



## Family Business Services

### Your needs serviced through an international model.

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For generations, Seyfarth attorneys have served as trusted advisors to family-owned businesses and family offices across the globe.

### **Delivering Effective Solutions:**

Succession	Retirement		Business
Planning	Planning		Planning
Deal and		Divestment	
Investment Planning		and Exit	

### **Corporate Offering**

Our multidisciplinary team helps families and family-owned businesses establish and manage family offices, create trust and estate structures, manage investments, handle mergers and acquisitions, navigate complex tax issues, overcome day-to-day legal issues, and prepare for succession and exits when the time is right.

#### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

Our M&A team has been engaged in more than 200 transactions across a diverse range of industries over the last two years. We frequently assist family-owned businesses and family offices with mergers, acquisitions, debt financing, and equity investments in portfolio companies.

### Investing

Family offices have become major players in the investment landscape. Seyfarth has decades of experience providing global innovative legal counseling with respect to nearly every conceivable type of investment in leading global markets. We help family offices with investments in technology and emerging companies, family office-funded incubators, private equity, and hedge funds.

#### **Impact & ESG**

Seyfarth's cross-disciplinary, global ESG team assists companies driven by or responding to stakeholder capitalism, impact companies, and B corporations through a variety of ESG issues and contexts. Our holistic approach provides a full range of services across the ESG landscape.

### **Tax-Exempt Entities**

Seyfarth counsels a diverse group of tax-exempt and nonprofit organizations, including family trusts and private foundations.

Our Tax-Exempt Organizations attorneys have extensive experience with program-related investments, mission-related "impact" investing, and advising private foundations in their grant-making and investments, including when co-investing with family office funds.

We assist families in developing foundation boards and junior boards to encourage family dynamics and engage the next generation in philanthropy, crafting complex grant agreements, and charitable gift planning in advance of expected capital events, including the sale of a business.

### **Trusts & Estates**

Our Trusts & Estates attorneys have prepared thousands of estate plans and administered countless trusts and estates, giving them broad experience and insight into the complex and sometimes conflicting matters faced by families and family offices.

We provide a wide range of legal services regarding tax and wealth transfer planning, administration and distribution of trusts and estates, fiduciary duties of trustees and executors, and family philanthropic planning.



As part of a full-service global firm, our team is able to draw upon experienced lawyers and provide targeted services across a number of areas that often impact family-owned businesses and family offices, including:

Capital Markets Corporate Governance Data Privacy & Security Finance Fund Formation Intellectual Property Investment Management Labor & Employment Litigation Mergers & Acquisitions Private Equity & Venture Capital Real Estate

Regulatory Compliance Succession Planning Tax Trusts & Estates

### Accolades

#### US News & World Report

"Best Law Firms" recognized Seyfarth's Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Tax Law, Non-Profit/Charities Law, and Trust & Estates Law practices.

#### The Legal 500

Recognized as leading middle market M&A (sub-\$500m) and tax practices.

#### IFLR 1000

Recognized Seyfarth as a "notable" law firm for Mergers & Acquisitions in Hong Kong SAR.

#### **Campden Wealth**

Recognized as "Best Leading Service Provider" of 2024 at The China Family Enterprise & Investment Forum in Shanghai.

### **Recent Experience**

- Family office on venture capital investments and investment in later stage companies in industries ranging from technology to real estate
- \$50 million family trust investment in co-living properties
- Joint venture between a family investment vehicle and Tokyo Stock Exchange listed company to expand restaurants in the US
- \$35 million family trust investment in student housing projects
- Family office funded incubators and a range of start-up external general counsel issues (spanning a rangy area of corporate such as family member buy-outs, company sales, compliance, service agreements, etc.)

- Family office with sophisticated charitable giving relating to CRUTs and California state income tax-related estate planning transactions
- Family office investments in technology and emerging company investments (e.g., crypto and blockchain), including review and drafting of term sheets, financing documentation (institutional, alternative, and novel financings), and organizing/ governance documents/investor rights agreements
- Inter-family office lending arrangements, employment and independent contractor arrangements
- Family trust on new restaurant deal investments, tax structuring on family office investment vehicles, lending on real estate transactions, investments in bank entities, and trust and estates for executives

- Family office subsidiaries in litigation, employment and counseling needs
- Transactions to deploy capital and technology for the establishment of physical infrastructure, off-grid power, clean water, connectivity, healthcare, job creation, sustainability, and environmental impact
- Family office specializing in cryptocurrency and blockchain investments on cross-border tax planning
- Trust company with complex charitable giving matters
- Family businesses on day-to-day employment issues, separation agreements, employee handbooks, arbitration and confidentiality agreements

- China-based wealthy family on US real estate investment and tax structure
- Private foundations transforming into social venture capital funds
- Private foundations with initial and program-related investments, using grant-making procedures to efficiently employ impact investments that count toward annual charitable distribution requirements
- Family-owned cable company with an ESOP transaction
- Family office structuring an executive employment agreement for a new CEO and President
- Business entrepreneur on family succession plan and cross-border tax planning

# **Seyfarth**

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