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David Stallings is the Chair of the firm's Estates and Trusts group. He is an experienced fiduciary advisor possessing the rare combination of transactional and litigation skills that make him an ideal fit for clients who face complex financial and planning issues. David regularly assists private and institutional clients in matters of wealth and tax planning, trust and probate administration, fiduciary guidance, and business succession strategies.

David has extensive experience handling probate estates throughout Maryland. With offices in Baltimore City and Worcester County, David is also able to service clients on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay. In addition, David's litigation background makes him uniquely qualified to handle conflicts that can arise within estates, trusts, and family-owned assets. In that same vein, David assists private individuals and business owners in navigating commercial disputes and other business-related conflicts. He is a valued resource to his corporate clients when company operations, long-term business strategies and personal wealth planning inevitably overlap. David has been Recognized by Martindale-Hubbell® with its highest AV-Preeminent® distinction in Litigation, Business Law and Commercial Law and has been consistently recognized as a Maryland Super Lawyer®. David is an experienced advisor and trial attorney who has handled numerous cases throughout the state and federal courts in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. His client services have spanned the United States and he is a frequent collaborator with Niles Barton's partner firms in the Law Firm Alliance.

Bar Admissions

Maryland
Virginia

District of Columbia

Education

J.D., University of Maryland School of Law, 2003

B.S. in Business Administration, University of Richmond, 1999

Related Practice Areas

Business and Employment

Corporate Transactions

Estates & Trusts

Fiduciary & Probate Litigation

Litigation

Private Wealth

Probate Services

Trust & Fiduciary

Associations

- Baltimore Estate Planning Council
- Law Firm Alliance
- Maryland State Bar Association Estate and Trust Law Section
- Exit Planning Exchange Maryland Chapter
- Baltimore County Bar Association
- Wicomico County Bar Association
- Worcester County Bar Association

Accolades

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2022, 2023, and 2024
- Named to Maryland *Super Lawyers* List every year since 2016

Community Leadership

David counsels various nonprofit groups and charitable foundations and is an active participant in the firm's ongoing commitment to the Maryland Food Bank. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Middendorf Foundation, which supports charitable organizations in and around Baltimore that focus on education, health care, social services, environment, historic preservation, and arts & culture. David has also been named to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors as a General Member.

Office Locations

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News & Insights

- Congratulations David Stallings Law Firm Alliance Trusts & Estates Community Chair
- M. David Stallings, Esq. Finalist Coastal Style's Best of 2024
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is pleased to Announce the Expansion of Worcester County Office into Ocean City
- 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
- Congratulations M. David Stallings, Esq. Finalist Coastal Style's Best of 2023
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is proud to have 7 lawyers listed in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and one lawyer recognized in the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™.
- IRS extends portability deadline for Surviving Spouses to 5 years
- Firm Expands Footprint with New Ocean City Office
- Niles Barton Attorneys Recognized by Maryland Super Lawyers 2022
- Estate and Tax Planning Update – Nov. 19, 2021
- Potential Tax Changes in 2021 Loom Large for Estate Planning
- During state of emergency, Maryland to permit virtual witnessing of wills and other estate documents
- Twelve Niles Barton Attorneys Recognized by Maryland Super Lawyers 2020