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Frederick K. Schoenbrodt, II represents clients in all trust and estate matters, serves as the Practice Group Leader of Bressler's Private Client practice, is Managing Principal of the firm's Florham Park office, and Chair of the firm's Management Committee.

With more than twenty-five years of experience as a trust and estate attorney, Fred brings wide-ranging expertise, deep technical knowledge, and simple common sense to the work he does for his clients. He is a thoughtful and reliable counselor to his clients, a person to whom his clients often turn for advice and assistance with some of their most important questions:

- How to best structure their affairs to provide for the people that matter most to them?
- How to construct a meaningful personal, business, or charitable legacy that is impactful and built to last?
- How to fulfill the important fiduciary responsibilities of serving as an executor, or as a trustee, or as a guardian?

The first step in every new matter is a conversation, where the client shares his or her goals, raises concerns, and asks questions. In that first meeting, or sometimes before or after it, Fred will gather the information, often about family and assets, that he needs to best advise the client. With that information in hand, Fred will recommend next steps and discuss the process and likely costs associated with his recommendations so that the client can make an informed decision about how to proceed. Examples of typical next steps include:

- In estate planning, preparation of draft wills, revocable or irrevocable trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, or other documents;
- In estate administration, probate of the will and initiation of the process to prepare required tax returns and settle the estate;

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Corporate Fiduciaries

Estate Planning and
Administration

Private Client

Tax

Tax Exempt Organizations

Trust and Estate Litigation

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 2000
- University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1995
- Gettysburg College, B.A., 1992

ADMISSIONS

Maryland

New Jersey

New York

U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey

- In charitable planning, preparation of draft trusts, organizational documents for foundations or other charities, or applications for tax-exempt status;
- In trust and estate controversies, evaluation of facts, development of strategies, and preparation of pleadings.

Each situation is different, but Fred ensures that every matter is handled with the utmost attention and care.

In addition to his law degree, Fred holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from the New York University School of Law. Before entering private practice, he served as an Army judge advocate with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Fred previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, including serving on its Executive and Investment Committees and as founder of its Legal, Wealth & Tax Advisory Committee. In addition, he has served on the Executive Board of the BSA Patriots Path Council as the Council's Planned Giving Chair, the Board of Trustees of the West Morris Soccer Club, the Mendham Borough Board of Education, and as Chair of the Meridian Health Affiliated Foundations Philanthropic Planning Council.

News & Alerts

Bressler, Amery & Ross Appoints New Office Managing Principals
Firm News, 04.29.2024

Bressler, Amery & Ross Announces 2024 Leadership Changes and New Management Committee Structure
Firm News, 04.24.2024

Ten Bressler Attorneys Selected to the 2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, 03.27.2024

52 Bressler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 2 "Lawyer of the Year" and 16 "Ones to Watch"
Firm News, 08.17.2023

Speaking Engagements & Events

Estate Planning Issues Faced by Financial Services Professionals and Their Clients
Webinar, 06.11.2024

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
 - Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
 - International Law Section
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association
 - Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section (Board of Consultants, 2015-2019)

- Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
 - TEP Designation

Awards & Honors

- Included in the list of the *Best Lawyers in America*, 2020-2024

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- Selected to the list of the *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2014-2024

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- Recognized in the *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, "Rising Stars" List, 2010

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