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Practice Areas Business Law, Estates, Trusts & Probate

## Profile

Since cofounding Stein Sperling 40 years ago, Millard Bennett has built a robust and well-established business law practice, while simultaneously growing and expanding the firm as the long time Managing Partner into one of Montgomery County's largest and most sought-after law firms. In addition to his time-tested business acumen, Millard's intuition, empathy and meticulous attention to his clients' individual needs has earned him a reputation as a go-to business lawyer.

Beyond advising clients on business formation, structure, ownership and governance, Millard has navigated clients through difficult ownership transitions and succession planning, complex estate planning, non-profit corporate governance, and business controversy resolution. He is known for his ability to "see the big picture" and find creative and innovative solutions to seemingly intractable situations.

His business background, as well as his tenure managing the firm until recently, gives Millard unique insight into the legal and strategic needs of his business clients. Millard serves as a trusted advisor to numerous business owners and senior executives' business, management, and practical issues. He is frequently called on to serve as a speaker on topics including business transitions, disputes, controversy, succession-related issues and estate planning.

A deep and abiding love of the practice of law and the opportunity to serve his clients inspires Millard to this day. One of his most gratifying experiences was negotiating a client gift to establish a nationally renowned, preeminent cancer research center and its governing structure. The process of doing so spanned nearly a decade. As Millard explained, "Helping my client's wishes come to fruition and creating something designed to save lives was a true career highlight for me."

## Education

University of Maryland (B.S., 1971) American University, Washington College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1977)

## More

In his spare time, Millard spends time with his seven grandchildren and sings in an oldies 12-piece rock and roll band.

Admissions & Certifications Maryland District of Columbia U.S. Supreme Court U.S. District Court, District of Maryland U.S. District Court, District of Columbia U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

Memberships & Activities Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland American Bar Association Dean's Advisory Council, American University Washington College of Law (2011-2019) John Sherman Myers Society, American University Washington College of Law The Dr. Cyrus and Myrtle Katzen Cancer Research Center at George Washington University

Board Member

The Dr. Cyrus Katzen Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors

Honors & Awards Best Lawyers (2013-2024) Maryland Super Lawyers (2007, 2009-2024) Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers (2007, 2009-2023) Super Lawyers Business Edition, Top Attorneys in Business (2014-2016) Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition

• Featured Attorneys in Business and Corporate Law (2010, 2013)

Bethesda Magazine

• Top Attorney (2019)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent peer review rating