

Private Client

Serving High Net Worth Individuals, Families and Closely Held Businesses



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We are your personal general counsel.

At McDermott Will & Emery, the members of our Private Client Practice Group represent high net worth individuals, families and closely held businesses with an extraordinary focus on our clients' specific, unique objectives. As a leading firm in the areas of taxation, wealth transfer and estate and business planning, we offer clients unparalleled, wide-ranging legal resources; as seasoned individual practitioners, we provide creative, customized representation for their most sensitive needs.

Our clients face a complex blend of individual, family and business concerns, all of which must be understood to advance their personal goals in a highly dynamic environment. Our lawyers monitor all your legal issues, marshal and deploy resources to accomplish the strategy, and anticipate risks in changing circumstances. As **personal general counsel** to our clients, we craft solutions that protect what matters most to each client.

Our team of more than 60 lawyers and 20 non-lawyer professionals is recognized as the top private client practice in the United States and among the top practices worldwide. Year after year, we have been singled out by legal and industry publications such as *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *PLC Which Lawyer?* and *Worth* for the quality of our service and the sophistication of our counsel.

SERVING THE FULL SPECTRUM OF PRIVATE CLIENTS

- Families & Individuals
- Family Offices
- Private Trust Companies
- Corporate & Family Foundations
- Closely Held Businesses
- International Families & Businesses
- Corporate Executives
- Corporate & Individual Fiduciaries
- Public Charities
- Contested Trusts & Estates
- Private Equity Fund Partners
- Investment Managers

CORE SERVICES

- Wealth transfer and generation-skipping planning
- Family-owned and closely held business consulting
- Representation of executors, trustees and other fiduciaries
- International, cross-border estate planning
- Trust, estate and tax litigation and dispute resolution
- Family office and private trust company formation and operation
- Charitable gift and family philanthropic planning
- Creation and operation of private foundations and other charitable organizations
- Life insurance and leveraged asset planning

Practicing from offices across the United States and in Europe, we ensure that the right lawyer is matched to your needs wherever they arise. Simply put, you will not outgrow McDermott.

We offer customized solutions to meet your needs.



Generations of Experience ...

McDermott began as a tax law practice in 1934. Over the years, as we have grown into a full-service international Firm, we have never forgotten this core area of importance to our clients. Since the beginning, our lawyers have provided an ideal combination of wealth transfer, estate planning and tax counsel for individuals and families. Even now, we continue to strengthen the private client practice, attracting many of the top legal minds in the world to our offices across the United States and in Europe.

The issues facing our clients often involve a unique blend of personal and commercial concerns. As a result, our guidance is never one dimensional—we help clients make critical decisions that affect important personal, civic and charitable commitments, as well as business concerns. With our broad view of our clients' diverse needs, we identify and resolve issues that might be overlooked by even experienced counsel focused solely on business matters.

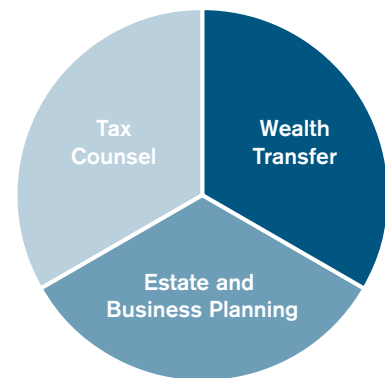
From our offices in key U.S. financial centers and in Europe, we provide comprehensive advice on the exclusive issues facing our private clients where they live, work, invest and travel. With resources on the ground around the globe, we partner with clients to manage business and personal demands across jurisdictions, whether purchasing a home in South Africa or selling a startup business in Silicon Valley.


... In a Full-Service Firm

For many of our clients, their myriad business concerns are inextricably bound with their personal planning. The Private Client Practice Group has the full support of one of the world's leading full-service international law firms (more than 1,000 lawyers) to provide efficient, cross-disciplinary counsel in the following areas, among others:

