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Chuck Durante is a founding partner of the Wilmington law firm of Connolly Gallagher LLP, where he heads the Tax, Trusts and Estates Department.

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Chuck has been chairman of the Estates and Trusts Section of the Delaware State Bar Association and president of the Wilmington Tax Group. He chairs the Board of Editors of *Delaware Lawyer*, a quarterly magazine, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Delaware State Bar Association. A leader in many charitable organizations and civic efforts, he received the Haverford College Alumni Award in 1998.

He is admitted to practice in Delaware, Pennsylvania and the U.S. Tax Court and before the Supreme Court of the United States. An honors graduate of Haverford College, he received his J.D. and his LL.M. (Taxation) from Villanova Law School. He has an AV Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, the highest possible.

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