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Born in Brooklyn, New York, Chanie S. Fortgang focuses her practice on Trusts and Estates and Nonprofit Organizations. Ms. Fortgang obtained her undergraduate degree from Columbia University (B.A., History) and her law degree from NYU Law School. Chanie began her career in the Private Clients group at the Manhattan law firm of Willkie, Farr & Gallagher and later practiced in Holland & Knight's Private Wealth Services group in the firm's Boston and New York offices. Prior to coming to Reid Law Associates PLLC, Chanie was Of Counsel to the Trusts and Estates group of the New York City law firm of Greenberg Freeman.

Chanie has extensive experience developing and implementing tailored estate plans for clients of varying wealth and lifetime gifting strategies to minimize tax burdens. She manages all phases of estate and trust administration and guides executors and trustees regarding their fiduciary duties. Chanie also works with her clients to help them meet their philanthropic objectives through direct giving, creation and operation of private family foundations and charitable split-interest trusts. She has helped numerous organizations obtain exemption from taxation and regularly represents both public charities and private foundations on matters relating to governance, compliance with local nonprofit law and federal tax matters.

Chanie lives in Teaneck, New Jersey with her husband and four children. When she is not working, Chanie enjoys reading, traveling and volunteering in her community.

Education

B.A., Columbia University
J.D., NYU Law School

Experience

Associate, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher
Associate, Holland & Knight
Of Counsel, Greenberg Freeman
Counsel, Reid Scofield

Admissions

New York
New Jersey

Publication and Speaking Engagements

Help for Control Freaks: Navigating IRC Section 2036(a)(2) in Family Limited Partnerships, WealthManagement.com, Oct. 23, 2014.

The New York Non-Profit Revitalization Act of 2013, Holland & Knight Alert, Jan. 27, 2014.

529 Plans: Sophisticated Planning with Simple Devices, ABA Trust Letter, Dec. 2012.

Guest Speaker, Steering Clear of Reciprocal Trusts: Overview of the Reciprocal Trust Doctrine and Practical Tips for Avoiding it when Drafting, NYCLA Trusts, Estates and Surrogate's Court Practice Committee Meeting, Apr. 2012.