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Eric is an Associate 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): Trusts and Estates

Affiliations

- Member, Boston Bar Association
- Member, Trusts and Estates Consortium
- Member, Boston Bar Association Tax Updates Committee

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education

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

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Publications

December 23, 2019
IRS Releases Final Anti-Clawback Regulations
Boston Bar Association

Drafting Estate Plans, MCLE

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.