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Head of the Personal Planning Practice at Simpson Thacher, Laura Twomey advises individuals and families on the preservation, transfer and management of wealth during life and thereafter. Laura's large and varied clientele includes leaders of the financial industry, Fortune 500 CEOs, media personalities, heads of major family-owned companies and prominent political figures. Her practice includes estate planning, estate and trust administration and charitable planning, planning with private equity and hedge fund interests and family-business succession planning. She is experienced, too, in modifying and terminating existing trusts, as well as migrating trusts for tax and non-tax purposes. Laura works with clients to create a

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plan for transferring personal wealth that meets both the client's personal goals and tax objectives. She provides highly technical advice in an innately personal way, ensuring seamless coordination with the Firm's other disciplines, while keeping the personal planning process scrupulously separate from other Firm business. Laura is named a leading lawyer in wealth management by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and is recognized by *Chambers HNW: The World's Leading High Net Worth Advisors*, where she received praise for being "unflappable" and "tireless," and for her "depth of technical knowledge that allows her to present or propose innovative solutions" with clients who describe her as "excellent" and "a top-level lawyer." A client added, "she's really smart, she is very caring about what she does. She is tremendously responsive. She's fantastic." Laura's estate-planning advice has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and other publications.