

Kathryn von Matthiessen

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Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth
Business Succession Planning
Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and
Nonprofit Organizations
International
International Private Wealth

Industries

Family Offices
Private Client Services

Education

LLM (Taxation), New York University School
of Law

JD, Columbia Law School

BA, Carleton College, *magna cum laude*, *Phi
Beta Kappa*

Bar Admissions

New York
Florida

Community Involvements

American Bar Association
American College of Trust and Estate
Counsel
Florida Bar Association
International Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
(STEP), Chair of STEP New York
The International Academy of Estate and
Trust Law (IAETL)

For ultra-high-net-worth individuals, Kathryn von Matthiessen offers sophisticated yet practical counsel on income and transfer tax optimization. She provides estate and business succession planning for domestic and international private clients, and has extensive experience in cross-border issues.

Expansive international private client background

Kathryn's international private client experience is particularly broad. For clients coming to the United States she provides pre-residency planning. For foreign families with US members, she uses a number of tools to facilitate tax-efficient wealth transfers to US family members while minimizing US gift and estate tax liability for foreign settlors. Kathryn also advises clients leaving the United States on outbound planning matters. For international clients everywhere, she helps to structure global succession plans and assists them in selecting appropriate jurisdictions.

Kathryn advises domestic and international families that own many different asset classes, from operating businesses to hedge fund interests to real estate to intellectual property and artwork. In her estate planning for them, she uses a variety of techniques (both charitable and non-charitable) to minimize taxes and achieve her clients' goals.

Kathryn advises fiduciaries including trust companies on administering complex estates and trusts. She also has a broad background in business succession planning through the use of trusts, private trust companies, buy-sell agreements and shareholder agreements.

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"Kathryn is an excellent lawyer. She is extremely responsive, she is extremely knowledgeable and also very proactive. She is imaginative in her solutions. I really enjoy working with her." "She is really hard-working and gifted on technical tax issues. She is very practical and really knows her stuff. She is a go-to on international matters."

- Chambers High Net Worth 2022

(New York, Private Wealth Law) survey response

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Trusts and Estates, 2019–2024
- *Chambers High Net Worth*
 - New York: Private Wealth Law, 2019–2023
- *Citywealth Magic Circle Awards*
 - Woman of the Year (Gold), 2022
- *Citywealth Powerwomen Awards*
 - Woman of the Year
 - USA, Gold Award, 2024
 - North America Gold Award, 2020
 - North America Silver Award, 2019
 - International Powerwomen Top 100, 2019
 - IFC Powerwomen Top 200, 2018
- *Latinvex*
 - Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers, 2016, 2018–2019
- *Legal Week*
 - Private Client Global Elite, 2017–2019, 2021–2022
- *Spear's 500*
 - Best Tax Lawyers, Recommended, 2023
- *Super Lawyers*
 - New York, 2022-2023

News

- *Citywealth Honors Katten and Key Private Wealth Partners With 2024 Powerwomen Awards (March 19, 2024)*
- *Katten Attorneys Named to 2023 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 29, 2023)*