

# Mark M. Christopher

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Mark Christopher is a trusts and estates attorney who concentrates on all facets of estate planning and trust and estate administration. Mark develops long-term relationships with many of his clients and their families, often serving as a professional executor and/or trustee for them. He also helps clients select wealth transfer tax planning strategies that intersect with related income tax planning.

Mark's practice includes substantial in-depth planning for partners with interests in private equity funds, for families with members who have complex special needs (Mark is a parent of a young adult with special needs) and for families with cross-border planning issues. He also handles fiduciary litigation.

Prior to joining Goulston & Storrs, Mark was a partner at an *Am Law* Top 50 U.S. law firm.

## **Accolades**

- Chambers High Net Worth (HNW)
  - Individual Ranking, 2017-2021
  - Firm Ranking, 2017-2021
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Trusts and Estates, 2006-2022
- Massachusetts Super Lawyer, 2005-2016, 2019-2020
- Top 100 New England Super Lawyers, 2007-2020
- Citation of Distinguished Service, BBA, 2002

## **Affiliations**

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

- Chancellor, New England Fellows Institute
- Past Massachusetts State Chair
- Past Regent of the College
- Member, Boston Bar Association
  - Past-Chair, Trusts and Estates Section, Boston Bar Association Council

## **Admissions**

- Massachusetts

## **Education**

- University of Virginia (J.D., 1985)
- Boston University (LL.M., *magna cum laude*, 1989)
- Brown University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1982)

## **Representative Matters**

### **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.

### **Modifying Trusts**

Modifying trusts through amendment powers, trust decanting and non-judicial settlement agreements.

### **Charitable Giving and Entity Structure**

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

### **Advising Executors and Trustees**

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

### **Contested Trust Accounting Matters**

Representing executors, trustees, and beneficiaries in connection with contested trust accounting matters.

## Publications

**Starting the Conversation: Discussing Family Wealth and Values with Children**

September 2016

**Drafting Irrevocable Trusts in Massachusetts, MCLE**