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Dave Swartling joined what became Mills Meyers Swartling in 1992, and since then he has litigated in state and federal court significant cases involving product liability, municipal and commercial law, professional negligence, and aviation. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. In addition, he has received awards from the Washington State Bar Association and the American Bar Association for his long-time efforts in teaching litigation and improving the system of justice in Washington. In 2007, Dave was elected as Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, a full-time position that resulted in his relocation to the denomination's headquarters office in Chicago. Dave returned to his law practice as Counsel to the firm in 2014.

Practice Areas

[Business and Commercial Litigation](#)

[Tort and Product Liability](#)

[Aviation Law](#)

[Municipal Law and Police Liability](#)

Education

University of Washington School of Law, J.D., 1976

Executive Editor, *Washington Law Review*

Princeton University, B.A., 1969

Admitted to Practice

Washington

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

Representative Work

For more than 25 years, Dave Swartling has litigated significant cases involving product liability, municipal and commercial law, professional negligence, and aviation in state and federal court. Recognized by his peers as one of the best litigators in Washington, Dave has been inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Results in any particular case cannot predict the outcome in any other case.

Professional and Community Activities

PROFESSIONAL

Washington State Bar Association

WSBA Litigation Section, Chairperson, 1992-1993

WSBA Court Rules and Procedures Committee, Chairperson, 2003

COMMUNITY

Compass Housing Alliance, Board of Trustees

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Secretary, 2007-2013

Lutheran Services in America, Board of Trustees

Publications and Speaking Engagements

PUBLICATIONS

Editor-in-Chief, *Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook*, 1992-2007

Recognition

WSBA President's Award for ongoing efforts to improve the legal profession, 2004

American Law Institute-American Bar Association Harrison Tweed Award for special merit in continuing legal education, 1990