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Stuart Kohn is a partner and leads the Trusts & Estates Group. He concentrates his practice in estate, gift and income tax planning and business succession planning, and has significant experience with complex estate and trust administration matters. Stuart also works with clients to design and implement asset protection strategies.

Stuart routinely works with high-net-worth individuals and their families to ensure their wishes are met with respect to the passing of their wealth. Throughout that process, he works to implement strategies that maximize the value of assets passing to intended beneficiaries, while minimizing the tax impact to the greatest extent possible. Understanding the financial and tax considerations is a key to Stuart's practice, but equally important is his sensitivity to the emotions surrounding these decisions. Stuart recognizes that clients find comfort in knowing and understanding their options, and works to clearly communicate his planning strategy and resulting considerations.

Stuart is a member of the esteemed estate planning organization, the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). ACTEC membership is based on professional reputation, expertise in the fields of trusts and estates and on the basis of having made substantial contributions to these fields through lecturing, writing, teaching and bar activities.

Stuart is active in a number of legal organizations and has served as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Bar Association's Trust Law Committee and President of the Board of Directors of the Greater North Shore Estate & Financial Planning Council. He has lectured on advanced estate planning topics for the ACTEC annual meeting, the American Bar Association Tax Section, Jerry A. Kasner Estate Planning Symposium, Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Chicago Bar Association, and Iowa Academy of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Stuart frequently writes on a variety of asset planning topics. He has written articles which have been published in the notable Bloomberg BNA's Tax Management Estates, Gifts and Trusts Journal and the RIA periodical, Business Entities.

Bar Admissions

Illinois, 1987

Arizona, 2018

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

United States Tax Court

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., 1987

University of Michigan, B.B.A., 1984

Memberships

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Greater North Shore Estate & Financial Planning Council

Awards

Ranked in Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2018-2019

Illinois Super Lawyer, 2007-2019

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