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Overview

Christine Fletcher has over two decades of experience advising clients through the legal aspects of personal life. Her practice concentrates on estate planning, trust and estate administration, probate litigation, and family business matters. She assists individuals and families with creating sophisticated estate plans, minimizing estate taxes and ensuring assets pass to intended recipients while navigating certain legalities, including death, marriage, prenuptial agreements and buying out a family business.

In her estate planning work, Christine addresses the complexities caused by second marriages and blended families, divorce and crises. She is also adept at developing plans with a charitable purpose while still providing for family members and loved ones in a tax-efficient manner.

Christine counsels clients on international asset plans for transitional and tax issues associated with having assets abroad. In probate courts, she helps clients probate estates, petition for guardianships and maneuver through disputes arising from contested estates. In addition, Christine advises clients with closely held or family-owned businesses with business succession planning or sale.

When matters are disputed, Christine presents clients with options and solutions advising as to risks and possible outcomes. She also provides practical advice to maneuver through the court system in an efficient and effective manner.

Education and Credentials

Education

Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1994

Boston University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1991

Admissions

State of New York

State of New Jersey

State of New Hampshire

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Practices & Industries

Fiduciary and Probate Litigation

International Trust & Estates

Private Client

Tax Exempt Organizations & Charitable Giving

Trust & Estates

Affiliations

Boston Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2020-2023

Family Firm Institute

Boston Estate Planning Council

Boston Probate and Estate Planning Forum

National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (NAEPC) – Accredited Estate Planner designee, 2017

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Selected to the list of Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers, Trusts and Estates, 2021-2022

Recognized as a Top Author in Wealth Management, *JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards*, 2020

Selected to the list of Women Worth Watching® by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, 2018

Insights

Protecting Your Child's Wealth: 5 Ways To Extend A Trust
Forbes.com, February 26, 2025

Post-Election Estate Tax Planning Requires A Cautious Approach
December 3, 2024

5 Things You Should Know About Trustee Fees
July 29, 2024

Why Skipping Probate Could Save Time and Money
May 20, 2024

Navigating The Corporate Transparency Act: Estate Plan Implications
March 4, 2024

Unhappy With Your Trustee? Here Are 5 Ways to Remove or Replace That Person
December 22, 2023

Day Pitney Boston Office Hosts Client Holiday Event at Wang Theatre
November 29, 2023

Should You Tell Your Beneficiaries What They Will Inherit? 10 Estate Planning Tips
November 28, 2023

Tax Planning For Your Second Home: 6 Things to Know and Some Options to Explore
October 30, 2023

UPDATED: Massachusetts Legislature Passes Wide- Ranging Tax Bill Impacting Estate and Income Taxes
September 29, 2023

How to Protect Your Loved Ones from Predator Spouses
September 28, 2023

Massachusetts Appeals Court Rules That Interest in an Irrevocable Trust Is a Marital Asset
September 14, 2023

10 Tips For Using An LLC To Minimize Your Rental Real Estate Liability And Maximize Your Estate Planning
May 23, 2022

5 Reasons You Must File An Estate Tax Return (Even When No Tax Is Due)
May 10, 2023

10 Costly Estate Planning Mistakes
March 16, 2023

Breaking Up Real Estate Is Hard To Do. A Cohabitation Agreement Can Help
February 21, 2023

8 Tips For Tax-Free Gifting In 2023
February 1, 2023

5 Estate Planning Strategies To Support Someone Struggling With Mental Health Challenges
October 27, 2022

7 Ways To Protect Your Assets Before Your Significant Other Dies
August 30, 2022

6 Steps To Creating A Trust You Can Trust
July 28, 2022

Divorcing With A SLAT – 5 Things You Should Know
June 21, 2022

What Is The GST Tax?
April 19, 2022

7 Considerations for Distributing Trust Assets to Your Children
February 28, 2022

Protecting Your Inheritance From Your Spouse
February 8, 2022

10 Tips for Being a Terrific Trustee
January 19, 2022

What Happened to the Expected Year-End Estate Tax Changes?
December 1, 2021

5 Ways People Mess Up Their Estate Plan
October 26, 2021

What You Need to Know About the $11 Million Estate Tax Exemption Going Away
September 28, 2021

What Gen Z Needs to Know About Estate Taxes
August 10, 2021

5 Power of Attorney Clauses You Need to Focus On
July 19, 2021

Should You Disinherit Your Child?
June 28, 2021

5 Best Practices for Virtual vs. In-Person Notarization
June 8, 2021

5 Reasons to Have Your Parents' Estate Plan Reviewed
May 25, 2021

5 Ways to Prevent Lost Heirs From Ruining Your Estate Plan
April 30, 2021

5 Ways to Protect Your Bank Account After you Die
April 16, 2021

4 Things You Should Know About Silent Trusts
March 30, 2021

Should Your Life Insurance be in an Irrevocable Trust?
February 25, 2021

News

Day Pitney Adds Four Lateral Partners, Solidifying Firm as One of the Largest Private Client Teams in Boston
June 1, 2023

