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Sandy is a partner in our private client and tax team.

Alistair "Sandy" Christopher focuses his practice on international and domestic tax and estate planning. Sandy advises Non-U.S. and U.S. families on tax planning and minimization strategies, including cross-border and pre-immigration issues. Sandy's practice utilizes a variety of sophisticated techniques, such as trust decanting, foreign grantor trusts, dynasty trusts and sales to intentionally defective grantor trusts, in order to create tax-efficient, multi-generational wealth transfer structures.

Sandy has written and presented on a variety of tax and estate planning topics.

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ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2005
- State of Connecticut, 2006
- State of New York, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

'New Final Regs Issued on Trust/Estate Administrative Expenses.' WealthManagement.com - September 30, 2020, co-author

'STEP NY IRS Comment Letter.' STEP NY - July 13, 2020, co-author

'Proposed Regs Clarify Deductibility of Estate/Trust Administrative Expenses.' WealthManagement.com - May 13, 2020, co-author

'Estate Planning in a Rising Interest Rate Environment: Part II.' Trusts & Estates Magazine, July 2018, co-author

'Moves and Appointments.' Notes, July 2019, quoted

'Estate Planning in a Rising Interest Rate Environment: Part I.' Trusts & Estates Magazine, June 2018, co-author

'IRS Blesses Decanting?' Wealthmanagement.com, May 2014, co-author

'Market Turmoil Creates Planning Opportunities.' Withers Bergman LLP Stop Press, February 2016, co-author

'Where there's a Will, There's a Way,' Private Asset Management, May 2016, co-author

MEMBERSHIPS

- New York State Bar Association
- Connecticut Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

TALKS

'Tax Elections in Estate Planning for Non-U.S. Residents: Sec. 645 Elections, Entity Classification, Risks,' Strafford webinar - November 4, 2020, presenter

'Grantor Trusts,' National Business Institute Seminar 'Trusts 101' - May 2019, speaker

'Will Strategies to Prevent Conflict and Confusion,' and *'Revocable Living Trust Tactics,'* National Business Institute Seminar 'Estate Planning: Top 7 Tools to Know' - December 19, 2018, presenter

'Planning For a Rising Interest Rate Environment,' ABA Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law, Spring Symposia - April 2017, panelist

'Family Offices: An Overview,' Surgent's Weekly Expert Hour, Surgent Accounting & Financial Education - September 2, 2021, speaker

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, J.D.
Yale University, distinction B.A.

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

DATES

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