Stuart E. Grass

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Private Wealth

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Stuart Grass helps clients with estate and wealth planning, including representing owners or former owners of closely held businesses. Stuart often works with clients for years, through life and family transitions, to help them develop a plan for preserving wealth and passing it on to future generations. Stuart has particular experience in wealth transfer planning, succession planning and compensation planning for key executives. Stuart's practice also includes the active administration of trusts and estates.

A leading name in estate and tax planning

Stuart has frequently spoken at various programs involving estate planning and tax planning for closely held corporations and their shareholders. He has also participated in seminars sponsored by the Schools of Continuing Education of New York University and the University of Southern California and has presented in numerous locally sponsored seminars.

Stuart has always been actively involved with various charitable organizations in the Chicago area. He has served as president of the board of directors and as a director of the Better Boys Foundation, as vice president and as a director of the Menomonee Club of Chicago, as a director and secretary of the Joseph Kellman Family Foundation, and as a director and co-chairman of the nominating committee of Communities In Schools of Chicago.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Super Lawyers*
    - Illinois, 2009
- *Leading Lawyers Network*
    - 2003–2021

Practices

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

Industries

- Family Offices
- Private Client Services

Education

- JD, University of Michigan Law School
- MA, New York University
- BA, University of Michigan

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- The Chicago Bar Association

News

- Eighty-Six Katten Attorneys Named 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers (February 28, 2012)

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)
- Planning Considerations for the Rest of 2025 and Into 2026 (November 19, 2025)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- Illinois Passes State QTIP Legislation—Does Your Estate Plan Need to Be Updated to Take Advantage? (September 28, 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)

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- Opportunities: Cloud Over Economy Creates Estate Planning Silver Lining (February 2008)