

# Current Trends in Estate/Succession Tax Planning

Paul Marcotte was a panelist for webinar hosted by Mid-Atlantic Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners on February 18, 2021.

This webinar discussed tax planning trends in estate/succession planning and factors that may influence such planning from the perspective of practitioners in Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Israel and the UK.

## Structuring

- Simple or complex?
- Trusts, foundations, companies, limited liability companies, life insurance or annuities?
- Tax opaque or transparent?
- Domestic or foreign?

## Factors

- Global mobility
- Special residency regimes
- Responsible investing
- Philanthropy
- Transparency
- Anti-avoidance rules
- Criticism of legitimate tax planning
- Increasing taxes on wealthy
- Political uncertainty
- Longer life
- Frequent changes in tax law

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