# Nicholas E. Papasifakis

## Senior Attorney

**Nicholas Papasifakis** advises clients on business and estate planning matters, asset protection strategies, and probate and trust administration and litigation.

Nick counsels individuals and families on all aspects of estate planning, including probate avoidance, tax planning, asset protection, wealth transfer planning, and charitable giving.  To ensure his clients' financial and familial objectives are met, Nick develops and implements estate planning, tax and asset protection strategies specific to each client.

Nick represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in all phases of probate and trust administration and litigation.  He recognizes the challenges facing a fiduciary or beneficiary, including the loss of a loved one, unique family dynamics, and the complex nature of winding up the affairs of a deceased individual.  Nick utilizes his extensive experience in this field to advise his clients on any issues that arise during an administration, including real estate, tax and business matters.  Nick's probate litigation experience includes representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in will and trust contests for lack of testamentary capacity and undue influence, and breach of fiduciary duty claims.

Nick also represents entrepreneurs and closely-held businesses on a broad range of business matters, including entity structuring and formation, business transactions and succession planning, and drafting and negotiating contracts, such as buy-sell agreements, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, and employment contracts.  He assists business owners with day-to-day legal issues and works with his business clients, many of whom are family businesses, to develop a comprehensive succession plan for the business.

Prior to joining Clark Hill, Nick worked as an associate at a local probate and estate planning firm in Royal Oak, Michigan, and also as a research attorney with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

### Practices, Industries & Services

Tax & Estate Planning

### Areas of Emphasis

Estate Planning & Probate
General Tax Planning
Trust and Estate Controversy

## Memberships

- State Bar of Michigan - Probate & Estate Planning Section
- State Bar of Michigan - Tax Section
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Hellenic Bar Association
- Business Network International, Professional Edge Chapter
- Walsh College, Tax Department, Adjunct Assistant Professor

## Presentations

- "Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Planning," ICLE Seminar - Planning Techniques for the Taxable Estate, December 2019
- Moderator, "Tax Law Series: Implement Flexibility with Established Estate Planning Tools," ICLE 2020

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### Education

LL.M., New York University School of Law, New York City, New York, Taxation

J.D., magna cum laude, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan

B.B.A., cum laude, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

### State Bar Licenses

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