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Representative Matters

Advises Executors and Trustees on Fiduciary Duties and Tax Laws

Advising professional and family executors and trustees in understanding fiduciary duties and tax laws in connection with the administration of estates and trusts.

Charitable Giving and Entity Structure for Maximum Effectiveness

Advising families on charitable giving and entity structure to minimize income and wealth transfer taxes.

Creates Family Foundations

Creation of family foundations and guidance to the clients involved regarding the formulation and implementation of family grant-making programs.

Drafts Revocable and Irrevocable Trust Arrangements

Drafting and implementing revocable and irrevocable trust arrangements to take advantage of income and wealth transfer planning opportunities. Advising on the selection of trustees and implementing appropriate trustee succession arrangements.

Significant Asset Transfers

Planning significant asset transfers where substantial appreciation in value was anticipated, employing Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts ("GRATs") and other techniques (including transfers in anticipation of possible liquidity events).

Wealth Transfer Planning

Continuous, on-going wealth transfer planning for numerous clients of substantial means.