Abby Feinman

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For high-net-worth individuals with interests on both coasts and around the globe, Abby Feinman acts as a trusted counsel for all their estate, trust and tax-planning needs. She puts advanced creative strategies to use in advising clients on wealth transfer, administering trusts and estates after death and resolving disputes over trusts and estates. She has extensive experience with philanthropic and charitable giving.

Understanding the needs of high-net-worth individuals

Abby's clients include family offices, owners of closely held businesses, private equity fund managers, real estate entrepreneurs, art collectors, entertainment executives and corporate fiduciaries. She has extensive experience with specific issues, such as multi-generational transfers, tax-efficient wealth transfers and cross-border concerns, that arise in helping these clients meet their business and personal goals.

Abby also advises clients on charitable giving and the formation of private foundations.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Trusts and Estates | Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2010–2025
- *Chambers High Net Worth*
  - Southern California: Private Wealth Law, 2016–2025
- *Citywealth*
  - International Powerwomen Top 100, 2019
  - Leaderslist, 2015–2016
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Southern California, 2006–2025
- Lexology Index
  - Private Client, 2024

Practices

- Business Succession Planning
- Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations
- Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation
- International
- International Private Wealth
- Private Wealth

Industries

- Family Offices
- Private Client Services

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law
- BS, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- New York
- Florida
- California

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
- California Lawyers Association, Trusts and Estates Executive Committee
- Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Executive Committee, Board of Directors; Member, Board of Directors; Member, Board of Governors
- Connecticut Bar Association, Estates and Probate Section

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News

- Katten Honored in *Chambers High Net Worth* 2025 for Private Wealth Excellence (July 24, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2025 Southern California Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (March 14, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers®* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Named Leader in *Chambers High Net Worth 2024* Guide (July 18, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Distinctions in *Chambers High Net Worth 2023* Guide (July 20, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers List (January 11, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers®* (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Score High in *Chambers High Net Worth 2022* Guide (July 14, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (January 27, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®* (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for *Chambers High Net Worth 2021* Guide (July 22, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2021 Southern California Super Lawyers List (January 21, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- A Dozen Katten Partners Recognized in *Chambers High Net Worth* Guide (July 9, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2020 Southern California Super Lawyers List (January 16, 2020)
- Abby Feinman talks to *Citywealth* about how to thrive in wealth management (December 3, 2019)
- *Chambers High Net Worth* Guide Recognizes Katten's Private Wealth Practice (July 12, 2019)

- Florida Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- Jewish Community Foundation Los Angeles, Board of Trustees; Member, Executive Committee
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Section
- New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Section
- Trustees' Council of Penn Women

- Super Lawyers List Recognized 13 Katten Attorneys in Southern California (January 30, 2019)
- Katten's "Top-Notch" Private Wealth Practice Praised in *Chambers High Net Worth* Guide (August 6, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys in Southern California Honored on Super Lawyers List (February 16, 2018)
- Katten Private Wealth Practice Hailed in *Chambers High Net Worth* Guide for Top Talent and Cross-Border Excellence (September 15, 2017)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (March 9, 2017)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- Katten Private Wealth Practice Lauded in Inaugural *Chambers High Net Worth* 2016 Guide (June 24, 2016)
- Nineteen Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (January 20, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Twenty-One Katten Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys in Southern California (January 21, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Twenty-One Katten Attorneys Recognized on Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (February 10, 2014)
- Abby Feinman, Head of the Los Angeles Private Wealth Practice, Profiled in Law360 Q&A (January 30, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Twenty-Two Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (January 21, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)

- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America®* (August 5, 2009)
- Katten Names Carol Johnston Co-Chair of Los Angeles Private Wealth Practice (June 23, 2008)

Publications

- 2024 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 26, 2024)
- 2023 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 20, 2023)
- 2022 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 17, 2022)
- 5 Questions You Should Be Asking About Succession Planning for Your Family Office (June 30, 2022)
- 2021 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 22, 2021)
- Proposed Tax Legislation Would Dramatically Impact Private Wealth Planning (September 24, 2021)
- 2021 Biden Plan Estate Planning Advisory (January 15, 2021)
- 2020 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 24, 2020)
- Looking Beyond the COVID-19 Crisis (March 23, 2020)
- 2019 Year-End Private Wealth Advisory (November 25, 2019)
- Katten Team Publishes 2018 Year-End Estate Planning Series (December 4–7, 2018)
- 2018 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 19, 2018)
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Gift, Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Reform (February 28, 2018)
- 2017 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 20, 2017)
- 2016 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 21, 2016)
- 2015 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 23, 2015)
- Eight Key Estate Planning Opportunities Arising from the Supreme Court's Decision on Same-Sex Marriage (June 29, 2015)
- 2014 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 26, 2014)
- 2013 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 2013)
- Estate Planning Opportunities Arising from Recent Revenue Ruling Concerning Marriages of Same-Sex Couples (September 3, 2013)
- Estate Planning Opportunities Arising from Recent Landmark Supreme Court Decisions Concerning Marriages of Same-Sex Couples (June 28, 2013)

