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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)*, 2017-2019
- *Best Lawyers in America®* (2006-2020): Trusts and Estates
- Massachusetts Super Lawyer, 2005-2016, 2019
- Top 100 New England Super Lawyers, 2007-current
- Citation of Distinguished Service, BBA, 2002
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
    - Immediate Past Massachusetts State Chair
    - Regent of the College

Affiliations

- 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

November 11, 2019
Starting the Conversation: Discussing Family Wealth and Values with Children

September 29, 2016
Drafting Irrevocable Trusts in Massachusetts, MCLE