Ruth A. Mattson

Partner

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Ruth provides estate planning and business planning services for individuals and families, particularly families with international assets and multinational family members.

Ruth is a frequent speaker and author on international estate planning topics for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, and other professional organizations around the world.

Ruth received their J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and their LL.M. from Boston University School of Law's Graduate Tax Program. They are a lecturer at Boston University School of Law, a Fellow of ACTEC, a former co-chair of STEP New England, and a recipient of the President's Award from the Boston Estate Planning Council.

Services/Industries

- Private Clients & Fiduciary Services

Education

- Boston University School of Law (LL.M. in Taxation)
- Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D.)
- DePauw University (B.A.)

Public Service

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Past Board Member, Boston Estate Planning Council

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Former Co-Chair, Boston Branch, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- Boston Estate Planning Council (BEPC)
- Chair: Taxation Law Section, Massachusetts Bar Association
- The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law

Honors

- 2023 MassNAELA Arthur Stavisky Award
- Boston Estate Planning Council President's Award (2021)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America©* under Trusts and Estates in Boston, Massachusetts (2020-2021, 2023-2024)
- Named to the 2021 *New England Super Lawyers©* list under Estate Planning and Probate
- Named to the 2013-2016 *New England Super Lawyers©* Rising Stars lists under Estate Planning and Probate

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Events

- "New Developments", Speaker (Annual International Estate Planning Institute, 2024)
- "Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust from Start to Finish", Co-Presenter (NAELA Conference, 2024)
- "Introduction to Massachusetts Estate Tax Returns," Panelist (Massachusetts Bar Association Ninth Annual Probate Law Conference, 2021)
- "Planning at the Intersection of Estate Planning and Closely Held Business Planning," Panelist (MCLE 22nd Annual Estate Planning Conference 2021)
- "Inbound Planning," Panelist (ALI-CLE International Trust and Estate Planning, 2020)
- "Informational Reporting in the U.S. and Worldwide; Willfulness in U.S. Tax Cases" (Presentation to Thailand Office of Judiciary; hosted by Boston University, 2018)
- "Trusts Serving as Grantors to Other Trusts: Drafting Multi-Trust Structures for Optimal Tax Results" (Strafford Webinars, 2017)
- "Gift Tax Returns" (Boston Bar Association, 2016)
- "Will and Trust Drafting: IRA Beneficiary Trusts, Domestic Asset Protection

Trusts, and Directed Trusts" (Pennsylvania Elder Law Association, 2016)
- "Trust Administration Issues for the Trustee of a Non-Resident Non-Citizen Oklahoma Preservation Trust Settlor with Multi-National Family Beneficiaries" (Oklahoma Bar Association, 2015)
- "Basic Marital Deduction Planning" (Massachusetts Bar Association Probate Law Conference, 2015)
- "Estate Planning with Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts" (Massachusetts Bar Association Probate Law Conference, 2014)

Publications

- Author, Inheriting Grandpa's Secret: Estates with Undisclosed Foreign Accounts, Trusts & Estates Magazine, Oct. 2021
- Author, Cryptocurrency and the FBAR, Trusts & Estates Magazine, Nov. 2018
- Author, Trust Principal and Income, UNDERSTANDING AND USING TRUSTS, MCLE, 2016-present
- Editor, GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP PRACTICE UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE, MCLE, 2017-2021
- Co-Author, The Purpose Trust: Drafting Becomes a Work of Art, Estate Planning Journal, Oct. 2016
- Co-Author, Guardianships and Conservatorships, MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE MANUAL, MCLE, 2011-present
- Co-Author, Drafting Simple Will and Trust Clauses, Massachusetts Basic Practice Manual, MCLE, 2011-2016
- Author, Separation and Divorce: A Unique Window of Opportunity for Income Tax Planning and Estate Planning (Materials), Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute, 2012
- Tax Tips and Traps Related to Foreign Gifts, ACTEC Trust and Estate Talk July 2020