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OVERVIEW

Nikolaus "Nik" Schuttauf advises families and individuals on all aspects of estate planning, probate and trust administration, and estate tax returns. He works with clients to develop customized estate plans that carry out their wishes, minimize estate taxes and avoid probate.

Having two young daughters himself, Nik understands the important estate planning decisions facing couples with minor children and helps these couples plan for the unexpected by creating estate plans addressing issues, such as guardians for minors and utilizing trusts to manage and conserve children's inheritances.

Nik is licensed in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Florida, which allows him to provide seamless service and guidance to the many "snowbird" clients who spend a portion of the year in the Sunshine State and are changing their residency.

For estate and trust administration matters, Nik assists clients and their families in addressing the many difficult issues that can arise upon the passing of loved ones. Such issues include navigating the often complex probate court process; assisting clients with distributing assets, such as real estate, investments, and retirement accounts to the intended beneficiaries; and preparing the required federal and state estate tax returns.

SERVICES

PRIVATE CLIENT

FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

INSIGHTS

"USING SLATS & SLANTS FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ESTATE PLANNING," MCLE NEW ENGLAND

Speaker, November 9, 2023, MCLE New England

"TAX ISSUES IN CHOICE OF ENTITY AND SUCCESSION PLANNING," MCLE NEW ENGLAND

Presenter, October 30, 2023, MCLE New England

DEATH & TAXES: UNDERSTANDING THE RHODE ISLAND ESTATE TAX & MECHANICS OF ESTATE TAX RETURNS

Speaker, June 2023, Rhode Island Bar Association Annual Conference

TRUSTS IN MASSACHUSETTS FROM A TO Z

Speaker, February 2023, National Business Institute

PRE-NUPTIAL AND DECANTING AS TOOLS TO PROTECT INHERITANCE EXPECTATIONS

Speaker, September 2022, Social Law Library Family Law, Fiduciary Litigation, and Trusts and Estates Series

NEWS

THE ESTATE TAX CATCHING AMERICANS BY SURPRISE

Featured, November 18, 2023, *The Wall Street Journal*

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

New England School of Law, J.D.

Stonehill College, B.A., 2009

ADMISSIONS

State of Florida

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of Rhode Island

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Rhode Island Bar Association

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY

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