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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners High Net Worth: Private Wealth Law since 2014
- The Legal 500: Leading Individual in Private Client
- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader in Private Client since 2018
- STEP: Founder's Awards 2021
- WealthBriefing Swiss Awards: Swiss Leading Individual Award 2015
- Private Client Global Elite List since 2012
- Who's Who Switzerland since 2015
- CityWealth Leaders List since 2017
- Expert Guides: Best of the Best since 2018

Languages

French, English, German

Selected Publications

- Rare Violins
- Swiss Trust Genesis
- Trust in Suisse
- Swiss nerves of steel : Beneficiaries' standing to sue
- Le Trust comme Instrument de Planification dans le cadre des Relations Familiales

David Wallace Wilson is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Geneva office, where he heads the Private Wealth group. His main areas of practice include domestic and international estate planning as well as trust and estate litigation.

Expertise

- Private Wealth
- Taxation
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Art and Entertainment
- Investment Protection & Investor-State Dispute Resolution

Experience

- Advising individuals and families on wealth structuring, life-time and estate planning
- Specialist in complex family, guardianship and inheritance disputes
- Acting as executor especially in international successions
- Advising trustees and intermediaries on regulatory issues (AML, CRS, FATCA, sanctions etc.)
- Assisting clients with their fine-art and philanthropic ventures

Career

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| 2009 | Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 2003 | Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer |

Education

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| 2013 | STEP Advanced Certificate in Mediation |
| 2003 | Bar Admission in Switzerland |
| 2003 | STEP Qualified Practitioner |
| 2001 | Master of Law in Comparative Jurisprudence (M.C.J.), New York University |
| 1998 | Master of Law, University of Geneva |

Additional Professional Activities

- Chairman of STEP Geneva (2014-2020, officer 2004-2013)
- Expert on Swiss trust law, Swiss Federal Office of Justice (2018 to date)
- Founder of www.trusts.ch, the leading website on trusts in Switzerland
- Extensive speaking engagements and topical publications