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Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth

Business Succession Planning

Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations

Fiduciary Litigation

International

Private Equity

Industries

Family Offices

Private Client Services

Education

JD, University of Denver, *with honors*

LLM (Taxation), University of Denver

BBA, Saint Louis University, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Colorado

Community Involvements

Illinois Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section

Chicago Estate Planning Council

Michelle Canerday understands how important it is for clients to have an estate plan that minimizes taxes and protects their assets for future generations. That's why individuals, wealthy families and business owners seek her advice on complex estate, gift and charitable planning matters, as well as on disputes concerning trusts and estates. She structures and drafts wills and trusts, handles estate administration, helps businesses with succession planning, represents trustees and beneficiaries in trust disputes, and provides strategies to private equity fund principals on how to minimize taxes. Family offices and nonprofits also turn to Michelle for legal counsel in these areas.

Well-versed in estate planning and administration

Preparing wills, trusts (including qualified personal residence, dynasty and insurance trusts) powers of attorney, and any other phase of estate and premarital planning is what Michelle knows best. Her experience spans across the entire process of administering trusts and estates, from counseling trustees and executors, opening probate, and preparing and filing estate and gift tax returns to handling daily administration issues and audits.

Moreover, if a family finds itself in a trust and estate dispute, Michelle is there to negotiate settlement agreements and virtual representation agreements, work closely with litigation counsel to create strategies and assist on fiduciary duties, and even handle the case in trial, if it ultimately comes to that point.

News

- Katten's Nationally Recognized Private Wealth Practice Grows with New Partner in Chicago (May 13, 2019)

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Publications

- 2019 Year-End Private Wealth Advisory (November 25, 2019)

Presentations and Events

- Katten Private Wealth Fiduciary Seminar (October 15, 2019) | *Speaker*