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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners High Net Worth: Private Wealth Law since 2014
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Private Client
- Lexology Index: 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

- The Thirteenth Annual WealthBriefing Swiss Awards 2026
- The Swiss Safeguard
- Cinq questions à cinq experts en matière de fondations: Droit des fondations et réforme
- Artworks and Art Collections
- Rare Violins

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. Recognised as a leading private client lawyer, David also acted as expert for the Swiss government and as expert witness in notable UK/offshore disputes.

Expertise

- Private Wealth
- International Mobility & Investment Migration
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Art and Entertainment
- Investment Protection & Investor-State Dispute Resolution
- Taxation
- Sanctions Group

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

- 2009 Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
- 2003 Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer

Education

- 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

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Additional Professional Activities

- Chairman of STEP Geneva (2014-2020, officer 2004-2013)
- Expert on Swiss trust law, Swiss Federal Office of Justice (2018 - 2022)
- Founder of www.trusts.ch, the leading website on trusts in Switzerland
- Extensive speaking engagements and topical publications