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Dana G. Fitzsimons Jr. is Managing Director and Senior Fiduciary Counsel at Bessemer Trust. He serves as Chair of the firm's Fiduciary Counsel Committee and its Diminished Capacity Working Group.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel and serves as Vice Chair of its Long-Range Planning Committee and on its Business Planning Committee, and has served on its Fiduciary Litigation, Charitable Planning, and New Fellows Steering Committees.

Dana serves in the ABA RPTE Section leadership on its Special Committee on Career Development and Wellness. He has previously served on the National Conference of Lawyers and Corporate Fiduciaries, as Chair of the Ethics and Malpractice Committee, on the CPR/SOC Joint Committee on Ethics and Professionalism - Task Force on Patenting Legal Strategies, as Vice Chair of the Retention Special Task Force, and on the Standing Committees on Membership and Corporate Sponsorship.

Prior to joining Bessemer, Dana was a partner with McGuireWoods LLP, where he practiced in the areas of fiduciary litigation, fiduciary risk management, and estate planning. He served for eight years on the Virginia Bar Association Trusts and Estates Legislative Committee and was rated as a *Virginia Super Lawyer* for Estate & Trust Litigation.

He has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and frequently lectures on fiduciary topics. Dana has been quoted in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes* and the *Bloomberg Daily Tax Report*, and his writings have appeared in the *ACTEC Journal*, *Probate & Property*, *Trusts & Investments*, *Estate Planning*, *Wealth Management Business*, and the *Leimberg Services Newsletters*. He has presented at leading legal seminars across the country including the Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, Southern Federal Tax Institute, Midwest/Midsouth Estate Planning Institute, Montana Tax Institute, Douglas W. Conner Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar, American Bankers Association Wealth Management and Trust Conference, Trust Advisors Forum, Catholic Charities of Chicago Seminar, Delaware Trust Conference, Queens Estate Planning Day, and the Seattle Estate Planning Seminar, and for estate planning councils all across the country.

Dana earned a J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif, and a Bachelor of Music from Ithaca College. He continues to perform as a jazz drummer. His most recent CD, *The Cheap Ensemble*, received critical acclaim and has been played on over 176 national and international jazz radio stations.

Most importantly, he is the extraordinarily proud father of his daughter, Molly Love Fitzsimons, and his son, Max Jazz Fitzsimons.