

Miller Canfield Names Deputy Leader of Personal Services Group

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. announces that John "Jack" Van Slambrouck, principal in the Kalamazoo office, has been named deputy group leader of the firm's Personal Services Group.

He will join Dawn M. Schluter in leading the group's 12 full-time attorneys, many of whom have advanced degrees in taxation, two certified public accounts, a tax accountant and paralegals who together provide estate planning, business planning, pre- and post-nuptial planning, and tax planning services which involve billions of dollars of family assets each year.

Van Slambrouck counsels clients in estate and gift tax planning, and probate and estate settlement matters. He is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Kalamazoo County Bar Association, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Southwestern Michigan Estate Planning Council, and Western Michigan Planned Giving Group. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Michigan.

He received his law degree, cum laude, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School where he was editor of the Law Notes Section of the Michigan Bar Journal, Law Review invitee, and president of the Christian Legal Society. His B.A., summa cum laude, is from Western Michigan University.

A resident of Kalamazoo, he is active in several Christian organizations. He currently is president of the Kalamazoo Christian School Foundation Board, has served as president of the South Christian Grade School Board of Education, and was past secretary of the Kalamazoo Christian School Association. His civic and cultural activities include membership in Leadership Kalamazoo, YMCA youth basketball coach, Milwood Little League baseball coach, president of the board of directors of Teen Heart, National Ski Patrol, and The Navigators. He actively lectures on topics relating to estate and gift tax planning, retirement and estate planning, and other related topics.

The 300-attorney law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. was established in Detroit in 1852 and has offices in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Howell, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Monroe, and Troy, Michigan. Other offices are located in New York City, Pensacola, Florida, Washington, D.C., Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Katowice, and Warsaw, Poland. Visit www.millercanfield.com.