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Vanessa Macias Stillman is an Associate at Midgett Preti Olansen concentrating in the area of estate and trust litigation. Ms. Stillman serves as guardian ad litem for incapacitated adults and has experience litigating in several areas of fiduciary law, including contested guardianship and conservatorship actions, will contests, partitions of property, suits for breach of fiduciary duty, and a variety of complex trust and estate matters.

Ms. Stillman graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish. She earned her law degree from Syracuse University College of Law and is admitted to practice law in New York and Virginia. Prior to joining Midgett Preti Olansen, Ms. Stillman served as a Volunteer Law Clerk for Magistrate Judge Tommy E. Miller (ret.) of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Before moving to Virginia, Ms. Stillman was a Staff Attorney for the Manhattan Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York.

Ms. Stillman was named Chair for the Trusts and Estates Section of the Virginia State Bar for 2022-2023. She is a member of the Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council and a former member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA South Hampton Roads. Ms. Stillman is fluent in Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Guardianship/Conservatorship
- General Litigation
- Guardian Ad Litem – Incapacitated Adults

Bar Admissions

- Virginia
- New York
- California

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law, J.D.
- Loyola Marymount University, B.A. in Political Science and Spanish

Court Admissions

- Virginia Supreme Court
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- New York State Supreme Court

Honors & Awards

- Virginia “Super Lawyer” Rising Star
- National Order of Barristers
- Frank H. Armani Advocacy Award
- Virginia Business Magazine’s Legal Elite, Young Lawyers

Memberships

- Certified Guardian Ad Litem for Incapacitated Adults
- Virginia State Bar (Chair, Trusts and Estates Section)
- Hampton Roads Estate Planning Counsel
- Norfolk/Portsmouth Bar Association
- Virginia Beach Bar Association

Community Involvement

- YWCA South Hampton Roads - Former Board Member
- Hampton Roads Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Member