In The Media

Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers of 2024
Boston magazine, November 19, 2024

Why You Might Not Want to Waive Alimony in Your Prenup
Forbes.com , September 23, 2024

Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers of 2023
Boston Magazine, November 21, 2023

New Associations
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, July 7, 2023

Day Pitney Adds 4 Ex-Burns & Levinson Attys in Boston
Law360, June 5, 2023

Make Time to Start and Finish Your Estate Plan
Forbes.com, March 29, 2022

Should a SLAT Be Part of Your Estate Planning?
Forbes.com, February 16, 2021

Trusts and Estates – What to Expect from the Biden Administration
February 2021

5 Ways a Democratic Controlled White House, Senate, and House Could Affect Your Estate Planning
Forbes.com, January 27, 2021

Your Spouse is Dying: 5 Ways to Get Your Estate in Order Now
Forbes.com, January 20, 2021

Does Your Adult Child Need A Will?
Forbes.com, December 21, 2020

What Does a Biden White House Mean for Estate Taxes
Forbes.com, November 30, 2020

Demystifying the Estate Plan
Forbes.com, October 30, 2020

If Biden Wins, Should You Gift?
Forbes.com, October 19, 2020

What You Need To Know About Updating Your Power of Attorney Now
Forbes.com, September 30, 2020

Thinking About the Unthinkable in Your Estate Planning
Forbes.com, September 16, 2020

NPEPC Virtual Lunch Round Table Discussion
September 2020

4 Things You Should Know About the Death Tax Exemption
Forbes.com, August 17, 2020

Divorcing During COVID? 5 Things Your Need to Know
Forbes.com, July 31, 2020

Don't Overlook Your Trust Funding
Forbes.com, July 13, 2020

Who Will Pay Your Estate Taxes?
Forbes.com, June 12, 2020

Should 'Do Not Resuscitate' Be Part of Your Estate Plan?
Forbes.com, May 28, 2020

Administering an Estate During The COVID-19 Crisis
Forbes.com, April 29, 2020

6 Parts of Your Estate Plan You Should Review Now
Forbes.com, April 15, 2020

Eight Estate Planning Strategies in a COVID-19 World
Forbes.com, March 23, 2020

Take Advantage of Trump's Tax Law Benefits Before They Are Gone
Forbes.com, February 27, 2020

10 Estate Planning ways to Say 'I Love You'
Forbes.com, February 14, 2020

10 Tips for Choosing a Guardian for Your Minor Child
Forbes.com, January 19, 2020

Will the SECURE Act Make Your Retirement More Secure
Forbes.com, January 19, 2020

Why UTMA Accounts Are Not as Simple as They Seem
Forbes.com, December 12, 2019

Why You Should Take Advantage of Trump's Estate Tax Laws Now
Forbes.com, November 15, 2019

The Pros and Cons of Electronic Wills
Forbes.com, October 25, 2019

What Family Businesses Need to Know About Gifting Business Interests
Forbes.com, October 19, 2019

7 Ways That Beneficiary Designations Can Mess Up Your Estate Plan
Forbes.com, September 26, 2019

9 Things You Need To Know About Power of Attorney
Forbes.com, September 12, 2019

Why You Should Change Your Will Now
Forbes.com, August 27, 2019

Keeping Your Estate Planning Documents Safe
Forbes.com, August 16, 2019

Why Writing Your Own Will Is a Bad Idea
Forbes.com, July 29, 2019

Why A Simple Will Won't Cut It If You Have Young Children
Forbes.com, July 12, 2019

Six Ways to Protect Your Surviving Spouse From A Charlatan
Forbes.com, June 27, 2019

A Beginner's Guide to Reading a Trust
Forbes.com, June 17, 2019

How to Choose a Trustee
Forbes.com, May 31, 2019

8 Things You Need to Know About The Death Tax Before You Die
Forbes.com, May 20, 2019

6 Estate Planning Tips for Blended Families
Forbes.com, May 20, 2019

Fundamentals of Estate Planning – PART TWO
May 2019

How To Avoid the 8 Biggest Executor Mistakes
Forbes.com, April 11, 2019

Special Needs Kids Require Specialized Estate Planning
Forbes.com, March 27, 2019

5 Estate Planning Strategies for Singles
Forbes.com, March 15, 2019

Ten Things to Know in Talking to Your Kids About Prenups
February 2019

10 Reasons Why You Need a Trust
Forbes.com, February 21, 2019

6 Ways to Protect Your Foreign Assets in Estate Planning
Forbes.com, February 21, 2019

9 Things You Need to Know About Estate Planning After Divorce
Forbes.com, January 8, 2019

How to Maximize Your Year-End Charitable Gifts
Forbes.com, December 19, 2018

How to Make Your Estate Plan Doomsday Ready
Forbes.com, December 3, 2018

Probate Law for Paralegals
June 2016

Coordinating Estate Plans and Business Assets
October, 2015

Asset Protection Planning and Charitable Planning
May 2015

Case Study: Succession Planning for Charlie and Sally Jones
May 2015