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Practice Groups

Commercial Litigation, Trust and Estates Litigation

Industry Groups

Financial Services

Overview

Mr. Silver is a litigator with more than four decades of experience representing clients in trust and estates litigation, ERISA litigation, and commercial and business disputes, including appellate matters.

Mr. Silver has been involved in many of the most high-profile trust and estates lawsuits in Minnesota, including litigation involving the Prince Estate, the Hill Trust, the Galloway Trust, the Binger Estate, and the Williams Trust, the family who started the Creamette Pasta Company. He regularly defends large corporations, affluent families, charitable organizations, and individuals in probate, state, federal, and appellate courts, including the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Mr. Silver is chair of Bassford Remele's Trust and Estates Litigation Practice Group.

Education & Admissions

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1975
- University of Minnesota, B.A., *cum laude*, 1971

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- Minnesota

Professional & Civic

Professional Achievements

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fellow

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- MSBA Litigation Committee on Probate and Trust Section, Chair, 1998-present
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association

Civic Involvement

- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Conciliation Court Clinic
- Jewish Community Relations Council
 - Member, Board of Directors, 1988-1994; 1996-2011; 2016-present
 - President, 2006-2008
 - Vice President, 2003-2006
- Temple Israel
 - Member, Board of Directors, 2010-2017
 - President, 2013-2015
 - Vice President, 2011-2013
- St. Louis Park School Board
 - Board Member, 1993-1999
 - Chair, 1995-1997, 1998-1999

Accolades

Honors & Awards

- [Sidney Barrows Lifetime Commitment Award, Cardozo Society of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, 2015](#)
- *Best Lawyers*, Minneapolis Trusts and Estates Litigation Lawyer of the Year, 2016
- *Best Lawyers*, Minneapolis Litigation-ERISA Lawyer of the Year, 2012
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2009-present; Trusts and Estates, 2011-present

- Minnesota Top 100 Lawyers, *Super Lawyers*, 2008
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2003-present