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An attorney and Certified Financial Planner™, Tracy assists clients with general estate planning, including wills and trusts, lifetime gift planning, estate administration, tax-efficient wealth transfer planning, and charitable planning.

Practices

Private Clients, Trusts & Estates
— Charitable Planning
— Estate Planning
— Tax-Exempt Organizations
— Wealth Transfer Strategies

Education

St. John's University School of Law, JD, summa cum laude, 2009

United States Military Academy, BS, 2001

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Before joining ArentFox Schiff, Tracy was a financial advisor with a registered investment advisory firm. Drawing on this experience, she understands how the estate plan fits within a client's overall financial strategy. She was also an associate in the New York office of an elite international law firm. Tracy is a combat veteran as well, serving five years in the United States Army.

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- New York State Bar Association, Member
- New York City Bar Association, Member
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP®)
- Notary Public
- Board of Governors for the West Point Society of New York, Member

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Publications

- "Beneficial Owner Disclosure Under the New York LLC Transparency Act," *Tax Stringer* (Jun. 1, 2025)
- "AI in Family Offices: The Risks of Relying on AI for Decision-Making and Client Services," *?The National Law Review* (Aug. 6, 2024)
- "AI in Family Offices: Navigating the AI Frontier in Wealth Management and Fiduciary Liability,"*?The National Law Review* (Oct. 15, 2024)
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“AI in Family Offices: The Risks of Relying on AI for Decision-Making and Client Services,” *?The National Law Review* (Aug. 6, 2024)

- “AI in Family Offices: A Closer Look at Privacy, Confidentiality, and Fiduciary Responsibility,”? *Wealth Management* (Jun. 24, 2024)
- “Estate Administration – The Not-So-Hidden Exception to Self-Dealing Prohibitions,” *?National Law Review* (Sept. 1, 2023)
- “Taxation of Non-Grantor Trusts,” *Estate Planning,* Thomson Reuters (Dec. 2022)
- “Recent Priority Guidance Plan Shows Increased Focus on DAFs by IRS,” *?National Law Review* (Nov. 1, 2022)
- “Late Allocation of GST Exemption and Fixing Past Mistakes,” *Estate Planning* (Nov. 2022)
- “Insurance Trusts and GST – A Primer,” *Estate Planning*, Thomson Reuters (Nov. 2021)
- “FinCEN Seeks Public Comment on Corporate Transparency Act,” *?National Law Review* (Apr. 15, 2021)
- “Corporate Transparency Act: Federal Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Requirements Are Coming,”*?National Law Review* (Nov. 21, 2021)
- “How the SECURE Act Affects Retirement and Estate Planning,” *?National Law Review* (February 25, 2020)

Presentations

- “Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax,” American Bankers Association, Wealth and Trust School - Level 2, Atlanta, GA (Ongoing)
- “Ownership of Cooperative Apartments and Condominiums by Trusts: An Overview of Popular Trusts and Obtaining Transfer Approval from Cooperative Boards,” New York City Bar, Webinar (May 5, 2026)
- “QTIP Trusts: How to Maximize Benefits & Avoid Traps,” NYSSCPA Tech Session, Webinar (Jan. 23, 2026)
- “Recent Developments Affecting Estate Planning,” 2025 NYSSCPA Private Wealth Conference, New York (Dec. 11, 2025)
- “Using Charitable Trusts for Estate and Income Tax Savings, Tax and Financial Planning for Individuals Conference (Nov. 6, 2025)
- “Estate Planning Misfires of the Rich and Famous,” New York City Bar (Jul. 16, 2025)
- “Artificial Intelligence and its Impact on Trusts and Estates Practice and Family Offices,” NYSSCPA 2024 Annual Private Wealth Conference, New York (Dec. 12, 2024)
- “Decanting A Trust: What, How, Why and Why Not,” ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Webinar (Jul. 25, 2024)
- “The Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax: Back to Basics,” 35TH Annual RPTE National CLE Conference, Washington, DC (May 12, 2023)
- “An Introduction to the Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax,” American Bar Association, Real Property Trusts and Estates Law Section, Webinar (Mar. 7, 2023)
- “Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax: Key Concepts and Reporting Issues,” NYSSCPA 2022 Annual Private Wealth Conference, New York (Dec. 7, 2022)

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers* (2021-2024)
- New York Metro Rising Star, *New York Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters (2020)
- Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award, City Bar Justice Center (2020)

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Service

In 1997, Tracy earned a Congressional nomination to attend the US Military Academy at West Point. After graduating in 2001, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Adjutant General Corps. In 2004, she was deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, as a Chief of Casualty Operations Officer. Two years later ? after five years of service ? Tracy was honorably discharged as a Captain.

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Bar Admissions

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