



Barbara Freedman Wand

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Overview

Barbara Wand advises individuals, families and businesses on sophisticated estate planning and the development and implementation of philanthropic goals. She counsels private foundations and public charities on governance, compliance and planned giving programs. Barbara assists clients with estate and trust administration and serves as executor and trustee. She is certified as an Accredited Estate Planner (AEP) by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils®. Barbara, a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, has extensive experience in all aspects of estate planning, including:

- Lifetime and charitable giving
- Family business planning
- International estate planning
- Estate planning for entrepreneurs, hedge fund principals and executives
- Integrating employee benefits into estate plans
- Advising businesses on strategic philanthropy
- Counseling private foundations and public charities on strategy, governance and compliance

She also has significant experience in trusteeship and the administration of trusts. This area of focus encompasses:

- Charitable trusts
- Insurance trusts
- Revocable trusts
- Testamentary trusts
- Private foundations

Barbara has been recognized as a leading lawyer in estate planning by Chambers & Partners every year from 2010 through 2018 ([Chambers USA](#), 2010-2016, and [Chambers HNW](#), 2016-2018).* In 2011, Chambers wrote that Barbara is "renowned for her ability to combine her complete grasp of professional knowledge with an understanding of what's most important to her clients in order to develop solutions perfectly tailored to them." In 2016, Barbara was selected as the sole recipient of the Excellence Award by the Boston Estate Planning Council, an organization of over 700 members. She was also named a Top Woman of Law by [Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly](#) (Bridgetower Media)* for her accomplishments in the legal field as a pioneer,

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[International Trust & Estates](#)

[Private Client](#)

[Tax Exempt Organizations & Charitable Giving](#)

[Trust & Estates](#)

[Trust Services and Fiduciary Compliance](#)

trailblazer and role model. She has been selected for inclusion in the trusts and estates law sections of [The Best Lawyers in America](#) (Woodward/White, Inc.)* since 2003, and as a Massachusetts [Super Lawyers](#)* for over 10 years. She was also chosen as one of the top 50 women lawyers in Massachusetts in the November 2006 issue of *Boston* magazine. In 2017, Barbara was named in list of "Women Worth Watching" by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*.

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Education and Credentials

Education

Brandeis University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1972

Indiana University School of Law/Bloomington, J.D., *summa cum laude*, Order of the Coif, 1979, *Indiana Law Journal*, Articles Editor

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of New York

U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

Professional Advisors Committee, The Boston Foundation (Chair, 2014-2016)

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow

Boston Probate and Estate Planning Forum

Boston Estate Planning Council

Massachusetts Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Law Section

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Massachusetts Women's Bar Association, served on the Employment Issues Committee

Former Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Mass. (1984-1985)

Former Assistant Professor of Law, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Ind. (1981-1984)

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in [Chambers HNW Guide](#) (Chambers & Partners) as a leading lawyer for wealthy individuals and families in Massachusetts, 2016-2025

Chosen for inclusion in the [Chambers USA Legal Directory](#) (Chambers & Partners) as a leading estate planning attorney in Massachusetts, 2010-2016

Chosen for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#) (Woodward/White, Inc) for Trusts and Estates, 2003-2026

Honored as a "Woman Worth Watching" by the *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, 2017

Recipient of the [Excellence Award](#) from the Boston Estate Planning Council, 2016

Selected to the list of Massachusetts Women's Edition [Super Lawyers](#)[®], Estate Planning and Probate 2017-2019

Selected to the list of Massachusetts [Super Lawyers](#)[®], Estate Planning and Probate, Nonprofit Organizations 2004-2013, 2015-2020

Named a "Top Woman of Law" by [Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly](#) (Bridgetower Media)*, 2015

Named one of the "Top 50 Women Lawyers" in Massachusetts by *Boston* magazine (Metro Corp.), 2006

Certified Accredited Estate Planner[®] (AEP[®])

Insights

Day Pitney Boston Office Hosts Client Holiday Event at Wang Theatre
November 29, 2023

The Power of Women with Wealth
October 3, 2018

News

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 and the Association of Corporate Counsel Co-Present "The Power of Women with Wealth" Program
October 3, 2018

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

Barbara Freedman Wand Sworn in to U.S. Supreme Court Bar

February 20, 2018

Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2017 Recognizes Eleven Day Pitney Attorneys

September 20, 2017

Profiles in Diversity Journal Names 4 Day Pitney Attorneys "Women Worth Watching" for 2017

May 26, 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

Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2016 Recognizes Nine Day Pitney Attorneys

June 28, 2016

Chambers USA 2016 Ranks 47 Day Pitney Attorneys

May 27, 2016

Barbara Freedman Wand Selected as Recipient of the Boston Estate Planning Council Excellence Award

April 20, 2016

Day Pitney Reelects Executive Committee and Elects New Executive Board

March 18, 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

Barbara Freedman Wand and Sara Colb Chosen as Mass. Lawyers Weekly's Top Women of Law

August 4, 2015

Chambers USA 2015 Ranks 51 Day Pitney Attorneys

May 21, 2015

In The Media

The Philanthropy Talk: How Do I Do It...and Why Do I Have To?

December 11, 2018

Cross Cutting Perspectives on Philanthropy

May 8, 2018

Banks Explore Multiple Avenues For Community Investment

The Commercial Record, November 18, 2016

A Conversation with Departing PAC Chair Barbara Freedman Wand

The Philanthropic Advisor Newsletter, May 19, 2016

Conn. Law Firms Appoint Leaders, Announce New Hirings

The Connecticut Law Tribune, April 14, 2016

People on the Move

The Boston Business Journal, March 21, 2016

People on the Move

Boston Business Journal, January 8, 2016

Speaker, "Flexible Charitable Planning Strategies," Northern Trust Company, Boston, Mass., May 22, 2012
May 22, 2012

Speaker, "Building Flexibility into Your Estate Plan: The Next Best Thing to a Crystal Ball," The Boston Foundation, Boston, Mass., April 4, 2012
April 4, 2012

Creating Flexibility in Charitable Planning in Uncertain Economic Times, Boston Foundation's Philanthropic Advisor
Newsletter, February 2012
February 1, 2012