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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners High Net Worth: Private Wealth Law since 2014
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Private Client since 2022
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Private Client since 2018
- Private Client Global Elite List since 2012
- STEP Founder's Award for Outstanding Achievement 2021
- WealthBriefing Swiss Awards: Swiss Leading Individual Award 2015
- CityWealth Leaders List since 2017

Languages
French, English, German

Selected Publications
- Too Late to Sue the Trustee?
- Estate Planning, The Swiss Perspective
- The Swiss Safeguard
- Cinq questions à cinq experts en matière de fondations: Droit des fondations et réforme
- In re Robert Palmer's Estate : conflict of interest between executor and trustee

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 served as expert witness in notable UK/offshore disputes.

Expertise
- Private Wealth
- Taxation
- International Mobility & Investment Migration
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Sanctions Group
- Art and Entertainment

Experience
- Advising private clients on wealth structuring and succession planning, including marital agreements, wills, inheritance pacts, trusts and foundations
- Extensive experience in complex capacity, undue influence, deputy/guardianship, trust and estate disputes
- Serving as executor and protector especially in administering large international estates
- Assisting trustees and intermediaries with compliance and regulatory issues (AML, CRS, FATCA, sanctions etc.)
- Expert witness in court (e.g. Swiss inheritance law, trustee's fees)

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
2002	Bar Admission in New York
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)
- Board Member, Swiss Association of Trust Companies (since 2018)
- Expert on Swiss trust law, Swiss Federal Office of Justice (2018 - 2022)
- Founder of Trusts.ch, the leading website on trusts in Switzerland
- Extensive speaking engagements and topical publications