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Christiana Lazo is a partner in the Private Client Services Department. Christi's practice focuses on representing ultra-high net worth individuals, their family offices and closely held businesses in developing and implementing sophisticated domestic and international tax and estate plans.

Christi regularly works with principals of private equity and venture capital funds on their estate planning. She also has significant experience counseling global clients on inbound and outbound planning, particularly advising family members in multiple jurisdictions on wealth transfers and on tax-efficient investment and business ownership structures.

Christi is ranked by *Chambers High Net Worth* in the Private Wealth Law category, with interviewees noting "She is super knowledgeable and very approachable. She has a very sharp and incisive mind but is also very good with clients." Christi is also listed in *Best Lawyers*, *Private Client Global Elite Directory* and *Spear's Legal and Tax & Offshore*. Most recently, she was shortlisted in *CityWealth's* 2024 Powerwomen awards.

Christi is an adjunct professor at the New York University School of Law Masters in Taxation program and a frequent speaker and author on estate planning topics.

[Practices](#)

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Private Client Services, International Private Client Services, Family Office

### Education

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New York University School of Law, LL.M.

Columbia Law School, J.D.

Kent Scholar Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar *Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts*

Columbia College, B.A.

Golden Key National Honour Society Norry Family Scholar

### Admissions & Qualifications

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New York

Massachusetts

### Memberships

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Fellow, American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel

STEP Member

American Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

New York City Bar, Member of Estate and Gift Taxation Committee

### Awards & Recognition

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Citywealth Powerwomen Awards (USA), Shortlisted, 2024

Euromoney, Best of the Best USA Expert Guide, Trusts and Estates, 2022

Private Client Global Elite Directory, 2022–2023

Best Lawyers, Trusts and Estates, 2021–2025

Chambers & Partners, High Net Worth, New York: Private Wealth Law, Band 4

2022–2023 and Up and Coming, 2020–2021

Spear's Legal and Tax & Offshore, US East Coast Tax & Trust Lawyers, 2019–2023

Chambers High Net Worth USA - Private Wealth Law: Eastern Region; New York -

Private Wealth 2024