



STEIN SPERLING

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"The most gratifying thing about practicing law is being able to assist my clients and make a positive difference."

Since cofounding Stein Sperling forty years ago, Millard Bennett built a robust and varied business law practice, while simultaneously growing and expanding the firm under his direction as Managing Partner into one of Montgomery County's largest 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 family business estate planning and business controversy negotiation and litigation. He is known for his ability to find creative and innovative solutions to seemingly intractable situations.

His business background, as well as his tenure, until recently managing a 130-employee law firm, gives Millard unique insight into the legal and financial needs of his business clients. Millard serves as a trusted advisor to numerous large and small clients on business and management issues. He frequently is called on to serve as a speaker on topics including business transitions, disputes, controversy, and succession-related issues.

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)

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

American Bar Association

Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland
Dean's Advisory Council, American University Washington College of Law (2011-present)
John Sherman Myers Society, American University Washington College of Law
The Dr. Cyrus Katzen Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors
The Dr. Cyrus and Myrtle Katzen Cancer Research Center at George Washington University – Board Member

HONORS + AWARDS

Best Lawyers (*U.S. News and World Reports*) (2013-2019)

Super Lawyers Magazine

- Maryland Super Lawyer (2007, 2009-2018)
- Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer (2007, 2009-2018)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition, Top Attorneys in Business (2014-2016)
- Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition, Featured Attorneys in Business and Corporate Law (2010, 2013)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent peer review rating