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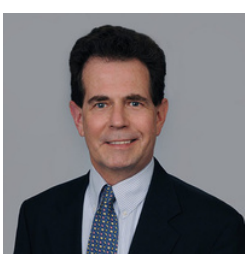
Our Experience

Whiteford's Tax and Private Wealth group includes practitioners who focus on all aspects of federal and state estate and gift taxes. Our estate planners handle a wide range of estate and trust matters, from traditional planning to more complex issues such as complex family structures or closely-held business interests. Our estate planning team has decades of experience in estates and trusts, and we represent residents of Maryland, DC, Virginia, Florida and California.

Our Attorneys



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Mr. Fee, a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), focuses his practice on Trust and Estate Taxation, Trusts, Wills and Estate Planning, and Business Succession Planning. Through his more than thirty years of practice, clients include high networth individuals, business owners and fiduciaries (such as personal representatives of estates and trustees.)

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Ms. Fitch is an experienced trusts and estates lawyer focused on estate planning, probate, and trust administration in Maryland and the District of Columbia. In 2024, The Daily Record named her as one of Maryland's power players on its Estate and Trust Law Power List.
In addition, Ms. Fitch has extensive experience in civil litigation and arbitration. She has litigated business, trust and land issues in Maryland as well as fiduciary disputes, including will contests and trust disputes, in high-stakes cases outside of Maryland. She also served for four years as a judge of the Orphans' Court for Howard County, where she presided over and decided administrative and contested matters involving probate estates, including will contests.

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Ms. Miller advises on estate and tax planning for high-net-worth individuals, families, business founders, and executives. She offers a comprehensive range of services, including estate tax minimization strategies such as Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLATs), Qualified Personal Residence Trusts (QPRTs), dynasty trusts, and charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) to preserve wealth across generations. In addition to business succession planning, Ms. Miller excels in capital gains mitigation through tools like Qualified Small Business Trusts (QSBTs), 1202 Trusts, and entity restructuring to optimize tax outcomes for business owners.