- Estate Planning After the Fiscal Cliff Deal (January 16, 2013)
- 2012 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 20, 2012)
- IRS Releases Guidance on Foreign Financial Asset Reporting (February 1, 2012)
- Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program Reopens (January 11, 2012)
- 2011 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 23, 2011)
- Extension and New Guidance for the Voluntary Disclosure Initiative for Undisclosed Foreign Assets (June 10, 2011)
- House Votes 277-148 to Approve Senate Tax Cut Extension Bill (December 17, 2010)
- 2010 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 2010)
- 2010 Estate Tax Planning Strategies—Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunities vs. Potential Traps for the Unwary (September 21, 2010)
- HIRE Act Affects Foreign Trusts and Imposes Additional Requirements on US Persons with Foreign Accounts (March 24, 2010)
- US Government Acts Quickly to Help Haiti with Tax Benefits for Donors (February 2, 2010)
- Hooray, There's No Estate Tax: Now What Do I Do? (January 7, 2010)
- Possible One-Year Elimination of Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax in 2010: Going, Going, Gone? (December 23, 2009)
- 2009 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (December 2009)
- Changes to New York Powers of Attorney Effective September 1 (July 28, 2009)
- "FBAR" Filings Disclosing Foreign Accounts Due June 30 (May 12, 2009)
- 2008 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (December 2008)
- New Expatriation Legislation Passed Unanimously by Congress and Signed by President (June 2008)
- Opportunities: Cloud Over Economy Creates Estate Planning Silver Lining (February 2008)

Presentations and Events

- IPI Mid-Spring Forum (June 18–19, 2025) | *Speaker* | *How to Position Your Family Office to Work With Independent Sponsors*
- Sports Team Investing for Family Offices and Other Investors FAQ – What Do I Need to Know? (February 20, 2025)
- Institute for Private Investors' End of Year Forum (December 10–12, 2024) | *Presenter* | *Considerations for Family Offices Under the New Regime*
- 2024 Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar New York (September 24, 2024)
- Institute for Private Investors Spring Forum (June 4–6, 2024) | *Co-Presenter* | *Good Governance Regarding Family Offices*
- Institute for Private Investors' Fall Forum (September 14, 2023) | *Speaker* | *Navigating Liquidity Events: Key Considerations*
- 2022 Professional Advisor Speaker Series (September 7, 2022) | *Speaker* | *The Not So Simple Preparation of Gift and GST Tax Returns*
- Mitigating Fiduciary Risk (July 2018) | *Speaker*
- Mitigating Fiduciary Risk (June 2017) | *Presenter*
- HighTower Apex 2017: Moving at the Speed of Change (May 22–25, 2017) | *Panelist* | *Millennials & Money: Having It All and Passing It On*
- The Future Leaders Forum (June 4–6, 2014) | *Speaker*
- 2013 Annual Meeting of the California Tax Bar & the California Tax Policy Conference (November 7–9, 2013) | *Panelist* | *Decanting Wine Is Easy, Decanting Trusts Is Not*
- Trusts & Estates Symposium 2013: Legal Perspectives on Fiduciary Investment and the Economics of Marriage (September 27, 2013) | *Presenter* | *Planning for Couples in a Time of Transition*
- 2013 IRS Valuation Summit (August 15, 2013) | *Panelist* | *Dissecting Donation Dilemmas – Problems in Valuations of Conservation and Non-Cash Charitable Donations*
- Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts and Probate (July 12, 2013) | *Presenter*
- International Wealth Advisors: The Future Leaders Forum (June 5–7, 2013) | *Panelist*
- Jewish Community Foundation (November 2, 2011) | *Intergenerational Philanthropy? How and Why to Engage Your Children and Grandchildren in Charity*

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- The Importance of Reviewing Trusts: Navigating the Changes Ahead (June 15, 2010) | *Speaker*
- 14th Annual Los Angeles Art Show (January 21–25, 2009) | *Speaker* | *Art as an Alternative Asset: Issues and Solutions*