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Maria F. Galante is a Principal in Porzio, Bromberg & Newman's Wealth Preservation Team, where she advises high net worth individuals, families, and closely held business owners on sophisticated estate, tax, and wealth transfer planning strategies. She designs and implements customized structures that integrate estate planning, asset protection, fiduciary administration, and trust and estate litigation, with a particular focus on multijurisdictional families.

A native of Colombia and a fluent Spanish speaker, Maria brings a global perspective to her practice and regularly counsels Latin American and other international clients on U.S. estate tax and succession issues. She is admitted to practice law in New York and Colombia and draws on her civil law and common law training to bridge legal systems and collaborate seamlessly with foreign advisors.

Maria's work includes advanced planning for large estates, business succession and entity structuring, tax efficient wealth transfers, and elder law and Medicaid strategies, often coordinating across family offices, investment professionals, and multidisciplinary advisory teams. She is completing her Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation at the University of Florida, building on her LL.M. in Banking, Corporate and Finance Law from Fordham University School of Law and her law degree from Universidad de la Sabana in Colombia.

Deeply committed to equity and representation in the profession, Maria is actively involved in bar leadership and diversity initiatives with the New York Women's Bar Association, the Queens Bar Association and the Latino Lawyers Association, including service on diversity and inclusion committees, and she frequently mentors junior attorneys and law students. Her leadership reflects her dedication to advancing inclusion and amplifying Latina voices in the New York legal community.

Recognitions

- New York Metro Super Lawyers® (2026)
- New York Metro Rising Stars® (2016-2019)

Memberships

- New York Women's Bar Association - Board of Directors (2024-present); Member, Judiciary Committee (2025-present); Co-Chair, Elder Law & Disabilities Section (2021-present); Trust and Estates Section (2019-present)

Maria F. Galante Cont.

- Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County (2018-present)
- Queens County Bar Association - Elder Law Committee (2016-present); Co-Chair, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2024)
- Queens County Women's Bar Association (2016-present)
- New York State Bar Association - Elder Law and Trust and Estates (2009 – present)
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York - Board of Directors

News

- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Announces 2026 Attorney Promotions, 7/01/2026
- Five Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Attorneys Named to 2026 New York Metro Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars® Lists, 6/10/2026
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Becomes Designated Custodian of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP's Estate Planning Documents, 5/07/2025
- Wealth Preservation Counsel Maria F. Galante Appointed Co-Chair of Queens County Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2/21/2024
- Wealth Preservation Counsel Maria F. Galante Elected to the Board of Directors of the New York Women's Bar Association (NYWBA), 1/12/2024
- Porzio's Wealth Preservation Group Expands Practice with the Addition of Three New Attorneys, 6/17/2021

Articles

- Navigating the Corporate Transparency and New York LLC Transparency Acts: A Guide for Trust and Estates Attorneys - *New York Law Journal*, 10/21/2024
- Practical Considerations When Attempting to Remove an Ineffective Fiduciary, 9/12/2022

Speaking Engagements

- "Understanding The One Big Beautiful Bill Act," New York Women's Bar Association, 10/29/2025
- "The New Administration: Anything Can Happen!," Porzio's Wealth Preservation Symposium, 1/29/2025
- "Navigating the Corporate Transparency Act and New York LLC Transparency Act – Practical Considerations," CELESQ, 11/26/2024
- "Hispanic Heritage Month Roundtable," Queens County Bar Assocation, 10/02/2024
- "Tricky Issues in Elder Law and Best Practices for Resolving them Outside of Court," New York Women's Bar Association Elder Law and Disabilities Committee, 9/24/2024

- Moderator, "Supportive Decision-Making in Guardianship," NYWBA's Elder Law and Disability Committee Webinar, 1/13/2022

Practices

- Wealth Preservation

Bar Admissions

- New York, 2009
- Colombia, South America, 2000

Education

- *Fordham University School of Law*
  LL.M., 2008
- *Universidad de la Sabana*
  J.D. equivalent , 2000

Languages

- Spanish