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Basil Zirinis has been a partner in S&C's Estates and Personal Group since 1994 and leads its international private client practice from London and New York. He represents individuals, fiduciaries and family-controlled businesses throughout the world in a broad range of matters, including domestic and international estate and trust planning, family business governance and transition, estate and trust administration and litigation. He speaks regularly at international conferences regarding U.S. and international tax and estate planning.

He also has extensive experience in trust and estate litigation and has been involved in many of the leading litigations in this area in the last 25 years in the United States and abroad. Recently, for example, Mr. Zirinis and S&C have been counsel in the highly publicized litigation involving Chicago's Pritzker family in the United States and the Bahamas, the America's Cup trust litigation in New York, and multi-billion dollar trust litigation in Europe and the Caribbean.

Basil is the contributing editor of *Chambers Global Practice Guides: Private Wealth 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020* and was the author of the U.S. chapter in this guide. He also co-authored the U.S. chapter of *The Private Wealth and Private Client Review (5th, 6th and 7th edition)* in 2016 - 2020, part of *The Law Reviews* series.

He is a member of The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners ("STEP"), and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC"). He has been a trustee of the Leeds Castle Foundation and a member of the board of trustees of the American Foundation for the Blind.

RANKINGS & RECOGNITION

Basil was named as a leading Trusts and Estates lawyer in *Best Lawyers in America*, *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*, *Chambers UK*, *Chambers HNW*, *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global*. Basil has also

PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

Estates & Personal

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EDUCATION

1985, Columbia Law School, J.D.

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been recognized for Estate Planning & Probate in *Super Lawyers: New York*, *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*. He was featured in *Legal Week's* inaugural edition of *Private Client Global Elite* as a top lawyer in the field and has been repeatedly recognized in subsequent editions. He was listed as "Best of the Best" in the Legal Media Group Expert Guides' "Best of the Best USA 2012" and was named Private Client Lawyer of the Year at the Who's Who Legal Awards in 2018.