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Overview

Ken Shulman assists individuals and families with estate planning and related issues for elders and families with disabled children. He frequently represents clients in guardianship matters and serves as a trustee for families.

Ken's work in disabilities planning has led him to volunteer with organizations that provide services to persons with special needs. Currently, he chairs the Disabilities Committee of Combined Jewish Philanthropies and he recently completed two terms on the Board of Directors of the Asperger's Association of New England. He previously served as a board member for several human service agencies, including the Greater Boston ARC. He has also served as a consultant to the Massachusetts Office of Handicapped Affairs, the Massachusetts Disability Law Center, and the Massachusetts Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee.

Ken speaks to consumer groups, professionals in the field and others interested in issues related to estate planning, aging, disability, advocacy, financial planning and the preservation of government entitlements. Annually, he presents to many parents groups and professionals at schools and for several advocacy organizations, including chapters of the Arc and NAMI. Ken is also a frequent presenter for lawyer training sessions and regular contributor to publications of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), including serving as a featured speaker on Medicare and Medicaid liens in personal injury cases at several MCLE Elder & Disability Law Conferences. He is the co-author of the widely acclaimed book,

Managing a Special Needs Trust: A Guide for Trustees.

In addition to his estate planning practice, Ken has extensive experience handling real estate and business matters for his estate planning clients.

Education and Credentials

Education

Boston University School of Law, J.D., 1974

Northwestern University, B.A., with Distinction, 1971

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Practices & Industries

[Fiduciary and Probate Litigation](#)

[Private Client](#)

[Residential Real Estate](#)

[Special Needs Planning](#)

[Trust & Estates](#)

[Trust Services and Fiduciary Compliance](#)

Affiliations

Boston Bar Association, Elder and Disability Planning Committee, Co-Chairman

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Massachusetts Chapter, former Board Member

Special Needs Alliance, member

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Selected as the Elder Law Lawyer of the Year for the Boston Metro Area by [The Best Lawyers in America](#) (Woodward/White, Inc.), 2023

Chosen for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#) (Woodward/White, Inc.), Elder Law, 2013-2025

Selected to the list of Massachusetts [Super Lawyers](#) (Thomson Reuters), Estate Planning and Probate, 2005-2019

Honored as a CHAI Champion by Jewish Family & Children's Services, 2017

Recipient of a Day Pitney Coleman Award for his commitment to pro bono and public service, 2010

Community Involvement

Asperger's Association of New England, Board of Directors

Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Disabilities Committee

Committee for Caring and Social Justice of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, 2013-2015

News

Ken Shulman Honored as "CHAI Champion" by Jewish Family & Children's Services

November 5, 2017

87 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2016 Super Lawyers List

November 10, 2016

71 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2017 Best Lawyers List

August 15, 2016

91 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2015 Super Lawyers List

October 30, 2015

68 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2016 Best Lawyers List

August 24, 2015

Eighty-Four Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers for 2014

November 3, 2014

Seventy Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2015 Best Lawyers List
August 22, 2014

Eighty-eight Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by *Super Lawyers* for 2013
October 22, 2013

Seventy Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2014 Best Lawyers List
August 15, 2013

Ninety-eight Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by *Super Lawyers*
October 22, 2012

Seventy-Five Day Pitney Lawyers Named to Best Lawyers List for 2013
August 23, 2012

In The Media

"Special Needs Planning," Granite Academy
November 16, 2022

"Guardianship and Supported Decision Making," Granite Academy
November 9, 2022

"Planning for a Loved One with Special Needs," Fidelity Wealth Management Webinar
December 2, 2021

Estate and Financial Planning
April 1, 2015

Estate and Financial Planning
2015-2020

Special Needs Trusts Drafting And Administration
2013-2021

Estate and Financial Planning for the Asperger/Autism Community
June 1, 2015

Estate and Financial Planning For The Special Needs Family
2006-2021

Special Needs Estate Planning For Families With Children With Disabilities
December 11, 2016

Special Needs Counseling - Adding Value for Clients Needing Special Needs Estate Planning
April 1, 2016