



Cynthia Reed Altchek

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Cynthia Reed Altchek provides creative and comprehensive representation to individuals and families, fiduciaries, and charitable organizations in the United States and worldwide.

Cynthia concentrates her practice on matters related to estate and tax planning, estate and trust administration and charitable giving, including creating and representing private foundations and public charities. She advises her clients on wealth transfer, administering trusts and estates, and represents nonprofit organizations in all stages of their life cycle, including formation, governance, compliance and dissolution.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Empire State Counsel®
 - Pro Bono Honoree, 2016
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Ones to Watch
 - Trusts and Estates, 2023–2026
 - Nonprofit / Charities Law, 2024–2026
- *Citywealth* Future Leaders
 - Future Leaders Initiative of the Year, 2025

News

- Cynthia Reed Altchek Recognized at *Citywealth* Future Leaders Awards 2025 (November 21, 2025)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Announces 2024 Partner Promotions (August 27, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)

Practices

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

Education

- JD, Georgetown University Law Center
- BA, Connecticut College, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Nonprofit Organizations Committee
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Nonprofit Organizations Committee
- Connecticut Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Law Section

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- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Pro Bono Efforts Help Save Lives, Rebuild Communities in War Zones (July 9, 2018)

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)
- Select Updates Impacting Family Business Owners (November 19, 2025)
- Planning Considerations for the Rest of 2025 and Into 2026 (November 19, 2025)
- Select Federal Caselaw Updates (November 19, 2025)
- State of the States (November 19, 2025)
- Relevant International Updates (November 19, 2025)
- International Philanthropy: Considerations for the Globally Minded Donor (February 12, 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)

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- 2015 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 23, 2015)
- The European Succession Regulation: Important New Estate Planning Risks and Opportunities for Americans Living, Investing or Owning Property in the European Union (October 20, 2015)

Presentations and Events

- 2025 Private Wealth Seminar – New York (September 10, 2025)
- Tax Law Conference 2025 (June 12, 2025) | *Speaker | Hot Topics and Trends in Family Office Philanthropy*
- 2024 Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar New York (September 24, 2024)