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Former Chair New Jersey State Bar Association Elder Law Section

Admitted in NJ, NY & U.S. Tax Court; LL.M. Taxation (NYU)

Certified Elder Law Attorney by A.B.A. accredited National Elder Law Foundation

Principal Practice Areas

Elder Law including nursing home/long term care planning, housing, and guardianships;
Government Benefits including Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, SSD, PAAD, and housing;
Estate and Tax planning including wills, trusts, estates, powers of attorney & health care directives;

Special Needs Trusts including special needs trusts to safeguard disability aid in gift and estate planning and personal injury and divorce settlements; trust administrations; designing litigation settlements; court and administrative applications

Special Needs Planning; including Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) issues, protecting a child with mental illness or developmental disabilities, special needs housing, & special education

Professional Activities

Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by A.B.A. approved National Elder Law Foundation.

Named to New Jersey Super Lawyers (published by Thomson Reuters) since 2006

Martindale-Hubbel's highest peer review rating of AV- Preeminent for many years

Former Chair New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) Elder & Disabilities Law Section

Member Board of Consultants of NJSBA Real Property, Trusts & Estates Law Section.

Member National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

NJSBA Distinguished Legislative Service Award for drafting legislation that helps disabled New Jersey residents use special needs trusts to qualify for government programs.

Served as director or other official of NJSBA Elder & Disabilities Law Section; Somerset Arc/Association for Retarded Citizens; NAELA- NJ Chapter; Planned Lifetime Assistance Network/NJ (PLAN/NJ); Midland Adult Services; Malaria Foundation; Henderson Scholarship Fund; Somerset County Chamber of Commerce;.

Frequent lecturer for New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), New Jersey State Bar Foundation, NJSBA, NAELA, senior & disabilities groups, schools, and other public and private sponsors. Founder and Moderator of ICLE's annual Sophisticated Elder Law Concepts and ICLE's regional conference Atlantic Elder and Special Needs Law Forum and moderator or lecturer at numerous other ICLE programs.

Publications

Articles include— "Special Needs Estate Planning, *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* (August 2010); "Settlements of Severely Injured Clients Draft with Government Benefit Rules in Mind", *New Jersey Law Journal* (March 15, 2010); "Medicaid and Medicare Liens in Personal Injury Settlements" *NAELA News* Vol 21 #6 page 26 (2009); "New Medicaid Program: Protecting Savings and Funding Long-Term Care", *New Jersey Lawyer* (June 23, 2008); "Medicaid Planning Despite Toughened Rules", *New Jersey Lawyer* (February 5, 2007); "Effective Medicaid Planning for Long Term Care", *New Jersey Lawyer* (October 10, 2005); "Settlement, Divorce, and Estate Planning to

Safeguard Disability Aid”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (September 5, 2005); “Settling Claims While Protecting Disability Aid”, *New Jersey Lawyer* (August 9, 2004); “Preserving Disability Benefits When Settling Personal Injury, Divorce and Worker Compensation Claims”, *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* (August, 2002); “Not Just Nursing Homes: Medicaid Covers Other Long-Term Options”, *New Jersey Lawyer* (April 15, 2002); “Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Community Care Medicaid Benefits”, *NJSBA Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section Newsletter* (March 2002); “Assisted Living/Alternate Family Care Waivers”, *NJSBA Elder Law Section Newsletter* (February, 2002); “Special Needs Planning for Plaintiff’s Lawyers”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (November 12, 2001); Gifts by Incapacitated Persons: Tax Traps and Other Issues in Drawing POAs”, *ElderLaw Report* (September, 2001); “Avoiding Traps in Power of Attorney Forms”, *New Jersey Lawyer* (May 28, 2001); “Special Needs Trusts to Safeguard Disability Benefits in Personal Injury and Divorce Settlements and Estate Planning”, *Elder’s Advisor* (Spring, 2001); “Special Needs Trust Estate Planning to Preserve Disability Aid”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (November 20, 2000); “Qualifying for Medicaid: New Regulations Change Nursing Home Planning”, *New Jersey Lawyer* (July 10, 2000); “Protecting Your Family & Finances When Long Term Care Is Needed”, *The Speaker* (February, 2000); “Estate Planning: Beyond Tax Concerns”, *PPC Financial Advisory Services* (January, 2000); “Estate Tax Planning”, *PPC Financial Advisory Services* (December, 1999); “Focus on Elder Law: Forge a Systematic Approach to Long-Term Care for Your Clients”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (August 16, 1999); “Long Term Care Planning”, *PPC Financial Advisory Services Alert* (August 1999); “New Jersey Falls in Line on SNT Liens”, *ElderLaw Report* (May, 1999); “Qualifying for Nursing Home Care Under Medicaid”, *New Jersey Lawyer* (April 19, 1999); “N.J. “Supreme Court Holds Community Spouse’s IRA is a Countable Resource”, *ElderLaw Report* (September, 1998); “Funding Nursing Home Care Without Going Broke”, *Somerset Business* (September, 1998) “Protecting a Disabled Person Whose Parent Becomes Terminally Ill”, *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* (April, 1998); “Medicaid Liens: Not All Need to be Repaid in Full Before Funding SNTs”, *ElderLaw Report* (February, 1998); “Safeguarding Disability Benefits Upon Divorce”, *New Jersey Lawyer Newspaper* (Aug. 25, 1997); “Protecting Recoveries for Elderly or Disabled Clients”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (June 9, 1997); “Estate Tax Planning”, *Somerset Business* (April 1997); “Tax Planning with Special Needs Disability Trusts”, *ElderLaw Report* (November, 1996); “Nursing Home Planning Gifts: Some Now are Outlawed, but Alternatives Remain”, *New Jersey Lawyer Newspaper* (Nov. 18, 1996); “New Jersey’s Expansive Estate Recovery Law Invites Litigation”, *ElderLaw Report* (April, 1996); “New Medicaid Estate Recovery Rules Create Complications”, *New Jersey Lawyer Newspaper* (Jan. 22, 1996); “Lifetime and Estate Planning for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Illness”, *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* (July, 1995); “The Art of Special Needs Trusts”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (June 19, 1995); “Estate Planning to Protect Persons with Serious Disabilities- A View from Across the Hudson”, *Elder Law Attorney* (Spring, 1995); and “Medicaid for Elder Care Requires Early Planning”, *New Jersey Law Journal* (April 10, 1995). Other articles have appeared in periodicals noted above, general circulation media, and in *Journal of Taxation*; *Tax Times*; *Tax Management Estates, Gifts & Trusts Journal*; *Financial and Estate Planners Quarterly*; and *N.Y.U. Journal of Intl. Law & Politics*.

Education

New York University School of Law Master of Law (LL.M.) Taxation- 1982

New York University School of Law Juris Doctorate (J.D.)-1976, Note & Comment Editor *N.Y.U. Journal of International Law & Politics*. Award ATLA Environmental Law Essay Contest, Award American Society of International Law Essay Contest. Junior Fellow of N.Y.U. Center for International Studies.

Binghamton University- S.U.N.Y. (Harpur College)— B.A.-1973, Phi Beta Kappa, University Assembly.