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Peter Valente has built a reputation as one of the top trust and estate attorneys in the United States. He concentrates his practice on estate planning, estate and trust administration, and litigation pertaining to trusts and estates, which includes:

- Preparing wills and trust agreements
- Administration of estates and trusts
- Settlement of trust accountings
- Judicial proceedings in the surrogate's courts of the State of New York

Peter serves as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He has also been appointed, on numerous occasions, by the surrogate's courts in New York City to act as guardian *ad litem* to protect the interests of persons under a disability in various court proceedings.

For more than 20 years, Peter has co-authored the column "Wills, Estates, and Surrogate's Practice" in the *New York Law Journal*.

Admissions

- New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- New York City Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

- New York County Lawyers' Association

Education

- Bowdoin College, BA
- Columbia Law School, JD
- New York University School of Law, LLM

Recognitions

- “Leader in the Field,” listed by *Chambers USA*
- 2005–2024, Trusts and Estates in New York, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®
- 2006–2019, New York “Super Lawyer” in Estate Planning & Probate, listed in *Super Lawyers*
- 2013, “Top Rated Lawyer in Estate Planning,” listed by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell.

Professional Activities

Peter is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, where previously he served on its board of directors and as chairman of its Committee on the Surrogate's Court.