

Trusts and Estates

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

~ M.S.

**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.

What We Do

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

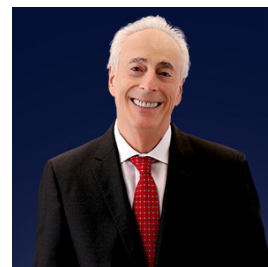
Estate Planning

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



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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 - 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

Awards - June 28, 2024

Brach Eichler Celebrates Being Named to NJBIZ Best Places to Work 2024

Events - May 26, 2024

WEBINAR | Noncompete Ban: What Every Estate Planner Must Know About the FTCs New Rule and Its Impact on Estate and Succession Planning

B|E in the News - April 4, 2024

Wake Up Call: GRSM Adds 14 Lawyers to Pittsburgh Via Burns White