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Overview

Christiana "Tiana" Gianopulos works extensively in the areas of estate and tax planning, contested probate matters, and the representation of individual and professional fiduciaries. She also assists clients with planning and compliance for their offshore assets.

Prior to joining the firm, Tiana spent nearly 20 years at a "top ten" bank. As senior vice president and regional fiduciary officer, she co-chaired its regional trust committee, managed its fiduciary litigation portfolio, and developed policies and procedures relating to many aspects of its trust and estate administration business. Tiana also analyzed proposed legislation and coordinated the bank's response to new statutory and case law.

Tiana is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she teaches Trusts and Estates. She has written and lectured on numerous topics and is a recognized thought leader on estate planning for LGBT individuals and couples. In 2003, when the Appellate Court ruled that same-sex couples had the right to marry in Massachusetts in *Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health*, she helped to establish Day Pitney's LGBT Planning practice group. Tiana has also written and lectured on Connecticut's Uniform Trust Code, Uniform Directed Trust Act, Prudent Investor Act, and Principal and Income Act, as well as common drafting errors and offshore disclosure by executors.

In 2014, Tiana was appointed to Connecticut's State Tax Panel which was charged with a comprehensive review of the State's tax policy.

Deeply committed to the Greater Hartford community, Tiana has served on more than a dozen non-profit boards, often as board chair. She currently serves as treasurer of the Alumni Association of the University of Connecticut School of Law and is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. In 2011, while chair of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center board of trustees, she received the Maria Miller Stewart "One Woman Makes a Difference" Award from the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund. Tiana has also received awards for her volunteer efforts from *The Hartford Courant*, Shawmut National Corporation and the Junior League of Hartford, Inc.

Firm Leadership:

- Leadership Team, Day Pitney Women Working Together
- Leadership Team, Day Pitney Alliance

Practices & Industries

Fiduciary and Probate Litigation

International Trust & Estates

Private Client

Tax Exempt Organizations & Charitable Giving

Trust & Estates

Trust Services and Fiduciary Compliance

Education and Credentials

Education

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D.

Mount Holyoke College, A.B.

Admissions

State of Connecticut

Affiliations

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association, Estates and Probate and LGBT Sections

Connecticut Bar Foundation, James W. Cooper Fellow

Estate and Business Planning Council of Hartford

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Trusts and Estates, 2023-2027

Chosen for inclusion in *Chambers HNW Guide* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for wealthy individuals and families in Connecticut, 2017-2026

Maria Miller Stewart "One Woman Makes a Difference" Award, Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund ("CWEALF"), May 2011

Volunteer of the Year, Junior League of Hartford, Inc., May 1999

Community Minded Banker Award, Shawmut National Corporation, December 1999

Volunteer of the Year, *The Hartford Courant*, May 1985

AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell (LexisNexis)

Community Involvement

University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc., Treasurer

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Professional Advisory Committee

State of Connecticut Tax Panel, Former Member

Art Advisory Board, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, Former Vice Chair

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Board of Trustees, Former Chair

Love Makes A Family Foundation, Former Director

Junior League of Hartford, Inc., Former President

Hartford College for Women, Former Trustee

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, Former Director

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut Public Policy Fund, Former Director

Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April Hartford, Founding Director

WORKS/Laura Glenn Dance Company, Former Secretary

Asylum Hill, Inc., Former Director

Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council, Former Director

Gray Lodge/The Shelter for Women, Former Director

Mount Holyoke Club of Hartford, Former President

Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Advisory Board, Former Co-Chair

Leadership Greater Hartford, Alumna

Mental Health Association of Connecticut, Former Director

United Way of the Capitol Area, Former Loaned Executive

Hill-Stead Museum, Former Guide

Insights

New Direction: The Connecticut Uniform Directed Trust Act
May 18, 2020

Executive Director of Women’s Campaign School at Yale Addresses WWT and Guests
March 22, 2017

Women Working Together Host Bi-Annual Leadership Lunch – "Reflections On Breaking Barriers"
May 11, 2017

News

Day Pitney Continues Strong Performance in Chambers High Net Worth 2026 with 23 Attorney Rankings
Day Pitney Press Release, July 23, 2026

Day Pitney's Chambers High Net Worth Recognition Climbs to 22 Attorneys in 2025 Edition
July 24, 2025

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 18 Day Pitney Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 18, 2024

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 20 Day Pitney Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 20, 2023

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 20 Day Pitney Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 22, 2022

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 20 Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 26, 2021

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes Day Pitney and 16 Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 10, 2020

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July 18, 2019

Day Pitney Celebrates Women's History Month with Guest Speaker Gary Ford, Jr.
March 21, 2019

Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2018 Recognizes Fifteen Day Pitney Attorneys
July 24, 2018

Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2017 Recognizes Eleven Day Pitney Attorneys
September 20, 2017

Day Pitney Announces New Partners
February 10, 2016

Christiana N. Gianopulos
January 1, 2016

Day Pitney Promotes Seven Partners
December 28, 2015

In The Media

"Directed Trusts: Beyond the Basics," Connecticut Bar Association's Estates and Probate Section
May 14, 2021

CT-UTC 101 (What Every Trust Officer Wants To Know About the CT-UTC But Is Afraid To Ask...)
December 10, 2019

A Brave New World Opportunities Under Our Modern New Trust Law
December 4, 2019

The Unsung Heroes of the CT Trust Code: Directed and Domestic Asset Protection Trusts
November 7, 2019

Drafting and Taxation Considerations for Same-Sex Couples
October 11, 2006

Estate Planning for Civil Union Partners: Initial Client Conference
January 26, 2006

Tax Planning for Same-Sex couples
February 15, 2005

Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples
April 19, 2005

Uniform State Laws: A Professional Fiduciary's Primer
July 1, 2003

A Probate Litigation Primer
June 11, 2003

Drafting and Taxation Considerations for Same-Sex Couples
June 12, 2006

Estate Planning for Civil Union Spouses
January 26, 2007

Estate Planning for Same Sex Couples
May 14, 2008

Federal Tax Institute of New England
October 24, 2019

Town and County Business and Professional Women's Success Series
October 10, 2018

Basis Waste Exposure in Current Trusts
July 2017

Estate and Gift Tax, University of Connecticut School of Law
December 1, 2014

Career Ladder
The Hartford Courant, January 12, 2016

New Partners for Day Pitney
New Jersey Business, December 29, 2015

Two Big Conn. Law Firms Make Partner Promotions
The Connecticut Law Tribune, December 29, 2015

Attorneys Rally Around High Court's Gay Marriage Decision
Law360, June 30, 2015

OVDP FAQ#9: Determining the Disclosure Period When Settling An Estate
October 25, 2014

Nontraditional Estate Planning
May 1, 2013

Tiana Gianopulos Authors Chapter in CT Estate Planning Book
A Practical Guide to Estate Planning in Connecticut, May 1, 2013

Speaker, "What Every Woman Needs to Know: Keeping Your Will Current," Lyman Heritage Preservation Foundation, April 26, 2012
April 26, 2012

Estate and Gift Taxation of LGBT Couples
December 16, 2010

After Kerrigan: The Expansion of Same-Sex Legal Rights
June 23, 2009

Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples: Beyond the Basics
September 24, 2008

Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples
September 16, 2008

Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples
May 14, 2008