

Mal L. Barasch

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Mal Barasch joined Rosenman & Colin in 1968. He founded the Private Wealth department and served as its chair until 1995. Although he retired as a partner in 2000, he continues to practice as counsel. Mal concentrates primarily on issues involving the trusts of which he is or was a trustee. He is still available to consult with anyone who would like to talk.

60 years securing the future for his clients

For more than a half-century as an attorney, Mal handled a broad range of matters including estate and tax planning, the administration of estates and trusts, will contests and other contested Surrogate's Court and tax proceedings. Currently, he is a trustee of four trusts. He did pro bono work at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, which awarded him its First Annual Pro Bono Service Award.

Mal is a member of both the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, where he served on its executive committee. He was listed as an Estate and Trust specialist in Naifeh and Smith's Best Lawyers in America from its first publication in 1983 until after his retirement and is a past chair of the Trusts and Estate Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He was an elected democratic district leader in Manhattan from 1961 to 1965.

He served with the US Army from 1954 to 1956.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Trusts and Estates, 1983–2010
- *Super Lawyers*
  - New York, 2006–2013

Practices

- Business Succession Planning
- Private Wealth

Industries

- Private Client Services

Education

- LLB, Yale Law School
- BS, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, *with distinction*

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- US Tax Court
- US District Court, Southern District of New York

Professional & Community Involvement

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (IAETL)

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News

- Seventeen Katten Attorneys Named to 2013 New York Metro *Super Lawyers* List (September 18, 2013)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)
- Three Katten Attorneys to Be Honored as Preeminent Lawyers in US (March 9, 2009)
- 50 Katten Attorneys Named to 2009 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (September 23, 2008)
- 46 Katten Attorneys Named to 2008 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (October 31, 2007)

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)
- State of the States (November 19, 2025)
- Select Federal Caselaw Updates (November 19, 2025)
- Relevant International Updates (November 19, 2025)
- Planning Considerations for the Rest of 2025 and Into 2026 (November 19, 2025)
- Select Updates Impacting Family Business Owners (November 19, 2025)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- The New York Non-Profit Revitalization Act of 2013 – Important Changes Affecting New York Nonprofit Entities and Charitable Trusts (February 24, 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)
- 2011 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 23, 2011)
- House Votes 277-148 to Approve Senate Tax Cut Extension Bill (December 17, 2010)
- 2010 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 2010)
- Important Changes to New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (October 14, 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)

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- 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)
- 2008 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (December 2008)
- New Expatriation Legislation Passed Unanimously by Congress and Signed by President (June 2008)