

Trusts and Estates

> Brach Eichler attorneys are thoughtful, experienced attorneys who are well versed in handling sophisticated estate planning matters.

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**Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*

Building Legacies. Protecting Futures.

Brach Eichler's Trusts & Estates Practice delivers sophisticated, personalized estate planning and administration services tailored to the unique goals of individuals, families, business owners, and charitable organizations. Our clients count on us to preserve wealth, protect assets, and ensure smooth transitions across generations.

Our experienced attorneys craft comprehensive strategies involving wills, trusts, and advanced planning vehicles such as grantor-retained annuity trusts, dynasty trusts, and charitable giving structures. We routinely address complex intergenerational wealth transfers, asset protection, and tax-efficient planning, all while remaining sensitive to the intricacies of family dynamics and personal priorities.



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What We Do

We focus on the full spectrum of **estate planning, trust administration, charitable planning, and fiduciary litigation**, including:



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Estate Planning

We craft comprehensive estate plans tailored to each client's unique goals and family dynamics. Our services include:

- Custom wills and revocable trusts
- Advanced wealth transfer strategies
- Generation-skipping and dynasty trusts
- Irrevocable life insurance trusts (ILITs)
- Grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs)
- Qualified personal residence trusts (QPRTs)
- Family limited partnerships and LLCs
- Asset protection and special needs planning
- Charitable remainder and lead trusts
- Private foundations and philanthropic planning
- Prenuptial and postnuptial agreements
- Living wills and healthcare directives
- Retirement and IRA planning

We work proactively to mitigate estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes, while supporting clients through every life stage and business transition.

Trust and Estate Administration

We guide executors, trustees, and beneficiaries through every phase of estate and trust administration, including:

- Probate court filings and compliance
- Asset valuation and appraisals
- Fiduciary income, estate, and inheritance tax return preparation
- Post-mortem tax planning
- Trust modifications, decanting, and jurisdiction changes
- Fiduciary accountings and audits
- Will contests, reformation proceedings, and estate litigation
- Guardianship petitions and court representation

We collaborate closely with accountants, appraisers, and financial planners to manage estates efficiently and accurately.

Charitable & Non-Profit Planning

We support individuals and organizations in maximizing charitable impact while maintaining tax efficiency:

- Formation and governance of public charities and private foundations
- Tax-exempt compliance and IRS representation
- Structuring of charitable gifts, grants, and endowments
- Planned giving strategies involving real estate, art, or business interests

Business Succession Planning

Our Trusts & Estates team works with business owners to design plans that protect their legacy and ensure a smooth transfer of control. Services include:

- Business succession strategies
- Shareholder, buy-sell, and employment agreements
- Integration with estate and tax planning
- Coordination with pension and retirement planning

Why Choose Brach Eichler's Trusts & Estates Team?

Our clients benefit from a **deep bench of legal talent**, seamlessly integrated with Brach Eichler's corporate, real estate, tax, and litigation practices. This multidisciplinary approach allows us to address complex estate and business planning issues from every angle—while maintaining the personalized attention you'd expect from a boutique firm.

We understand that **estate planning is not one-size-fits-all**. Our attorneys invest the time to understand your values, family structure, and long-term vision. We routinely represent multiple generations within the same family, which is a testament to our commitment and the enduring relationships we foster.

Whether you are safeguarding a lifetime of work, planning for future generations, managing a family business, or navigating probate disputes, our team is ready to help you build and protect your legacy.

Areas of Focus

Probate

Our Brach Eichler team helps clients with probate administration as well as other civil legal matters.

Charitable Plannings

We facilitate individuals and families with estate planning that includes charitable giving, tax efficiency and legacy creation.

Wills & Trusts

We have extensive experience in all aspects of estate planning and the administration of trusts and estates.

Estate & Inheritance Taxes

We help with estate planning, minimizing taxes through strategies like trusts and gifting, and navigating the legal requirements.

Probate & Trust Litigation

Our attorneys have worked with numerous individuals and families who have found themselves embroiled in complex and contentious lawsuits involving wills, trusts, and

Representation of Fiduciaries

We support executors and trustees in a wide range of matters, including estate and trust administration, tax advice, and handling disputes.

Awards



NJBIZ® Best Places to Work list*

2024, 2025



NJBIZ® Top 40 Law Firms list*

2024, 2025



Best Law Firm® in New Jersey Trust and Estates by Best Lawyers list*

2019-2025



Chambers USA: Ranked in High Net Worth*

2025



Recognized by Best Lawyers list*

2003-2025



New Jersey Legal Awards Law Firm of the Year list*

2022

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Insights

Awards - *November 6, 2025*
Brach Eichler LLC Ranked by Best Law Firms® in 2026

B|E in the News - *October 24, 2025*
Brach Eichler Named Law Firm of the Year Finalist – NJ Law Journal

B|E in the News - *October 22, 2025*
Challenge Accepted: Seat at the Table Report Shows Women Sustaining Momentum in Corporate Leadership

B|E in the News - *October 22, 2025*
Charging ahead: Why EWNJ will keep up fight for gender equality in boardroom

B|E in the News - *October 20, 2025*
EWNJ 2025 Diversity Report: Charting a path for women's leadership

Alerts - *September 2, 2025*
One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Key Tax Changes That May Impact Your Estate Plan

B|E in the News - *August 28, 2025*
6 Things Rich Retirees Do That Middle-Class Ones Don't

Awards - *August 21, 2025*
57 Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America© 2026

Awards - *July 29, 2025*
2025 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Brach Eichler Trusts and Estates Department and Co-Chair Susan K. Dromsky-Reed for Private Wealth Law

B|E in the News - *July 11, 2025*
Big Beautiful Bill: What Estate-Planning Steps Make Sense Now?