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Ruth is an Associate in the firm’s Private Client Services Department.

Ruth has extensive experience working with clients with a broad range of assets, including high-net-worth individuals, families, and business owners. She is proud to work with clients of all ages from diverse backgrounds and family structures. Ruth applies her substantive legal knowledge to the unique circumstances and family dynamics of each client to advise on planning strategies that meet her clients’ personal objectives.

Ruth works with fiduciaries throughout the entire probate process. She advises fiduciaries on trust administration and has experience modernizing outdated trust terms through nonjudicial settlement agreements, decanting and more.

She is an effective speaker and presents on topics such as estate planning, estate administration, asset protection and intergenerational wealth transfer.

Ruth is highly engaged in her community and is deeply committed to pro bono service, particularly the representation of underserved and marginalized children. She currently serves as a Board Member on the Estate and Business Planning Council (EBPC) of Hartford, the Hartford County Bar Association, and the Hartford Board of Education, where she chairs the Policy Committee. Additionally, she is the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Betty Knox Foundation, which provides grants to organizations serving Hartford residents.

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D.)
- Baruch College (B.B.A)
    - cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut

Publications

December 16, 2025
Private Client Services 2025 Year-End Advisory

January 16, 2025
Form 706 vs. Form 1041: What is Deductible?

December 12, 2024
Private Client Services 2024 Year-End Advisory

October 17, 2024
Estate Planning Considerations for Non-U.S. Citizen Spouses

September 12, 2024
The Connecticut Uniform Trust Decanting Act: What You Need to Know

September 5, 2024
A Guide to Estate Planning for Tangible Assets

August 22, 2024
Estate Planning and Divorce: Lessons from In re E. Earl Lyden Trust

August 15, 2024
Preserving Your Legacy: Estate Tax Deferral for Closely Held Businesses

2024
Estate Planning for College-Aged Children

July 11, 2024
U.S. Income Taxation of Foreign Trusts – Beware!

2024
LGBTQ+ Family Estate Planning

June 24, 2024
Connecticut's New Trust Decanting Statute

June 2024
Connelly v. United States (No. 23-146)

June 7, 2024
Navigating Trust Taxation: State Income Tax

May 16, 2024
Common Income Tax Compliance for Estates

April 18, 2024
Directed Trusts in Connecticut

April 2024
SLATS — Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts

February 29, 2024
10 Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan

February 23, 2024
2024 Non-Citizen U.S. Transfer Tax Overview

Updated March 2025
Domicile and Residence: Key Factors to Consider for Estate Planning

January 2024
Client Alert: 2024 Estate, Gift and GST Exemptions

January 2024
Checklist for Changing Domicile

December 14, 2023
Private Client Services 2023 Year-End Advisory

December 2023
The Gift of Medical Care – the “Med” of the “Med-Ed Exclusion”

December 5, 2023
Client Alert: Increased Federal Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Exemptions in 2024

November 30, 2023
Probate Litigation Alert: Connecticut Supreme Court Affirms Validity of No Contest Clauses

October 11, 2023
Modern Love, Timeless Legacy: Estate Planning For All Couples

September 21, 2023
Strategies for Owning Property in Multiple States

September 14, 2023
Qualified Personal Residence Trusts

August 17, 2023
The Ultimate Guide to Planning for a Family Vacation Property

August 7, 2023
Loaning Money to Family: A Guide to Intrafamily Loans

July 27, 2023
3 Key Strategies for Funding Educational Expenses

July 19, 2023
Modification and Termination of Irrevocable Trusts

July 13, 2023
5 Key Annual Requirements for Private Foundations

July 5, 2023
Maximizing Estate Planning Strategies in Various Interest Rate Environments

June 29, 2023
Understanding Digital Assets in the Context of Estate Planning Part II

Summer 2023
Key Considerations in Estate Planning for LGBTQ+ Individuals and Couples

April 28, 2023
Understanding Digital Assets in the Context of Estate Planning

April 3, 2023
How Do I Have A “Foreign Trust” If I Don’t Live Overseas?

March 29, 2023
529 Plans and Divorce

2023
Enforcement of a No-Contest Clause

February 15, 2023
Fiduciary Duties in Estate Administration

February 1, 2023
Five Reasons Why You Should Do Your Estate Plan

December 21, 2022
The Estate Planning Family Meeting: 5 Steps to a Successful Meeting

December 12, 2022
Private Client Services 2022 Year-End Advisory

December 2, 2022
GRATs — Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts

2022
New Guidance on No Contest Clauses in Connecticut

2022
Prenuptial Agreements

July 26, 2022
The Anti-Clawback Regulation and its Limitations

2022
Community Property

2022
Private Client Services: Service Highlights

May 31, 2022
With Sophisticated Planning, Don’t Underestimate the Need for a Proper Valuation

August 25, 2021
Dynasty Trusts

August 25, 2021
Gift Assets Now

August 25, 2021
Substitute Assets in Existing Grantor Trusts