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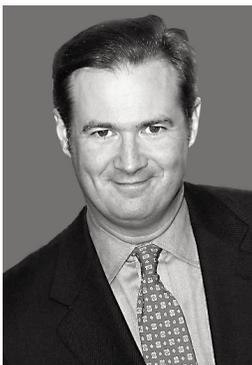
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## Wiggin and Dana LLP Expands Trusts and Estates Group with Partners Daniel L. Daniels and David T. Leibell



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Wiggin and Dana LLP announced today the expansion of its Trusts and Estates Department with the addition of former Cummings & Lockwood principals, Daniel L. Daniels and David T. Leibell. Both join as partners in the firm's Stamford office, making Wiggin and Dana's Trusts and Estates group one of the premier practices in Connecticut and New York.

"Dan and Dave are leading Trusts and Estates attorneys with a national reputation and an impressive client base. It's with great enthusiasm that we welcome them to the firm," said Wiggin and Dana's Chair, Maureen Weaver. "These talented partners will enable us to expand our existing Trusts and Estates practice significantly."

"We are thrilled to grow the Trusts and Estates practice group with the addition of lawyers of Dan's and Dave's caliber," said Leonard Leader, Chair of Wiggin and Dana's Trusts and Estates Department. "We have a large, well regarded and sophisticated practice throughout Connecticut and in New York. Dan and Dave join twelve other talented Trusts and Estates lawyers, and their arrival solidifies our ability to deliver the best possible legal services to our clients."

"Wiggin and Dana is highly regarded for its excellence and professionalism, not only in trusts and estates but also in other areas that can be critically important to serving the legal needs of very wealthy families, such as tax, real estate, business and entity planning, and litigation," said Daniels. "The decision to join a vibrant, growing and profitable firm like Wiggin and Dana was one that David and I made with great confidence and enthusiasm," said Daniels. "We are especially enthusiastic about the firm's strong presence in both Fairfield County and New York, providing access to one of the largest markets for trusts and estates work in the country. David and I look forward to leveraging the resources, and experience of this great firm for the benefit of our clients and to helping to further expand the firm's private clients practice."

Daniels focuses his practice on representing business owners, corporate executives and other wealthy individuals and their families. Along with Mr. Leader, he was named to *Worth Magazine's* "Top 100," a list of the 100 leading lawyers for affluent families in the United States. (Wiggin and Dana will now be the only law firm in Connecticut-- and one of the few in the country-- to have had more than one of its trusts and estates lawyers named to the Top 100 list.) Daniels is a frequent lecturer and author, and currently co-

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authors a monthly column on estate and charitable planning with David Leibell for *Trusts and Estates Magazine*. He is also a co-author of the primary treatise on estate settlement for Connecticut attorneys, *Settlement of Estates (2d)*.

Daniels has served on the boards of various civic and philanthropic organizations, including service as a director of the Fairfield County Community Foundation and as a trustee of the Harvard Law School Association of Connecticut. A Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, he received his A.B. degree, *summa cum laude*, from Dartmouth College, and his J.D. degree from the Harvard Law School with honors. Daniels and his family reside in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Leibell concentrates his practice on business succession planning, wealth-preserving estate plans, charitable planning and serving as trusted advisor to individuals of high net-worth. He also has experience in the financial services industry, specializing in the financial aspects of estate planning.

Leibell is a regular speaker and author to the legal and financial community, and has written frequently on charitable, estate and tax planning, including co-authoring two monthly columns with Daniels in *Trusts and Estates* and *Registered Representative Magazine*. Leibell has been quoted in numerous publications, including *Business Week* and *Bloomberg Wealth Manager*. He has appeared on CNBC's "Closing Bell with Maria Bartaromo." He maintains a strong commitment to charitable gift planning law and serves as the Chairperson of the Philanthropy Committee for *Trusts and Estates Magazine*. Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Leibell received his B.A. from Trinity College, a J.D. from the Fordham Law School and an LL.M. in taxation from New York University. A native of Greenwich, Leibell and his family currently reside in Easton, Connecticut.

Wiggin and Dana LLP is a full service firm with 150 attorneys serving clients domestically and abroad from offices in Stamford, New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut, New York and Philadelphia. For more information on the firm, visit its website at [www.wiggin.com](http://www.wiggin.com). The Trusts and Estates Practice Group at Wiggin and Dana offers a full range of sophisticated estate planning and administration services including drafting of wills, trusts, probate and estate settlement services, trust administration and tax return preparation.

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