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Jessica D. Soojian is a partner in the New York office of Milbank LLP and co-Practice Group Leader of the firm's Trusts, Estates and Exempt Organizations Group.

Primary Focus & Experience

Ms. Soojian's practice involves all aspects of estate planning, estate and trust administration, and philanthropic planning, with extensive experience providing sophisticated tax advice for ultra-high net worth individuals and families. Her clients include private equity principals, hedge fund principals, entrepreneurs, artists, art collectors and other ultra-high net worth individuals, as well as their family offices and foundations.

Ms. Soojian guides clients in identifying their unique objectives, providing creative and practical strategies tailored to meeting their specific goals, from both tax-oriented and personal perspectives. In her charitable giving practice, she counsels foundations on their formation, grantmaking, governance and compliance matters, with a particular eye on legacy planning. She further has particular experience in representing both individual and entity donors in the crafting and negotiation of complex charitable gift agreements.

Prior to joining Milbank in 2021, she spent several years at a large and notable New York law firm, and more recently at a prominent art law boutique, where she was a partner and the head of its Trusts and Estates practice.

Recognition & Accomplishments

Ms. Soojian has co-authored various publications in the trusts and estates area and is a frequent lecturer on estate planning topics, with a particular focus on planning with art. She has had repeated engagements at the Notre Dame Tax and Estate and Planning Institute and the Committee on Estate and Gift Taxation of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, of which she also is a Member. She is a Fellow of The American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel (ACTEC). Ms. Soojian is a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School and an adjunct professor at the Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, where she teaches estate planning and related tax matters. She was shortlisted as "Wealth Management Lawyer of the Year" by *Euromoney* Women in Business Law Awards in 2023 and 2024. She is ranked for 2024 by

Chambers HNW Private Wealth Law where sources report, "She's incredibly knowledgeable and she is completely available. She is creative, which shows her expertise and depth of knowledge."

Ms. Soojian received her J.D. from Yale Law School and her A.B. (Phi Beta Kappa; *summa cum laude*) from Georgetown University.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION Yale Law School, J.D. Georgetown University, A.B.

ADMISSIONS

New York

EXPERIENCE

Exempt Organizations	Trusts & Estates	Trusts, Estates and Exempt Organizations
United States		

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