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- Estate planning and administration
- Estate and trust controversy and probate litigation
- Focus on high-net-worth individuals and families, closely held business owners

Lauren concentrates her practice on complex estate planning and administration, with a particular focus on high-net-worth individuals and families, including the owners of small and medium size closely held businesses. Her approach is always centered on her client's personal, family and business circumstances and goals to ensure coordinated effectiveness and a seamless interplay between all facets of the client's life.

Lauren assists in the creation of a comprehensive estate plan that fully addresses the client's legal needs during life while minimizing the imposition of taxes – as well as minimizing intrafamily controversy and avoiding probate – down the road. Her work includes the drafting of wills and trust agreements, powers of attorney, advance healthcare directives, and beneficiary designations, as well as documents related to business succession and intergenerational planning, long term care planning, guardianships, charitable gift planning and future-focused planned giving. She integrates counsel regarding estate and income tax saving techniques in the estate planning process.

In the area of estate administration, Lauren strives to provide inclusive service that reduces the burden on executors and trustees. She represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in probate matters, taking a straightforward and practical approach that seeks to minimize costs and maximize benefits while staying as true to the client's wishes for their estate as is possible. This work encompasses the satisfaction of federal and state inheritance and estate tax obligations, the preparation of petitions and supporting documents, and the settlement of complex estates via formal and informal methods, including probate litigation involving contested wills and fiduciary accountings.

Lauren has also served as outside counsel to financial institutions that provide estate and trust settlement services to their customers as institutional fiduciaries and require external legal support.

Areas of Focus

Practice Areas

- Estate Planning, Counseling, Administration & Litigation
- Asset Protection Planning
- Beneficiary Counseling
- Business Succession Planning
- Charitable Planning
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Estate Planning for Blended Families
- Fiduciary Counseling
- Pet Trusts
- Probate and Trust & Estate Administration
- Special Needs Planning
- Tax
- Business Tax Planning
- Tax Controversy & Disputes
- Transactional Tax Issues
- Voluntary Disclosures
- Trust & Estate Litigation

Industries

- Private Clients

Credentials

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 2010
- New York, 2011

- Pennsylvania, 2017
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 2010
- U.S. Tax Court, 2015

Education

- Boston University School of Law, LL.M in Taxation, 2016
- Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, J.D., 2010
- Binghamton University, B.A., 2006

Recognition

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Trusts and Estates, Litigation - Trusts and Estates, and Elder Law practice areas (2021 - 2025)

Affiliations

Memberships

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Real Property Trust and Estate Law Section; Elder and Disability Law Section

Insights & More

Announcements

2025 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.14.24

Kersten Kortbawi and David C. Scott Recognized by NJBIZ on 2024 List Called "Leaders in Law"
3.21.24

2024 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.16.23

2023 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Seven Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.17.22

Client Alerts

One Big Beautiful Bill Act: An Overview of Impacts on the Tax Code for Business Owners
8.07.25

The Implications for Estate Planning of Proposed Tax Provisions of the Build Back Better Act

10.12.21

Proposed "For the 99.5% Act" Could Bring Significant Changes to Existing Federal Estate, Gift and Trust Tax Rules

4.30.21

The New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020: An Overview of the New Jersey Innovation Evergreen Act

3.01.21

Wealth Transfer Strategies to Consider in the Age of COVID-19

6.09.20

Estate Planning Considerations in the Time of COVID-19

4.28.20

COVID-19: A Reminder of the Importance of Advance Planning for Illness and Incapacity

4.09.20

Publications

NJSC Opinion on First-Party Indemnity Provisions in Contracts Carries Message

8.24

Seminars & Events

Finnegan is DEAD! A Walk Through a Fictional Probate Case

4.24.26

Will Drafting Fundamentals 2026

2.24.26

Will Drafting Fundamentals Post-Pandemic

2.16.25

Will Drafting Fundamentals

11.08.23

2023 Estate Planning College

5.04.23

Will Drafting Fundamentals Post Pandemic

2.05.23

2022 Estate Planning College

4.21.22

Will Drafting Fundamentals for the Covid Crisis and After

2.21.22

Divorce: Dividing Asset Appreciation, Proving and Valuing Passive vs. Active Efforts

12.06.21

Will Drafting Fundamentals Post Pandemic

9.29.21

2021 Estate Planning College

4.18.21

Will Drafting Fundamentals for the COVID Crisis and After

2.22.21

Professional Responsibility in Estate Planning

9.30.20

Will Drafting Fundamentals for the COVID Crisis and After

9.09.20

Will Drafting Fundamentals

4.28.20

2020 Estate Planning College

4.07.20