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Mr. Kuehn's clients include individuals and families, business owners, corporate executives, bank and trust companies, trustees, executors and other corporate fiduciaries. His extensive estate planning and administration experience enables him to meet and exceed the varied and often unique goals of his trust and estate clients. He provides trusted counsel on complex gift and estate tax returns and fiduciary income tax returns.

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