



## Bridget Harris

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In her estate planning practice, Bridget helps clients create plans that accomplish their personal and family goals while obtaining significant estate, gift, generation-skipping transfer (GST), and income tax benefits. She has experience drafting and implementing wills, revocable trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs), spousal lifetime access trusts, and both testamentary and inter vivos charitable split-interest trusts (CLATs and CRUTs).

Working closely with clients on prenuptial agreements, Bridget takes a sensitive yet strategic approach to this often stressful process. Protecting a client's interests while minimizing his or her anxiety, Bridget has negotiated and drafted numerous prenuptial agreements designed to secure the future of privately held businesses and family wealth while treating the client's soon-to-be spouse with fairness and understanding.

In the area of tax-exempt organizations, Bridget advises private foundations and public charities on the highly complex formation and compliance processes. She has substantial technical skill in the numerous excise taxes applicable to private foundations.

Bridget's pro bono practice focuses on the acquisition and maintenance of federal income tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 501(c)(3), with a particular emphasis on assisting charities in securing reinstatement of previously revoked tax-exempt status. In addition, she assists business leagues and professional associations in obtaining tax exemption under IRC section 501(c)(6).

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

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### Publications

> September 20, 2021

**"House Tax Proposal Would Restrict Grantor Trust Planning: What You Need To Know Now,"** *Trusts & Estates Client Alert*

Warren K. Racusin, John L. Berger, Michael N. Gooen, Kenneth J. Slutsky, Michael P. Vito, Bridget Harris, Tracy A. Snow, Eric D. Weinstock, Ashley Steinhart

> March 20, 2020

**"Estate, Gift, and Income Tax Planning in the Time of COVID-19,"** *Trusts & Estates Client Alert*

Warren K. Racusin, John L. Berger, Michael N. Gooen, Kenneth J. Slutsky, Jeffrey J. Wild, Ashley Steinhart, Eric D. Weinstock, , Bridget Harris, Tracy A. Snow

> November 2017

**"The Estate 'Melt': GRATs Are Only the Tip of the Iceberg,"** *Estate Planning Journal*

Michael N. Gooen, Tracy A. Snow, Bridget Harris

> June 2, 2015

**"Victory for Taxpayers: Court Restricts New Jersey's Ability to Tax Trust Income,"** *Trusts & Estates Client Alert*

John L. Berger, Warren K. Racusin, Bridget Harris

> April 2, 2014

**"New York Tax Changes: A Mixed Bag,"** *Trusts & Estates Client Alert*

Michael N. Gooen, Bridget Harris

## EDUCATION

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> New York University School of Law (J.D. 2013); Staff Editor, *Journal of Law and Business*

> College of William and Mary (B.A. 2007), Chinese and Linguistics

## ADMISSIONS

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> New York

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