



# Nikolaus Schuttauf

## Partner

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## Overview

Nikolaus "Nik" Schuttauf helps high-net-worth individuals and families develop sophisticated estate planning strategies to reduce transfer taxes, preserve multigenerational wealth, and ensure seamless asset transfers. He creates tailored estate plans that help clients achieve their unique goals while minimizing tax exposure and avoiding probate.

Nik also has extensive experience guiding clients through domicile changes to Florida, assisting them with residency transitions and navigating the associated legal and tax considerations. Licensed in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Florida, he provides seamless support to multistate clients, including those balancing residences across multiple jurisdictions.

In estate and trust administration, Nik brings a depth of experience in settling complex estates, including the preparation of federal, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island estate tax returns. He assists clients with the intricacies of probate proceedings, distribution of substantial assets—such as real estate, investments, and retirement accounts—and ensures full compliance with all tax obligations.

As a parent of two young daughters, Nik brings a personal understanding to estate planning for families. He works closely with couples to plan for the unexpected, establishing guardianship provisions and utilizing trusts to protect and conserve their children's inheritances.

Nik combines technical skills, attention to detail, and a commitment to delivering results to provide clients with sophisticated, forward-thinking solutions to even the most complex estate planning and administration needs.

## Education and Credentials

### Education

New England School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012; *New England Law Review*, Comment and Note Editor

Stonehill College, B.A., 2009

### Admissions

State of Florida

## Practices & Industries

**Fiduciary and Probate Litigation**

**Private Client**

**Trust & Estates**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of Rhode Island

## Affiliations

American Bar Association

Rhode Island Bar Association, Probate and Trust Committee

## Recognition and Community

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## Recognitions

CALI Award for Excellence in Corporate Finance

CALI Award for Excellence in UCC Negotiable Instruments

CALI Award for Excellence in Massachusetts Practice and Procedure

## Community Involvement

Boys & Girls Club of Metro South, Board of Directors

## Insights

How to Determine the Governing Law of a Trust

Trusts & Estates Magazine, November 20, 2024

## News

Day Pitney Elects Seven New Partners in 2026 Class

Day Pitney Press Release, January 5, 2025

## In The Media

Conn. Firms Begin 2026 With Flurry of Promotions

Law360, January 8, 2026

Using SLATs & SLANTs for Flexibility in Estate Planning

November 14, 2024

"Onboarding Estate Planning Clients," Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education

May 1, 2024

The Estate Tax Catching Americans by Surprise

The Wall Street Journal, November 18, 2023

"Using SLATs & SLANTs for Flexibility in Estate Planning," MCLE New England

November 9, 2023

"Tax Issues in Choice of Entity and Succession Planning," MCLE New England

October 30, 2023

Death & Taxes: Understanding the Rhode Island Estate Tax & Mechanics of Estate Tax Returns

June 2023

Trusts in Massachusetts from A to Z

February 2023

Pre-Nuptial and Decanting as Tools to Protect inheritance Expectations

September 2022

Careers in Trust and Estates Law

April 2021

Estate Planning During COVID-19: How Parents Can Be Prepared for Incapacity

JD SUPRA Legal News, May 1, 2020

Changes to the Federal Gift and Estate Tax May Be Trap for Unsuspecting Mass Residents

LinkedIn Pulse, July 2, 2018

Estate Planning for Your Four-Legged Family

LinkedIn Pulse, June 4, 2018