

Trusts and Estates Group

Chapman's Trusts and Estates Group has been an integral part of the firm for more than 70 years. Our dedicated team of practitioners provide comprehensive counsel to clients seeking wealth and transfer planning, estate and trust administration, and fiduciary services.

Our clients include many multi-generation families for which we serve as a key advisor for business succession planning; charitable, estate, and gift planning; estate and trust administration; fiduciary litigation; and income tax planning and compliance; as well as institutional corporate fiduciaries and pension funds.

Individual and Family Wealth Planning

Business Succession Planning. We advise family business owners on tax-efficient strategies for transferring ownership and management of their businesses to children or others.

Charitable Planning. We counsel individuals and trustees on the creation and administration of charitable trusts, family private foundations, supporting organizations, and other vehicles for charitable giving.

Estate and Gift Planning. We advise individuals on all aspects of estate and gift planning that achieve family and personal objectives, maximize and protect wealth, and minimize transfer taxes.

Income Tax Planning and Compliance. Chapman counsels individuals, including executors, trustees, and beneficiaries, on a multiplicity of income tax issues that arise during the course of wealth planning and the administration of estates and trusts.

Estate and Trust Administration

Chapman counsels individuals and corporate fiduciaries on their responsibilities as executor, trustee, and guardian for disabled adults and minors.

Fiduciary and Private Bank Services

Credit and Financing Facilities. We represent banks and specialty lenders providing credit and financing facilities to high-net-worth individuals and family offices.

Trust Counsel. We advise corporate fiduciaries and in-house trust counsel on a wide range of sophisticated trust and estate planning and administration matters, corporate and securities law issues, and family business operations.

Complex Tax Issues. Chapman's Tax Department attorneys advise on myriad tax issues related to investment vehicles, income tax planning and compliance, and international tax matters.

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