Kevin T. Keen

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Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth

Business Succession Planning

Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations

Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation

International

International Private Wealth

Transactional Tax Planning

Industries

Family Offices

Private Client Services

Education

JD, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, *cum laude*

LLM (Taxation), University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

BSBA, University of Central Florida, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Texas

District of Columbia

Florida

Court Admissions

US Tax Court

US District Court, Northern District of Texas

Entrusted by some of the world's wealthiest families, Kevin Keen discreetly advises clients on a broad array of tax, trust and estate planning matters spanning both the United States and abroad. His global practice includes working with ultra-high-net-worth individuals, and their private businesses, family offices and fiduciaries, to design and implement strategies geared toward tax optimization and fulfilment of various non-tax goals. Such strategies traverse traditional estate and wealth transfer planning, including in the context of international, multigenerational families; pre-immigration and expatriation planning; and structuring of foreign investments into the United States.

Problem solver for private clients in the United States and abroad

As part of his expansive multijurisdictional and topical practice, Kevin routinely guides clients through complex tax and legal issues as outside general counsel — indeed, he often receives the first call from clients and their inner circle on significant personal and business matters. Clients appreciate his depth of knowledge and extensive experience, with one sharing that “Kevin is far beyond his years. He is a trusted adviser, thorough, smart and effective” (*Chambers High Net Worth* 2022). Another client praised Kevin as "always attentive, responsive and thorough, providing an exceptional service"(*Chambers High Net Worth* 2023).

Kevin brings his vast domestic and international experience and network to bear when advising global families, entrepreneurs, mobile executives, family offices and fiduciaries. His practice focuses upon planning related to estates and trusts, wealth transfer, tax optimization, structuring of direct and passive investments, formation and operation of private trust companies and family offices, premarital planning, and global mobility matters generally, including expatriation and exit tax mitigation, application of favorable residency regimes abroad, and attainment of additional passports.

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Community Involvements

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), Secretary of the Board of the Texas Chapter, Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP)

State Bar of Texas, Tax Law and Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section

American Bar Association, Taxation and Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Sections

European American Chamber of Commerce Texas, Board Member

International Bar Association

"Kevin is spectacular, I would highly recommend him as I think he is a great attorney."

- Chambers High Net Worth 2022 (Texas, Private Wealth Law) survey response

Clients rely on Kevin for his creative problem-solving strategies to protect assets, mitigate tax exposure and achieve varied non-tax goals, such as privacy and governance. He regularly travels across the United States and throughout the world to attentively serve his client base and forge trusted relationships with external client advisors, family office executives and members of the next generation of his family clients. Kevin also maintains an active client base in Florida, and can assist clients transitioning from Florida to Texas, or vice versa, or from other states or countries to either Florida or Texas, with regard to their personal and business planning.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Tax Law, 2021–2024
    - Trusts & Estates Law, 2021–2024
- *Chambers High Net Worth*
  - Texas: Private Wealth Law, 2022–2023
- Dallas Business Journal
  - 40 Under 40, 2023
- Spear's 500
  - Recommended Tax Lawyers, 2021, 2022
- STEP Excellence Award
  - 2021

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News

- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- *Dallas Business Journal* Features Kevin Keen in '40 Under 40' Q&A (July 25, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Distinctions in *Chambers High Net Worth 2023* Guide (July 20, 2023)
- *Dallas Business Journal* Names Kevin T. Keen as a 2023 '40 Under 40' Honoree (June 5, 2023)
- *Texas Lawbook* Lauds Katten's 'Phenomenal Growth' in Lawbook 50 Headcount Rankings (April 21, 2023)
- *Texas Lawbook* Reflects on Five Years of Katten in Dallas in Q&A With Mark Solomon (April 14, 2023)
- *Law360* Quotes Joshua Rubenstein and Kevin Keen on BigLaw's Renewed Interest in Trusts and Estates Practice (April 3, 2023)
- *Spear's* Recognizes Kevin Keen Among 2022's Best Tax Lawyers for High Net-Worth Individuals (October 7, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers®* (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Score High in *Chambers High Net Worth 2022* Guide (July 14, 2022)
- *Citywealth* Features Kevin Keen's Private Wealth Practice (July 5, 2022)
- Media Spotlights Kevin Keen's Move to Katten (May 6, 2022)
- Katten Establishes Private Wealth Practice in Growing Dallas Office With Addition of Partner Kevin Keen (April 19, 2022)

Publications

- 2022 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 17, 2022)