

Trusts and Estates

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Brach Eichler's Trusts and Estates Practice provides state-of-the-art estate planning for clients and their families, as well as estate and trust administration. Our clients include individuals, closely held business owners, charities, trustees, executors, and personal representatives.

Our attorneys have deep experience with the most sophisticated estate planning vehicles and routinely deal with complicated issues associated with intergenerational planning. The practice has implemented estate plans involving:

- Family limited partnerships and limited liability companies
- Grantor-retained annuity trusts
- Personal residence trusts
- Qualified personal residence trusts
- Dynasty trusts and other generation-skipping transfers
- Intentionally defective grantor trusts
- Irrevocable life insurance trusts (for individual life coverage as well as second-to-die / survivorship coverage)
- Split dollar life insurance planning
- Charitable remainder and lead trusts
- Private charitable foundations
- Private annuities

- Asset protection trusts
- Special needs planning
- Retirement planning including planning for qualified plans and IRAs
- Financial powers of attorney
- Prenuptial agreements
- Living wills, health care directives, and combined advanced directives

Additionally, the practice represents business owners with business succession planning, preparation of buy-sell agreements, shareholder's agreements, employment agreements, assistance with pension matters, and general tax planning.

Our attorneys are also actively involved in all aspects of the administration of estates and trusts, including sophisticated postmortem tax planning; gift, estate, and inheritance tax return preparation/audit defense; disclaimer planning; and probate court administration. This includes will challenges, will and trust reformation, contested accountings, and fiduciary litigation. The practice, working in conjunction with our Litigation Practice, provides probate litigation attorneys and guardianship petitions. Through our team of experienced attorneys, paralegals, and support staff we handle:

- Planning and preparation of gift, estate, and inheritance tax returns, and fiduciary income tax returns
- Probate court accountings
- Review and analysis of valuation reports
- Working closely with certified public accountants
- Coordination with financial planners
- All other documents required for administering sophisticated estates

Our Promise

At Brach Eichler, we are committed to a dynamic and meaningful partnership with our clients. We move forward with a shared vision, one that is carefully crafted and thoughtfully and practically implemented. Together, we achieve success.

Insights

Alerts - May 21, 2025

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed Named Chair, New Jersey State Bar Association, Real Property Trusts and Estate Law Section Board of Consultors

Events - March 27, 2025

Inheritance Tax Returns and Gift Tax Returns: CPE Seminar for Accountants - May 13, 2025

Awards - March 20, 2025

34 Attorneys from Brach Eichler Recognized for Inclusion in the 2025 "New Jersey Super Lawyers" list by Super Lawyers

Awards - February 10, 2025

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed Recognized on the “ROI Influencers Power List: 2025” for Leadership

B|E in the News - February 5, 2025

Susan Dromsky-Reed named in Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter’s Annual Women’s Power List

Events - December 20, 2024

Brach Eichler and APALA present: Financial Planning for Lawyers

Awards - November 7, 2024

Brach Eichler LLC Receives Top Ranking by Best Law Firms® in 2025

B|E in the News - October 23, 2024

EWNJ Gala celebrates the female leaders of today - and tomorrow

Awards - August 15, 2024

45 Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized in the “2025 Best Lawyers in America®” List by Best Lawyers

Awards - July 30, 2024

2024 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Brach Eichler Trusts and Estates Co-Chair Susan K. Dromsky-Reed for Private Wealth Law
