Edward D. Brown

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Edward D. Brown is a partner and Co-Chair of the International Wealth and Asset Planning Group at Greenspoon Marder. Mr. Brown has more than twenty-five years of experience in areas of comprehensive estate planning, asset protection and taxation. Twenty years of Mr. Brown's experience, thirteen as a shareholder, were with the law firm of Engel & Reiman PC, concentrating almost exclusively in the trust-planning practice area, including the crafting, amending, interpreting, analyzing and consulting with regard to the operations of many of these trusts, whether domiciled in the Cook Islands, Nevis or Isle of Man or domestically in states such as Nevada. Mr. Brown was a co-author, with Barry Engel, of the various editions of the Asset Protection Planning Guide, a Wolters Kluwer, CCH publication. He focuses his practice on trust designs that are customized to the clients' goals of protection of assets for their family and having added flexibility in their comprehensive estate plans that allow maximizing options with regard to changing circumstances and evolving laws.

Mr. Brown is an AV-rated attorney who speaks frequently to professional organizations on a wide range of legal subjects including complex estate planning, asset protection and related subject matters. He has been, and continues to be, invited to speak across the country.

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

Education

- L.L.M., Taxation, University of Denver, 1986
- J.D., University of Denver, 1984
- B.A., Finance and Accounting, West Virginia University, *cum laude*, 1981

Practice Areas

- International Wealth & Asset Planning
- Wills, Trusts & Estates
- International
- Tax

Professional and Community Involvement

- American Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member
- American Academy of Attorney-CPAs, Member
- Rocky Mountain Estate Planning Council, Member

Speaking Engagements

A sampling of Mr. Brown’s more recent presentations:

- Speaker, “Leaving a Legacy with Michael Cates” UBS Podcast, July 9, 2021
- Presenter, “Designing and Drafting the Integrated Estate Planning Structure,” CELESQ, April 16, 2019
- Speaker, "Recent Developments in Asset Protection Planning During 2018 and into 2019," CELESQ, March 19, 2019
- Presenter, "Ethical Considerations for Lawyers involved in Estate Planning and Asset Protection," CELESQ, February 12, 2019
- Presenter, "Asset Protection Fundamentals: What Attorneys Should Know to Advise the Moderate Net Worth Clients,” CELESQ, January 29, 2019
- Speaker, "Trends and Traps for Asset Protection: What Attorneys Should Know to Advise Higher Net Worth Clients," Clear Law Institute, September 7, 2018
- Speaker, "2018 Critical Tax and Planning Updates for Asset Protection, Estate Planning and Taxation Lawyers,” CELESQ, June 21, 2018
- Webcast on “Ethical Considerations for Lawyers Involved in Estate Planning and Asset Protection” for CELESQ
- Webinar offered through West LegalEdcenter on Select Federal and State Income, Gift and Estate Tax Issues and Filing Requirements for Domestic and Foreign Trusts for Estate Planning and Asset Protection Attorneys
- Ethics programs offered through West LegalEdcenter about advising clients on protecting assets
- AAA-CPA programs on comprehensive estate and asset protection planning
- West LegalEdcenter programs on the perceived erosions and enhancements of asset protection trends and multiple other estate planning and asset protection webinars
- National Business Institute live webinars and programs on (1) self-settled trusts and (2) domestic and offshore asset protection trusts
- CLE International programs on asset protection planning
- State Bar of California Young Tax Lawyers – Silicon Valley Chapter regarding estate planning and enhanced goal achievement
- Foxmoor Continuing Education program on the “Colorado Complete Trust” course
- Lorman Educational Services national audio conferences
- Denver Tax Council on Tax Compliance
- Southpac Trust International conferences (in the Bahamas and in Las Vegas) on various asset protection and administration topics

Recognitions

- *Martindale-Hubbell*, Rated AV® Preeminent ™
- Lexology Content Marketing Awards, “Legal Influencer for Private Client – USA,” Q2 2019

Publications

He has also authored numerous articles on a variety of legal topics that have appeared in local and national publications such as the Journal of Practical Estate Planning, Journal of Taxation, Journal of International Taxation, The Tax Adviser, Asset Protection Journal, Journal of Financial Planning, The Colorado Lawyer, and Estate Planning. He is also a co-author of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd editions of the Asset Protection Planning Guide, a Wolters Kluwer, CCH publication, as well as a contributing author to Asset Protection Strategies, published by the American Bar Association. He was also a lead author for the Colorado Estate Planning Handbook (Orange Book Handbook) Chapter on Irrevocable Trusts (including “asset protection” trusts) published by the Colorado Bar Association.

