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Estate and Trust Litigation

Offit Kurman's Estate and Trust litigators routinely assist in resolving disputes concerning wills, trusts, estates, and advising the beneficiaries, fiduciaries and third parties impacted. As both zealous advocates and pragmatic problem solvers, our Estate and Trust attorneys necessarily apply heightened sensitivity to what are very commonly complex, fragile intra-familial relationships and emotionally charged conflicts with multi-faceted, long-term implications. Family fighting over the care of a loved one or the intended distribution of a loved one's assets can be challenging, scarring and even traumatizing. So whether one is simply looking for guidance through confusing procedural legalities, defending challenges to one's authority to dispose of property or the propriety of investment decisions, or simply seeking to get what one rightfully has coming to him or her from a deceased loved one, Offit Kurman's experienced Estate and Trust litigation lawyers have a breadth and depth of experience, the peer recognition of which includes, for instance, frequent requests to present to estate planning attorney sections of local bar associations and multi-year status on the elite list of Estate and Trust Litigation SuperLawyers®.

The following is a representative list of many of the types of matters with which our Estates and Trusts litigators routinely involve themselves:

- Will contests
- Undue influence claims
- Legal capacity/incapacity challenges
- Elective Share and Augmented Estate claims
- Homestead and Family Allowance claims
- Breach of fiduciary duty causes of action
- Probate and estate litigation
- "Debts and Demands" hearings
- Trust disputes
- Business and asset valuation matters
- "Aid and Direction" and Declaratory Judgment proceedings
- Trust reformation proceedings
- Conservator and Guardianship issues
- "Attorneys in Fact" under Powers of Attorney
- Removal and "surcharge" of fiduciaries, and
- Bankruptcy-related estates and trusts concerns.

Our Estate and Trust litigators provide support, and are in turn supported as needed by, Offit Kurman's seasoned group of Estate Planning and Estate Administration attorneys whose collective subject area expertise assures comprehensive Estate and Trust litigation coverage across all of the jurisdictions in which the firm maintains offices.