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## **Estates & Trusts Litigation**

Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek has distinguished itself by combining a comprehensive trust and estates practice with the panoply of specialties provided by a full-service law firm. This combination presents a distinct advantage to institutional and private wealth clients who become involved in trust and estates disputes, by arming them with attorneys who have experience in administrative proceedings before the Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board, who have tried cases in probate court, civil court, and tax court, and are able to navigate trust and probate law and procedure.

At SCMV, our attorneys are made up of sophisticated estate planning and wealth management attorneys, trust administration attorneys, tax attorneys, and litigation attorneys. This layered approach assures truly full-service representation for SCMV's clients in every phase of trust and estates controversies, including pre-litigation planning, formal litigation through trial and appeal, and structuring of complex global settlements.

SCMV's trust and estates clientele encompasses a broad range of institutional and private wealth clients, including corporate fiduciaries, private and individual trustees, charitable institutions, private foundations, administrators, executors, beneficiaries, heirs, and institutional and private client creditors.

### **Services**

- Disputes regarding beneficial interests in trusts and estates
- Disputes regarding trust and estate administration
- Trust and will contests
- Trustee and fiduciary liability and removal
- Contested property claims
- Accounting controversies
- Disputes regarding management of trust and estate assets
- Disputes regarding allocation and distribution of trust and estate assets
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Modification and termination of trusts
- Cy-près and other charitable trust and estate controversies
- Complex tax matter controversies
- Creditor claims
- Estate and gift tax audits
- Property tax disputes