



With  
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**Tell us about your background. When did you join Katten?**

I first came to Katten as a summer associate in 1996. I have

spent the majority of my career here, leaving only to relocate to Florida in 2012. In 2017, I moved back to New York and rejoined Katten.

**Where do you see your practice heading in the next 3 years?**

Continuing to focus on high net worth and ultra high net worth families with cross-border aspects to their assets and lives.

**What is the biggest challenge in the private client sphere in 2019?**

Navigating the climate of political volatility, economic uncertainty and global transparency to the point of public beneficial ownership registries in terms of dynastic wealth planning.

**How do you have to adjust your advice when dealing with the "new generation?"**

I find dealing with the new generation refreshing. They are extremely well-educated, ask a lot of knowledgeable questions and are often more "hands-on" than the older generation.

**Where's the best place to eat in New York and what's the best thing to do?**

I am very fond of Nobu 57. My favorite thing to do in New York is visit the galleries and museums.

**Tell Global Elite readers a secret that not many people know about you? (Languages/ hobbies/ etc.)**

I love to barbeque and grill.

**What is the biggest buzz word right now in the private client sector?**

Security.

**Looking back at your career, what is the best lesson you've learnt?**

To trust my instincts.

**If you had to give your clients advice in one sentence, what would it be?**

Communication among your family should be a priority in your estate and tax planning.

**Finally, if you were alone on a desert island what one item could you not live without and why?**

A back-up generator and my iPhone which miraculously gets service!