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Andrew is an Associate in Wiggin and Dana's Private Client Services Department, with a primary focus on the Stamford and Westport offices. His practice centers on contested matters, fiduciary litigation, and estate and trust administration and planning.

Andrew brings substantial litigation experience involving family wealth, where he navigates complex disputes over the distribution and management of family assets. He successfully represents clients in contentious cases involving trust administration, estate administration, and conservatorships, often addressing issues such as the validity of estate planning documents, challenges to trustees, executors, and other fiduciaries, and conflicts among family members over inheritance rights and decision making.

In particular, Andrew is adept at handling disputes that arise when family members contest the terms of a will or trust or when there are accusations of undue influence, fraud, or financial mismanagement. His deep understanding of both estate planning and litigation allows him to guide clients through sensitive family dynamics, working towards equitable solutions that protect the legacy of the family's wealth while minimizing conflict and disruption.

Andrew earned his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, where he was awarded the Distinguished Oral Advocate Award. He was also a member of the *Journal of Health and Biomedical Law* and earned both Pro Bono and Dean's List Honors. Prior to law school, Andrew earned his Bachelor of Arts at Union College, where he was part of the Union College Scholar's Program and received Dean's List recognition.

In addition to his legal work, Andrew is deeply engaged in the legal community. He serves as Co-Chair of the Estates and Probate Section of the Fairfield County Bar Association, a position he has held for several years. He is an active participant in legal seminars, both within the Bar Association and throughout Connecticut, where he frequently presents on topics related to his areas of expertise.

Education

- Suffolk University Law School (J.D.)

- Union College (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts

Court Admissions

- US District Court (District of Connecticut)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Fairfield County Bar Association
    - Co-Chair, Probate and Estates Section

Publications

December 16, 2025
Private Client Services 2025 Year-End Advisory

November 7, 2025
Probate Litigation Alert – Detrimental Impact of Delayed Action in a Connecticut Will Contest

April 24, 2025
What Happens When an Executor Dies? Ensuring Smooth Estate Administration in Connecticut

April 10, 2025
Probate Litigation Alert: Can a Cell Phone Video Serve as a Valid Will?

December 12, 2024
Private Client Services 2024 Year-End Advisory

October 17, 2024
Estate Planning Considerations for Non-U.S. Citizen Spouses

September 19, 2024
Estate Planning for Franchisees: Ensuring a Smooth Transition

September 5, 2024
A Guide to Estate Planning for Tangible Assets

August 22, 2024
Estate Planning and Divorce: Lessons from In re E. Earl Lyden Trust

August 15, 2024
Preserving Your Legacy: Estate Tax Deferral for Closely Held Businesses

2024
Estate Planning for College-Aged Children

July 11, 2024
U.S. Income Taxation of Foreign Trusts – Beware!

2024
LGBTQ+ Family Estate Planning

June 24, 2024
Connecticut’s New Trust Decanting Statute

June 2024
Connelly v. United States (No. 23-146)

June 7, 2024
Navigating Trust Taxation: State Income Tax

May 16, 2024
Common Income Tax Compliance for Estates

April 18, 2024
Directed Trusts in Connecticut

April 2024
SLATS — Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts

March 27, 2024
Nonjudicial Settlement Agreements in Connecticut

February 29, 2024
10 Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan

February 23, 2024
2024 Non-Citizen U.S. Transfer Tax Overview

Updated March 2025
Domicile and Residence: Key Factors to Consider for Estate Planning

January 2024
Client Alert: 2024 Estate, Gift and GST Exemptions

January 2024
Checklist for Changing Domicile

December 14, 2023
Private Client Services 2023 Year-End Advisory

December 2023
The Gift of Medical Care – the “Med” of the “Med-Ed Exclusion”

December 5, 2023
Client Alert: Increased Federal Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Exemptions in 2024

November 30, 2023
Probate Litigation Alert: Connecticut Supreme Court Affirms Validity of No Contest Clauses

October 19, 2023

Discretionary Trust Assets Deemed “Marital Property” in Divorce Judgment: Massachusetts Appellate Court Issues Troubling Ruling That Could Impact Estate Planners Across the U.S.

October 11, 2023

Modern Love, Timeless Legacy: Estate Planning For All Couples

September 21, 2023

Strategies for Owning Property in Multiple States

September 14, 2023

Qualified Personal Residence Trusts

August 17, 2023

The Ultimate Guide to Planning for a Family Vacation Property

August 7, 2023

Loaning Money to Family: A Guide to Intrafamily Loans

July 27, 2023

3 Key Strategies for Funding Educational Expenses

July 19, 2023

Modification and Termination of Irrevocable Trusts

July 13, 2023

5 Key Annual Requirements for Private Foundations

July 5, 2023

Maximizing Estate Planning Strategies in Various Interest Rate Environments

June 29, 2023

Understanding Digital Assets in the Context of Estate Planning Part II

Summer 2023

Key Considerations in Estate Planning for LGBTQ+ Individuals and Couples

April 28, 2023

Understanding Digital Assets in the Context of Estate Planning

April 3, 2023

How Do I Have A “Foreign Trust” If I Don’t Live Overseas?

March 29, 2023

529 Plans and Divorce

2023

Enforcement of a No-Contest Clause

February 15, 2023

Fiduciary Duties in Estate Administration

February 1, 2023
Five Reasons Why You Should Do Your Estate Plan

December 21, 2022
The Estate Planning Family Meeting: 5 Steps to a Successful Meeting

December 12, 2022
Private Client Services 2022 Year-End Advisory

December 2, 2022
GRATs — Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts

2022
New Guidance on No Contest Clauses in Connecticut

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Prenuptial Agreements

July 26, 2022
The Anti-Clawback Regulation and its Limitations

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Community Property

2022
Private Client Services: Service Highlights

May 31, 2022
With Sophisticated Planning, Don’t Underestimate the Need for a Proper Valuation

August 25, 2021
Dynasty Trusts

August 25, 2021
Gift Assets Now

August 25, 2021
Substitute Assets in Existing Grantor Trusts