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Profile

Cressida counsels high-net-worth individuals and family groups in sophisticated wealth and estate planning; estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxation; income taxation of estates and trusts; and succession planning for closely held and family businesses.

Her clients range from successful entrepreneurs and corporate executives to multigenerational families and their entities. Cressida works closely with clients at every stage of wealth planning to implement tax efficient wealth transfer and preservation strategies that are customized in order to achieve their business, personal and philanthropic goals.

Cressida's practice in wealth and estate planning includes:

- Structuring and implementing lifetime and testamentary transfers of wealth
- Creating and funding grantor retained annuity trusts, including gifts of stock in a publicly traded company to GRATs in anticipation of a potential sale
- Representing individual and corporate executors of estates from \$5 million to \$200 million in connection with the estate administration, including preparation of federal and state estate and fiduciary income tax returns
- Planning for succession of closely held and family-business owners, including addressing family relationship issues that affect both current and long-range aspects of the business operation and family bonds
- Preparing and implementing prenuptial and postnuptial agreements to minimize controversies that can arise in dissolution proceedings, particularly when a family business is involved
- Structuring and implementing gifts to charitable trusts, private foundations and other charitable entities
- Representing colleges and universities in their capacity as beneficiaries of estates and trusts
- Preparing and analyzing wills, trusts, powers of attorney and advance directives for health care, shareholder and operating agreements, and other ancillary estate planning documents

Cressida also represents individual and corporate fiduciaries and beneficiaries of trusts and estates regarding all aspects of administration, the review and preparation of estate and generation-skipping transfer tax returns, the analysis of fiduciary income tax matters, and trust construction and reformation suits and other

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996)
- State University of New York at Albany (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1992)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- Higher Education
- Trust and Estate

contested trust and estate matters.

In addition to her active practice, Cressida serves as Deputy Managing Member of Bond's Rochester office. She is widely viewed as a leader in her field and consistently is recognized by peers as a top lawyer in *Best Lawyers in America* and *New York Super Lawyers*.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2019, Trusts and Estates (listed for 5 years)
 - *New York Super Lawyers 2018*®, Estate and Probate
- New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
- Monroe County Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
- Estate Planning Council of Rochester, New York
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Other Activities

- Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys, *Rochester Business Journal*, 2006 Forty Under 40
- Graduate, 2006 Leadership Rochester
- Member, Syracuse University Professional Advisors Network
- Member, University of Rochester Medical Center Planned Giving Committee
- Member, Women's Executive Network
- Member, \$1 Million Dollar Women's Education Club
- Past Member, Board of Directors, Rochester Childfirst Network