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Mary is an Associate in Wiggin and Dana's Private Client Services Department in the New York office, where she focuses her practice on estate planning, trust and estate administration services, and family office representation. She is also a member of wiggin(x).

Prior to joining Wiggin and Dana, Mary worked with several smaller boutique trusts and estates law firms in various roles, including as an associate attorney, a summer associate and a trust administrator.

Mary earned her J.D. from New York Law School, where she made the Dean's List, was the recipient of the Philip '76 and Eileen Michaels Scholarship for Trusts and Estates, and received the Professor Joseph T. Arenson Award for Excellence in Wills and Decedents' Estates. Mary received her B.A. in Leadership Studies, Rhetoric & Communication Studies and Law & the Liberal Arts from the University of Richmond and was a visiting student of Arts at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Mary is both a fifth generation New Yorker and a dual Irish-American citizen. She serves on the New York City Bar Association's Estate & Gift Taxation Committee and is a member of the Irish American Bar Association of New York.

Education

- New York Law School (J.D., 2014)
- University of Richmond (B.A., 2009)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Memberships and Affiliations

- New York City Bar Association

    - Estate & Gift Taxation Committee
- Irish American Bar Association of New York

Publications

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Checklist for Changing Domicile

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