

## David M. Hempstead

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Mr. Hempstead concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of income, estate and gift tax planning for high net worth individuals, estate and trust administration, trust litigation, and charitable trusts and foundations.

He is a member of the Probate and Estate Planning and Taxation sections of the State Bar of Michigan. He is also a member of the Financial and Estate Planning Council of Detroit. Mr. Hempstead was admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court in 1979.

Mr. Hempstead is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2025* (for over 30 years) under Trusts and Estates and listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2018* under Estate Planning & Probate. He is listed as a 2019 "Top Lawyer" for Trusts and Estates by *DBusiness* Magazine. He is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. *Crain's Detroit Business* named him one of southeast Michigan's "Most Powerful People" of 2010.

### practices & industries

Tax

High Net Worth

### education

Wayne State University  
Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the  
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Western Michigan  
University, B.A.

### admissions

Michigan

### court admissions

U.S. Tax Ct.

Mr. Hempstead serves as a board member for the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Detroit Institute of Arts, Henry Ford Health System, College for Creative Studies, Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, Matilda Dodge Wilson Fund, Clarence Livingood Fund, and the Wayne Law School Board of Visitors.

Mr. Hempstead served for many years as Vice Chairman of the Firm's Executive Committee.

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 1993-2025, Trusts and Estates
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2009-2016, 2018-2019, Trusts and Estates
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2018, Estate & Probate*
- *Crain's Detroit Business*, southeast Michigan's "Most Powerful People," 2010
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

## CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Financial and Estate Planning Council of Detroit, Member
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Member, Board of Directors
- Detroit Institute of Arts, Member, Board of Directors
- Henry Ford Health System, Member, Board of Directors
- College for Creative Studies, Member, Board of Directors
- Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, Member, Board of Directors
- Matilda Dodge Wilson Fund, Member, Board of Directors
- Clarence Livingood Fund, Member, Board of Directors
- Wayne Law School, Member, Board of Visitors

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Probate and Estate Planning Section
  - Taxation Section