

Asset Protection

Domestic & International Law and Tactics

Leslie Giordani and Duncan Osborne compiled the manuscript for the four-volume treatise, Asset Protection: Domestic and International Law and Tactics, beginning in 1993, it was submitted to the original publisher in November of 1994, and then first published in 1995. By tapping into their network of international and U.S.-based trust attorneys,

Ms. Giordani and Mr. Osborne recruited asset protection experts from numerous offshore financial centers and many of the 50 states to either author or provide jurisdiction-specific information for the treatise. Many of those contributors continue to provide updates when needed. In addition, Ms. Giordani co-authored or edited many of the original chapters, and she continued to oversee or participate in updating the publication until recently handing over the project to her colleague, Elizabeth Schurig.

The treatise provides practitioners with both a guide to the legal issues attendant to asset protection, as well as practical planning ideas. It compares the financial, professional, political, and legal environments in over 20 offshore financial centers. Moreover, although offshore asset protection is generally tax-neutral, the treatise nevertheless reviews the complex array of reporting requirements that is attendant to offshore arrangements. On the domestic front, the laws of all 50 states are reviewed regarding various key asset protection structures such as life insurance and annuities, retirement plans, and limited liability entities, as well as the asset protection issues inherent in martial property, gift, and trust law.

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