

## Of Counsel

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**Education:** University of Connecticut, cum laude, B.S. • University of Minnesota Law School, cum laude, J.D. • Grand Valley State University, Taxation recipient of the "Outstanding Master of Science in Taxation Student" Award, M.S.T.

**Admitted:** State of MI, 1998 • State of MN, 2000 • State of NY, 2004 • State of CT, 2004 • Registered Foreign Lawyer in the UK, 2006

**Year joined:** 2003



## Overview

Christopher provides tax and estate planning advice for U.S. and non-U.S. families, their family offices and businesses, as well as US pre-immigration and expatriation planning. He also provides tax planning on corporate, partnership and international inbound and outbound issues for a wide-range of businesses including publicly traded businesses, closely-held businesses, investment entities and real estate ventures. Christopher advises fiduciaries on the tax consequences of trust investments and on issues arising during trust administration as well as on the use of financial products. He represents taxpayers in all matters before the Internal Revenue Service and state tax departments.

Christopher has also been an adjunct professor teaching classes in federal taxation including international tax and business tax. He is also admitted to practice in the United States Tax Court.

## Highlights

Adjunct Professor, Quinnipiac Law School, 2006-Present.

## Publications and speaking engagements

- Co-author of "SEC Issues Greatly Expanded Definition of Family Office," Withers Bergman LLP Briefing Notes, June 2011.
- Co-author of "SEC May Extend Dodd-Frank Compliance Date," Withers Bergman LLP Briefing Notes, April 2011.
- Co-author of "The single family office structure: Will it stand the test of time?" Family Business Agenda 2010, November 2010.
- Co-author of "US Securities and Exchange Commission Issues Proposed Rule on Family Office Exclusion," Withers Bergman Briefing Notes, October 2010.
- Co-Author of "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act Provisions of the HIRE Act," Withers LLP Stop Press, September 2010.
- Co-author of "UPDATE: The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Passed with Family Office Exemption," Withers Bergman LLP Briefing Notes, July 2010.
- Co-author of "Full Senate Passes The Restoring American Financial Stability Act - Including Exemption for Family Offices," Withers Bergman LLP Briefing Notes, May 2010.
- Co-author of "Angel Investors Eligible for Tax Credit," Withers Bergman Briefing Notes, May 2010.
- Featured as "Advisor of the Quarter," deVisscher & Co. Winter 2010 Newsletter.
- Expert panelist, "Creating a Multi-Family Office Practice," New York, NY, January 2010.
- Co-author of "Full U.S. House of Representatives Passes The Private Fund Investment Advisers Registration Act of 2009," Withers Bergman Briefing Notes, December 2009.
- Co-author of "IRS Issues Favorable Guidance on Election to Defer Cancellation of Debt Income on Repurchase of Debt," Withers Bergman LLP Briefing Notes, September 2009.
- Presenter, "Finding the Silver Lining: Opportunities in a Challenging Economy," presented by Withers Bergman LLP, Greenwich, CT and New York, NY, February/March 2009.
- Presentation, Edward Jones Professional Education Network, International Tax Practice: "What Every General Tax Practitioner Should Know," September 2008.

## On a personal note

Chris enjoys golf in his spare time.

