

PARTNER

Samuel C. Sichko

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OVERVIEW

Samuel Sichko is a nationally-recognized lawyer with more than 25 years of experience serving high-net-worth individuals and families with estate planning, estate administration, probate and tax litigation and family office needs. Sam regularly acts as counsel and trustee to clients throughout New England and the U.S., overseeing both public and private investments, including investments with various private equity funds, hedge funds and other alternative investment entities.

Clients – including multi-generation families – often turn to Sam for help in the formation and operation of tax-exempt organizations. “In addition to serving as trustee for clients,” Sam notes, “I regularly have a fiduciary role in various entities that my clients establish.” He adds that many of his clients have first-generation wealth as a result of starting businesses as entrepreneurs. “I’m now dealing with planning and managing more transitions.”

In addition to providing planning and counsel, Sam regularly helps when his clients face disputes or claims. He represents clients before the U.S. Tax Court, the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board, various courts throughout Massachusetts and in administrative proceedings with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service.

Whether in a planning and counseling role or in resolving a complex claim, clients appreciate Sam’s accessibility, responsiveness and rational, reasonable, first-hand approach to challenges and opportunities. “I’m in constant contact with clients,” Sam explains. “I have been lucky enough to work with truly remarkable families and individuals.”

Honors

In 2007, *Worth Magazine* named Sam to its list of the top 100 lawyers representing the estate-planning needs of high-net-worth individuals, recognizing his exceptional legal expertise, tact, discretion and interpersonal skills. Each year, *Worth Magazine* honors attorneys specializing in trust and estates, philanthropy, elder care, matrimonial and other private practice areas. Sam has been a frequent lecturer on tax and estate planning topics for attorneys, accountants and other professionals.

Before Bowditch

Before joining the firm in 2005, Sam was a partner at a Boston firm. Prior to that, he served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. His duties included serving as chief trial counsel for Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.; special assistant U.S. attorney for the State of South Carolina; deputy staff judge advocate for the 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa,

Japan; and assistant professor of law at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis.

Besides work

“I enjoy what I do. I like to read, go to the Cape and see my children.”

AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the American, Boston, and Massachusetts Bar Associations

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Taxation, Boston University
- J.D., Harvard Law School
- B.S., *with distinction*, United States Naval Academy