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Areas of Practice

Corporate & Business, Estates & Trusts, Litigation, Real Estate



Michael Stanley is one of the leaders of the Estate Planning group at Wright, Constable & Skeen and also holds a successful general business practice. His work and experience has earned him a number of recognitions such as Super Lawyer's list of "Rising Stars" and Strathmore's list of "Who's Who".

Mr. Stanley attended the University of Baltimore School of Law and then completed a judicial clerkship with The Honorable John W. Sause, Jr. of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County. Immediately after his clerkship, Mr. Stanley worked at an elder law firm in Baltimore City. In June, 2000, Mr. Stanley joined the law firm of Wright, Constable & Skeen, L.L.P. as an associate. In January, 2006, Mr. Stanley was admitted as a partner of the firm.

Mr. Stanley predominately works in providing representation to clients for estate planning, estate administration, trust administration, and estates and trusts litigation. He is also routinely involved with corporate governance issues, tax issues, equity holder disputes, and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Stanley has provided representation to clients in state courts, federal court, private mediation, and arbitration.

Mr. Stanley has been actively involved with the Bar Association of Baltimore City over the course of his career, where he has chaired several committees. Mr. Stanley lives in Rodgers Forge, with his wife, and their twin boys. He is an ardent supporter of the Roland Park Baseball Leagues, where he has served as a manager, as a trustee on its Board of Trustees, and previously serving as its Commissioner.

Experience

- Clerk to The Honorable John W. Sause, Jr., Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, 1997-1998
- Clerk to the Honorable Master Brenda A. Clark, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, 1996-1997

Selected Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association:
 - Real Property Probate and Trust Section
- Maryland State Bar Association:
 - Estates and Trust Section
 - Elder Law Section

- Estate & Gift Tax Study Group
- Bar Association of Baltimore City:
 - Member of the Ethics Committee (2008– present)
 - Member of the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers Division (2001-2008)
 - Chair of the Events Committee of the Young Lawyers Division (2002-2004, 2006-2008)
 - Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Young Lawyers Division (2004-2005)

Community Activities

- Roland Park Baseball Leagues, Inc.:
 - Deputy Commissioner (2012)
 - Board of Trustees (2003 to Present)
 - Commissioner (2009-2011)
 - Manager (2001-2009)
- Panelist, Roland Park Baseball Leagues Coaches' Forum, on the topic of the dangers of overuse injuries for children involved in youth baseball (March 2012)

Presentations

- Baltimore SmartCEO Attorney Roundtable on recent legal trends, changes and impact on business owners and local businesses, March 2012; published in Baltimore SmartCEO Magazine, June 2012.

Recognitions

- Avvo Rated
- Maritime Magic 2010 Rising Star honoree.
- **Maryland Super Lawyers® Rising Stars**
- Selected for inclusion among **Strathmore's Who's Who for 2009 for Lawyers.**

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland, J.D., *cum laude*, 1997
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, BS, Criminology, 1992

Bar Admissions

- Maryland State Bar
- United States District Court For the District of Maryland