John Collins

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Whether it's providing comprehensive counsel or delivering deal-specific tax planning strategies, John can draw on his more than two decades of experience to deliver sophisticated legal guidance to high-net-worth-individuals and families. He excels at working through complex tax, wealth transfer and business planning needs across a range of asset mixes, industries and stages of development.

A personable and thorough approach to representing private wealth clients

John has extensive experience creating complex generation-skipping and family dynasty trusts that span multiple generations, ensuring the preservation and efficient transfer of wealth. He has assisted prominent families in multi-phase estate planning, implementing advanced trust and gift strategies. John also advises on compliance engagements for ultra-high-net-worth families, guiding individual, corporate and gift tax returns. Additionally, he has experience with the probate of large estates, preparing both federal and state estate and gift tax returns, and overseeing the distribution of estate assets. John has also worked with family offices in various of stages of formation and onwards.

A thought leader in the tax field, John has co-authored numerous publications and is a regular speaker at national training conferences and client seminars, and has been an adjunct university professor.

Prior to joining Katten, he previously worked at a multinational professional services firm in its tax and estate planning practices.

News

- Katten Adds Top Tax Strategist to Private Wealth Practice in Dallas (February 10, 2025)

Publications

- 2025 – 2026 Planning Priorities (November 19, 2025)
- The One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Key Year-End Tax Changes for Private Wealth Clients (November 19, 2025)

Practices

- Private Wealth

Industries

- Family Offices
- Private Client Services

Education

- JD, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- BA, The University of Oklahoma

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- Texas

Community Involvements

- All Stars Project of Dallas

- Select Updates Impacting Family Business Owners (November 19, 2025)
- Select Federal Caselaw Updates (November 19, 2025)
- Relevant International Updates (November 19, 2025)
- State of the States (November 19, 2025)
- Planning Considerations for the Rest of 2025 and Into 2026 (November 19, 2025)
- Tax Provision Changes: How the OBBBA Impacts Individuals, Businesses and Estate Planning (August 28, 2025)
- John Collins, Zachary Arons Author *Lexis+ Practical Guidance* Article on Pre-2026 Estate Planning Considerations (May 19, 2025)

Presentations and Events

- 2025 Private Wealth Seminar – New York (September 10, 2025)