

Nicholas J. Heuer
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Nicholas Heuer focuses his practice on international income and transfer tax matters. He assists high-net-worth individuals and families throughout the world with complex tax issues arising from their ties to the United States.

Minimizing the tax liability of clients with international connections

Nick works with trust companies, financial advisors as well as foreign banks and lawyers on international strategies for investment within the United States and abroad. He also helps cross-border families with the preservation and transmission of their wealth.

Nick routinely provides corporate and tax advice in a wide variety of global transactional matters. This includes inbound and outbound analysis, tax treaty examination and tax-efficient structures for multinational companies. He also advises clients on cross-border mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, spin-offs and tax-free reorganizations.

In addition, Nick provides counsel on the various tax reporting requirements of doing business with the United States. This includes tax compliance for foreigners with businesses and investments in the United States as well as Americans with offshore investments. Nick drafts tax compliance memoranda and evaluates FATCA and CRS classifications and obligations. He also assists with expatriation and counsels noncompliant taxpayers through the various voluntary disclosure programs.

Nick is an adjunct professor in the LLM Tax Program at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, where he teaches international estate planning.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Best Lawyers in America
 - o Ones to Watch
 - Trusts and Estates, 2022–2025
 - o Tax Law, 2023-2025

Practices

- Business Succession Planning
- Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations
- Corporate
- International
- International Private Wealth
- Investment Management and Trading
- Private Wealth
- Real Estate
- Transactional Tax Planning

Industries

- Family Offices
- Private Client Services

Education

- LLM, University of Miami School of Law
- JD, Drake University
- BA, Lawrence University

Bar Admissions

Illinois

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- Citywealth
 - Future Leaders Awards
 - Lawyer of the Year, 2022
- Legal Week
 - o Private Client Global Elite "Ones to Watch," 2021

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers® and Best Lawyers:
 Ones to Watch® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by Best Lawyers® (August 17, 2023)
- Citywealth Recognizes Nicholas Heuer With Future Leaders Award (December 6, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Promotes 16 Attorneys to Partner (July 7, 2021)
- Katten Private Wealth Attorneys Listed in Global Elite Directory 2021 (February 2, 2021)

Publications

- 2023 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 20, 2023)
- PTC Me ASAP: Estate Planning with Private Trust Companies (December 6, 2022)
- 2022 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 17, 2022)
- 2021 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 22, 2021)
- Proposed Tax Legislation Would Dramatically Impact Private Wealth Planning (September 24, 2021)
- 2021 Biden Plan Estate Planning Advisory (January 15, 2021)
- 2020 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 24, 2020)
- 2019 Year-End Private Wealth Advisory (November 25, 2019)
- Tax on Inbound Investment 2019, United States Chapter (January 2019)
- Tax Reduction Opportunities for Non-U.S. Families, Family Offices and Trusts after Tax Reform, Steve Leimberg's International Tax Planning Newsletter #23 (January 31, 2018)

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Presentations and Events

- STEP Asia Conference 2024 (November 12–13, 2024) | Speaker |
 The US Connection: Lifecycle of a Foreign Grantor Trust
- Foreign Asset Reporting for Trusts and Estates: Impact of Loper Bright, FATCA, FBAR, Forms 3520, 5471, and 8865 | Presented by Strafford (October 1, 2024)
- STEP Chicago (November 1, 2023) | Speaker | The Cross Border Family Office: Tax and Other Considerations
- Annual Katten Private Wealth & Fiduciary Seminar (October 11, 2023)
- 10th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum (November 9, 2022) |
 Panelist
- STEP Bermuda International Conference (November 1–3, 2022)
- Annual Katten Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar (September 22, 2022)
- STEP Chicago (June 2, 2022) | Speaker | Treaty Tips, Traps and Tricks: Key Aspects of US Gift and Estate Tax Treaties
- 9th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Program (November 3–17, 2021) |
 Speaker | Comparative Use Cases
- Katten Virtual Private Wealth Seminar (October 14, 2020) | Speaker |
 Advising UHNW Families During a Period of Seismic Changes
- Katten Private Wealth Fiduciary Seminar (October 15, 2019) |
 Speaker
- 13th Annual Fiduciary Advisory Services Seminar: Opportunities for Fiduciaries in Times of Change (October 3, 2018) | Speaker | Cross-Border Estate Planning in Light of the 2017 Tax Act
- Chicago Bar Association (March 28, 2018) | Presenter | Advising the Multinational – The Person Who Has a Foot in Each of Two Countries: US Tax Issues for the Multinational – Income Tax and Estate Planning