



## David Silvian

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### OVERVIEW

David Silvian advises clients on all aspects of estate planning and estate and trust administration. His clients include business owners, executives and wealthy families, both in the U.S. and abroad.

David works with his clients to simplify and explain the sometimes complicated choices they face. The result is clear steps that they can take to reduce estate and gift taxes and provide for management of their property for future generations. He has considerable experience with advanced estate planning techniques designed to reduce or eliminate gift or estate tax costs in the transfer of assets. David also acts as a trustee for family trusts, working with multiple generations to administer their trusts in a manner that suits their needs and goals.

David has extensive experience using complex estate planning techniques, such as:

- Use of GRATs (Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts) to transfer assets, including diversified investment portfolios, interests in family businesses, concentrated stock positions and speculative investments to children or trusts for children at no gift tax cost
- Use of installment sales to grantor trusts to accomplish transfers of a variety of assets
- Use of LLCs (Limited Liability Companies) and family limited partnerships to reduce estate and gift tax values of investment real estate, closely held businesses and diversified investment portfolios
- Providing for ongoing management and enjoyment of family vacation homes
- Use of qualified personal residence trusts to transfer primary and vacation homes to children and to trusts for children
- Use of trusts, LLCs and other entities to facilitate investment management and participation in decision making by second and third generation family members
- Review and improvement of existing irrevocable trusts

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## SERVICES

FAMILY OFFICE

INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS AND ESTATES

FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION

TRUST SERVICES AND FIDUCIARY COMPLIANCE

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

PRIVATE CLIENT

## INSIGHTS

**DOMICILE AND RESIDENCY SERIES: BREAKING UP CAN BE HARD**

Presenter, October 24, 2019, Harvard Club of Boston, Boston, MA

**DO TRUSTEES HAVE A DUTY TO CONSIDER DECANTING?**

Co-author, April 25, 2017, *Wealth Management.com*

**WILL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE NONCITIZEN SPOUSE AND WILL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE MULTINATIONAL ESTATE**

Author, April 21, 2017, *Drafting Wills and Trusts in Massachusetts, 2017 Edition, MCLE*

**MASSACHUSETTS COURT RULING REVEALS ESTATE TAX CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE**

Author, September 6, 2016, *Trusts & Estates*

## NEWS

**BOSTON MAGAZINE'S TOP LAWYERS OF 2023**

Featured, November 21, 2023, *Boston Magazine*

**CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES 20 DAY PITNEY ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW**

Featured, July 20, 2023, *Day Pitney Press Release*

**BOSTON MAGAZINE'S TOP LAWYERS OF 2022**

Featured, November 29, 2022, *Boston magazine*

**CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES 20 DAY PITNEY ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW**

Featured, July 22, 2022, *Day Pitney Press Release*

## CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES 20 ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW

Featured, July 26, 2021, *Day Pitney Press Release*

## EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

### EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D., 1994

The University of Chicago, A.B., 1990

### ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of Connecticut

### AFFILIATIONS

Accredited Estate Planner

American Bar Association

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)

Boston Estate Planning Council

Boston Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

## RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY

### RECOGNITION

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.) for Trusts and Estates, 2023-2024

Chosen for inclusion in list of Top Lawyers for Trusts and Estates by *Boston Magazine* (Metro Corp.), 2021-2022

Chosen for inclusion in *Chambers HNW Guide* (Chambers & Partners)) of recognized practitioners for Private Wealth in Massachusetts, 2016-2023

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