- **Corporate**—including choice of entity and entity formation and organization of ownership, control interests and general corporate governance to align business and personal planning
- **Tax**—including state, federal and international tax strategies relevant to individuals and closely held enterprises with holdings spanning the globe
- **Exempt organizations**—including tax, governance and organizational matters relating to not-for-profit organizations created by families or their companies
- **Finance and securities**—including equity investments, initial public offerings, subscription agreements and transactions to raise private capital or return to private ownership
- **Employment and employee benefits**—including executive compensation, deferred compensation plans, employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and domestic help and household staff
- **Litigation and dispute resolution**—including will and trust contests, fiduciary defense, reformation suits, state and federal tax audit and litigation, and other general litigation
- **Immigration**—including obtaining visas and work permits for key executives and employees, and negotiating disputes with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- **Residential and commercial real estate**—including purchases, sales, leases and other agreements, and property-improvement contracts with architects, builders and other parties
- **Private aircraft**—including all aspects of equipment purchases and leases for individual, executive and corporate use

SERVING THE LEGAL NEEDS OF PRIVATE CLIENTS





Our clients say we offer efficient,
cost-effective solutions.

In Our Clients' Words

Nothing is more important than how our clients feel about the services we provide. Here is sampling of what clients say* about our private client practice and individual lawyers:

“The group fields niche subject experts who are highly adept at working with in-house counsel.”

“When she speaks people put down their pens and listen.”

“The lawyers also have the ability to explain complex terminology and information in a clear and efficient manner, which enables clients to make sound, confident decisions.”

“... one of the brightest and most promising talents in the country.”

“The work product is superb and more than worth what you pay—the firm’s approach is efficient and cost effective.”

“One of the most eminent figures in the trust and estates arena.”

“... surefooted, practical approach and clarity of her advice and ability to really instill confidence.”

“A terrifically astute and dynamic tactician.”

“An excellent practitioner who communicates effectively and is superb at handling clients.”

*As quoted in *Chambers Global* 2011, *Chambers UK* 2011, *Chambers USA* 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Our lawyers are recognized consistently
in the top echelon.



International Acclaim

The members of McDermott's Private Client Practice Group are known as lawyers who teach other lawyers. We speak regularly at professional conferences and seminars, serve as leaders in national organizations and advise other lawyers, tax professionals, executors and trustees. Several of our lawyers serve as adjunct professors in some of the nation's top law schools. We are recognized as the go-to group for high net worth individuals, families and closely held businesses by the following.



- *US News - Best Lawyers* named McDermott "Law Firm of the Year" in 2011 in the area of Trusts & Estates Law.
- *Chambers USA* ranked our Private Client Practice Group in the top tier nationwide from 2006 to 2011. In 2011, for the second time, we were the only firm in the top tier and the only firm to have 10 lawyers ranked—five in the top tier and one as a "star."
- In 2011, the head of McDermott's Private Client Practice Group was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of three Most Influential Lawyers in the Trust and Estates category.
- *CityWealth* Magic Circle Awards, named the head of McDermott's London private client practice Private Client Lawyer of 2010, another lawyer was runner-up for Tomorrow Club Woman of the Year and the practice was honored as runner-up for Best International Law Firm. The London private client practice and individual lawyers have also been recognized by *Spear's Legal Index*.
- *Best Lawyers in America* has recognized more than a dozen of our lawyers for years (one recognized as the "Best Lawyer" for 17 years), including the "Chicago Trusts & Estates Lawyer of the Year" for 2010 and the "New York Trusts & Estates Lawyer of the Year" for 2010 and 2011.
- *Worth* magazine has consistently named our lawyers to its annual Top 100 listing.
- *PLC Which Lawyer? Private Client Handbook* (2010-11) rates our Private Client Practice Group as one of only two leading firms in the United States and as highly recommended in England.
- The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel has elected more McDermott lawyers to its membership (15) than from any other firm. Three of the Firm's partners have served as president of the organization.
- The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law has more members (5) from McDermott than from any other firm in the world. One of the Firm's partners has served as president of the organization.

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About Us

McDermott Will & Emery is a premier international law firm with a diversified business practice. Numbering more than 1,000 lawyers, we have offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, Munich, New York, Orange County, Paris, Rome, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. Extending our reach to Asia, we have a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices in Shanghai.

McDermott has grown its core practices and offices around the globe. The expansion of our international platform has supported numerous cross-border transactions and litigation matters, while providing the experience necessary to offer private client, corporate and commercial, international and domestic tax, labor and benefits, competition, intellectual property and regulatory counsel to clients across all industries. We are committed to building from these strengths in order to best serve our clients and communities.

Outstanding client service is a cornerstone of our practice that has withstood the test of geography, economy and time. We are proud of the recognition we have received from our clients for our commitment to service, and we value their satisfaction as the best measure of our success.



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