



Andrew P. Lawson

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With a strong foundation in both domestic and international planning, Andrew Lawson assists clients with the full lifecycle of trust and estate matters, from initial structuring to administration and dispute resolution. He works closely with fiduciaries, corporate trustees, financial institutions, and wealth advisors to ensure proper trust funding and distributions. He also drafts a wide range of governing documents, including decanting resolutions, trust restatements, and declarations of trust, to reflect changes in law or client intent. Andrew has extensive experience in fiduciary litigation, representing clients in disputes involving trustees, beneficiaries, and complex trust and estate administration issues.

In addition to his litigation capabilities, Andrew focuses on designing and implementing customized estate and wealth transfer strategies for high-net-worth individuals and families. He regularly advises on the use of advanced trust structures, including GRATs, QTIPs, IDGTs, DAPTs, and DINGs, to achieve tax-efficient and asset-protective outcomes aligned with clients' goals.

Additionally, Andrew advises businesses and their owners on entity formation, succession planning, and transaction structuring, including the tax implications of business divestitures. His experience includes preparing all necessary instruments for business formation and ownership transition, such as certificates of formation, operating agreements, and share transfer agreements.

His tax practice spans federal, state, and local levels, where he counsels clients on compliance, planning, and controversy matters. He represents individuals and businesses before the IRS and state taxing authorities and has led clients through audits, appeals, and risk mitigation related to income, sales, use, and business personal property taxes.

Andrew's multidisciplinary approach is rooted in his prior work with Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he advised clients across industry sectors including manufacturing, professional services, healthcare, education, and private equity on federal, state, and local tax strategies, compliance, and planning.

Memberships

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- American Bar Association - Taxation and Trust & Estate Sections

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News

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- Andrew Lawson Joins Porzio, Bromberg & Newman's Wealth Preservation Group, Expanding Multidisciplinary Trust, Estate, and Tax Capabilities, 6/03/2025

Articles

- The End of a War Does Not End its Adversarial Reach: The Federal Government's Indemnification of World War II Contractors for Toxic Waste Cleanup Resulting from Wartime Manufacturing Efforts in Shell Oil Co. et al. v. United States, 26 *Vill. Envtl. L.J.* 36, 2015

Speaking Engagements

- "Big Beautiful Bill: Navigating Taxes," Bergen County Chamber of Commerce, 8/13/2025

Practices

- Wealth Preservation

Area of Focus

- Asset Protection
- Charitable Planning
- Estate Planning
- Personal Tax
- Privately-Owned Business Planning
- Trusts & Estates Litigation

Community Involvement

- The Society of Mayflower Descendants
- The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution – Member; Board Member (2016-2022)
- The Saint Andrew's Society

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey

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Court Admissions

- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- United States Tax Court
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States Supreme Court

Education

- *Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law*
LL.M. in Taxation
2019
- *University of Pennsylvania*
M.B.E., 2018
- *Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law*
J.D., 2016
Editor-in-Chief, *Villanova Environmental Law Journal*
- *Drexel University*
B.S., 2013
cum laude; Honors College; Captain, NCAA Division 1 Golf Team

Clerkships & Internships

- Judicial Extern, Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2015)
- Judicial Extern, Honorable Christopher J. Burke, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (2014)