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- Co-Author, "Irrevocable Trusts," Colorado Estate Planning Handbook, October 2020
- Co-Author, "Cautionary Guidance For The Use Of Self-Directed Legacy Trusts As More States Pass Statutes," *Denver Business Journal,* November 6, 2019
- Co-Author, "Asset Protection Update," *WealthCounsel Quarterly*, Volume 12, Issue 1, Summer 2018
- Author, "Mid-Year Asset Protection Update," *WealthCounsel Quarterly*, January - July 2017
- Trusts & Estates: Divorce and the Self-Settled Trust
- The CPA Journal: The Advantages of Beneficiary-Favored Trusts
- Trusts & Estates: Protecting Family Inheritances from Divorce
- Colorado Lawyer: Inheritance Protection for Married Children
- Estate Planning: Asset Protection for the Business and Professional Practice
- Journal of International Taxation: A Guide to Foreign Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts
- The Tax Adviser: Third-Party Trusts Integrated Estate and Asset-Protection Planning

- 2021 Tax Extension – How Does the Extension Affect You?
- Extremely Important Deadline Monday for Tax Filing Requirements for Foreign Trusts
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Income Tax Benefits of Trusts
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Feeling Lucky? Our Six Tips On What To Do If You Win the Lottery - Part 2
- Potential Estate Tax Law Changes and the Completed Gift Trust Solution
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Business Opportunity Trusts and Asset Protection
- International Wealth and Asset Planning Group Annual Client Letter
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Protection Planning More Relevant Due To COVID-19
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Automatic July 15 Extended Filing Deadlines MAY NOT Apply To All Affected Returns
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: International Wealth and Asset Planning Group
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: The Voluntary Capital Gains Tax
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: The Ideal Gift For A Spouse
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: The Tax Benefit That Works Because It Is Not A Tax Strategy
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Are All US Citizens Created Equal In the Eyes of the IRS?
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Qualified Small Business Opportunities-Patience Has Its Rewards
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Qualified Opportunity Zone Opportunities--Why Pay Capital Gains Taxes Earlier than Need Be?
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Indiana Offers the New Legacy Trust as of July 1, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Tax Court Rules that Offshore Asset Protection Trust Assets are Not Available to the Taxpayer for Purposes of Paying the IRS
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Free Asset Protection Planning Strategy
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Benefits of Asset Protection Planning
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning: Asset Protection Planning: Dispelling the Myths

- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Asset Protection Without Extravagance
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: The Importance Of Protecting Your Personal Assets And The Assets Of Your Company Too!
- Greenspoon Marder International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog: Feeling Lucky? Our Six Tips On What To Do If You Win the Lottery.
- Think Twice if You Own 100% of a Limited Liability Company
- The IRS Has Spoken, Providing Another Asset Protection Trust Strategy
- Value is in the Eyes of the Creditor
- Is Asset Protection Planning Immoral?
- Selfish Reasons to be Generous
- I Don’t Need Asset Protection, I Have Insurance!
- Asset Protection Planning Should Be High On Your Priority List
- Updates in Trust and Tax Law Cases-Straight Off the Press: Streightoff Estate Treated as Owning Full Partnership Interest in Partnership instead of merely as an Assignee Interest—Bad for Asset Protection?
- Are Most Trusts Really (Potentially) Self-Settled Trusts?
- Be Careful Not to Engage in Fraudulent Non-Transfers
- The Misfortunes of Not Addressing One’s Fortune
- If an Asset Protection Trust is Used as a Receptacle for Assets, Is this Automatically a Fraudulent Transfer?
- The Offshore Limited Liability Company - Just as Good as a Trust?
- Erosion of Effectiveness of Asset Protection Trusts
- LLC Charging Order Protection Against Creditor Causes Debtor to Lose Even More Money: How Can That Be?
- New Nevis LLC Law Passes
- European “Blacklist” Status May Hit Home
- Is Jail Time the Nuclear Attack that Creditors have Against Offshore Asset Protection Trusts?
- Georgia Has No Asset Protection on its Mind.
- A Cook Islands Trust that Could Have Succeeded to Protect Assets
- The Demise of Domestic Asset Protection Trusts?

News

- Greenspoon Marder Partner Edward Brown Featured Speaker on “Leaving a Legacy with Michael Cates” Podcast
- Potential Estate Tax Law Changes and the Completed Gift Trust Solution
- International Wealth and Asset Planning Group Annual Client Letter
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- Greenspoon Marder Partner Edward Brown Recognized By Lexology Content Marketing Awards As "Legal Influencer For Private Client - U.S."
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Edward D. Brown And Andrew Bechel To Be Featured Speakers For The "Designing and Drafting the Integrated Estate Planning Structure” Celesq Webinar
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- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Edward Brown and Jacqueline Fox Featured Speakers at Celesq "Asset Protection Fundamentals" Webinar
- Greenspoon Marder Partner, Edward Brown, Co-Authors Irrevocable Trusts Chapter of the Colorado Bar Association's Estate Planning Handbook
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Edward Brown and Jacqueline Fox to be Featured Speakers for the Clear Law Institute Webinar
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Edward Brown and Jacqueline Fox Featured Speakers at Celesq "Critical Tax and Planning Updates" Webinar
- Greenspoon Marder Launches International Wealth & Asset Planning Blog
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Edward D. Brown Presenter at Celesq's Ethical Considerations Webinar
- Greenspoon Marder Expands International Wealth and Asset Planning Practice With Addition of Shareholder Edward D. Brown in Denver

Videos

- Webinar: Why the Cannabis Industry Needs Estate Planning
- Webinar: Potential Estate Tax Law Changes Under a Biden Administration