

# Arthur Seligman

## Overview

Arthur is head of the firm's Trusts and Foundations Group.

He has vast experience of the Bahamian legal system and government departments. He started his career as an assistant crown counsel at the Office of the Attorney General, doing both chambers and court work on a wide range of corporate, property and commercial matters.

Arthur has an established local and international clientele, consisting of both private individuals and financial and other institutions. His reputation and work in private wealth is consistently recognised in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide where he is ranked as a leading individual. He is described by clients as "***smart, insightful, experienced, diligent and very professional***".

### Examples of recent work

- Advising a family office on a wide array of corporate and trust law issues
- Advising a high net worth family on succession planning in the light of UK inheritance tax implications
- Advising a local bank on forms of precedent documents with regard to CRS and FATCA
- Successfully representing the joint official liquidators of an offshore bank in a court application by a director seeking to set aside an order obtained against him by the liquidators
- Successfully representing the joint executors in contentious probate proceedings where an estate beneficiary was challenging maintenance provisions and seeking to have the executors removed.

- Successfully representing a beneficiary under a Trust in a challenge made by family members of the deceased settlor - The beneficiary received a distribution of the trust assets totaling in excess of \$30



## Practice Areas

- Banking & Financial Services
- Corporate & Commercial
- Private Client
- Real Estate
- Trust & Foundations

## Recommendations

Arthur is ranked by **Chambers and Partners** in the **Chambers High Net Worth Guide** - a publication which focuses on the international private wealth market.

Chambers HNW Guide (2020):

Arthur is lauded as *"a well-known litigator who has acted in some major trust cases."*

*"He is very good and is responsive and knowledgeable."*

Chambers HNW Guide (2019):

Arthur Seligman is a *"very sophisticated lawyer and well connected within trust and banking industry."*

*"He has great judgement, is very reliable and deals with everything in a way that the client is always happy."*

*"He is very good on the legal side – he is excellent at drafting, you can rely on him for a lot of documentation,"*

*"really reliable, very responsive to clients' needs and a safe pair of hands."*

Chambers HNW Guide (2018):

***"Outstanding in all aspects of his representation of clients. He is smart, insightful, experienced, diligent and very professional."***

***"He is a pleasure to work with, very responsive, and knowledgeable."***

## Background & Qualifications

- University College Dublin: BA (Hons) Greek and Roman Civilisation and English - 1984
- University College Dublin: Diploma in Archival Studies - 1985
- King's Inns Dublin: Diploma in Legal Studies - 1988
- King's Inns Dublin: Degree of Barrister-at-Law 1991

## Memberships & Professional Affiliations

- The Bahamas Bar Association
- The Bar of Ireland

### Panels

- Member of Bahamas Financial Services Board's Trust Working Group: 2011- present
- Served for six consecutive years as an elected member of The Bahamas Bar Council
- Served as a director of the Bahamas Financial Services Board: 2012 - 2014

Arthur has a working knowledge of French and is the Honorary Consul for Israel in The Bahamas.

## News & Articles

### **International Legal Office, London - newsletters**

Hastings Bass Rule Enshrined In Law

Bahamas | April 2017

Bahamian Law On Disclosure Of Trust Information

Bahamas December 2016

Government launches 'revolutionary' ICON investment fund

Bahamas | October 2014

Establishment of trusts in The Bahamas

Bahamas | 2014

Captive insurance in The Bahamas

Bahamas | 2013

Wills and trusts: rule against perpetuities is abolished

Bahamas | 2012

Executive Entities Act

Bahamas | 2012

**Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg**

- Contributor to the Bahamas chapter of *International Banking Law and Regulation* - 2010 to present