Lauren A. Galbraith

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Services

- Family Wealth
- Private Client
- Wine
- Exempt Organizations
- Family-Held Enterprises
- Ultra-High Net Worth

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2011)
  - *cum laude*
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 2006)
  - *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York

Lauren Galbraith advises individuals and families on all aspects of estate and tax planning, estate and trust administration, and business succession planning.

Her practice is founded on a deep understanding of the unique needs of families and multi-generational family enterprises. She advises on the full spectrum of income, gift, estate, and property tax laws, regularly leveraging sophisticated techniques to achieve her client's objectives.

Lauren sought out this field of practice while still a student at Harvard Law School. After gaining valuable experience at a large law firm in New York, she returned to her roots in Northern California a decade ago, joining the esteemed Family Wealth Group at Farella.

Lauren's compassionate and detailed approach provides peace of mind for her clients through their various life events. Her good judgment, excellent communication skills, warmth, and responsiveness contribute to her effectiveness as a lawyer and trusted advisor.

She often works closely with financial advisors and accountants as part of existing teams. She also taps into her professional network to make introductions as appropriate. She enjoys collaborating with other lawyers and advisors to design practical and integrated solutions to her clients' legal needs.

Lauren has broad experience in the areas of charitable giving and tax-exempt organizations.

Her clients include winery and vineyard owners, owners of other closely held businesses, art collectors, entrepreneurs, executives of public companies, family offices, and individuals with inherited wealth.

Distinctions

- Recommended, *Legal 500 United States* - Not-for-Profit (2021)
- Northern California *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* in Estate & Probate (2022)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, Stewardship Committee, Napa Valley Community Foundation (2022)

Publications

September 21, 2023
IRS Moves to Target Wealthy Taxpayers in Historic Compliance Drive

August 29, 2023
Steps for the Long-term Success of Your Brand & Business
The Grapevine Magazine

September 23, 2020
Estate Tax Planning for Large Company Stock Holdings: Four Tips for Using Record-High Lifetime Exemptions
myStockOptions.com

September 22, 2020
Estate Planning During Uncertain Times
Wine Industry Education Series

March 20, 2020
Four Tips for High Net Worth Individuals Desiring to Utilize Record-High Lifetime Exemptions

January 30, 2020
Your Retirement Planning and the SECURE Act

February 20, 2019
Succession Planning for Wineries and Vineyards

February 1, 2019
How to Plan for Successful Winery, Vineyard Business Succession

8/18/2016
New IRS Guidance Allows More People to Use Charitable Trusts

8/12/2016
Proposed Section 2704 Regulations Would Impose Significant Restrictions on Valuation Discount Planning for Family Controlled Entities

2/23/2015
What Every Prospective Nonprofit Board Member Needs to Know

Outside the Office

Lauren enjoys trips to the Mendocino Coast and exploring the wineries, parks and restaurants of Napa and Sonoma Counties, typically in the company of her husband and two sons.