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Bryon Harmon practices in the areas of estate planning, estate settlement and trust administration. As a CFP® professional, Bryon brings additional financial planning insight to each client's unique needs.

In the area of estate planning, Bryon has over 26 years of experience counseling individuals, couples and families on a comprehensive array of strategies for tax-efficient intergenerational and charitable transfers. During the estate settlement process, Bryon collaborates with paralegals and trust administration professionals to prepare probate documents, estate tax returns and fiduciary income tax returns. When necessary, he represents estates in IRS and DRS audits and in U.S. Tax Court.

Bryon actively manages trusts for a diverse clientele and provides guidance to trustees throughout Connecticut. He has established long-term relationships with clients and trust beneficiaries, fostering the relationships needed to address each person's distinct needs. Bryon applies this personalized approach to his relationships with trustees, often spanning several generations, to safeguard the long-term financial interests of the beneficiaries.

Shipman's Trust & Estates Group oversees more than 400 trusts with assets exceeding $800 million. Among these trusts are several sizable charitable foundations, where Bryon and other team members are involved in the efficient allocation of funds to charitable organizations.

Bryon has been consistently ranked in Chambers High Net Worth Guide in the area of Private Wealth Law since 2016.

Distinctions

- Named Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year": *Trusts and Estates* (2020, 2026)
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®: *Trusts and Estates* (2015-2026)
- Chambers High Net Worth Guide: *Private Wealth Law* (2016-2025)
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel: Fellow
- AV Preeminent® Rated, Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed as a Connecticut Super Lawyer®: *Estate Planning & Probate* (2011-2022)

Teaching Positions

- Western New England University School of Law: Former Adjunct Professor, LL.M. Program in Estate Planning and Elder Law

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association: Executive Committee, Estate and Probate Section (2001-present)
- Estate and Business Planning Council of Hartford: Board of Directors (2010-2012)
- American Bar Association: Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
- New York Bar Association: Trusts and Estates Section
- AmeriCares Professional Advisory Committee
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- Connecticut Estate Planning Council
- Hartford Tax Discussion Group (2002-2015)

Credentials

Education

- Western New England University School of Law, J.D., 1996
- University of Connecticut, B.A., 1992

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 1996
- New York, 1997

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of CT, 1996

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of NY, 1997
- U.S. Tax Court, 2009