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Practice Groups and Specialty Areas

Trusts and Estates

Estate Planning

Elder Law

Probate and Trust Administration

Guardianships and Conservatorships

Christine is a member of Mirick O'Connell's Trusts and Estates Group. Christine works with elder clients to execute estate planning documents designed to provide advance asset protection in the event of future nursing home admission and also prepares and submits MassHealth applications once nursing home admission is necessary.

Christine represents families in court to obtain guardianship and conservatorship of disabled individuals who are unable to make personal, financial, or medical decisions and also offers special needs trust planning for families with disabled children. She additionally practices probate law and assists Personal Representatives through the estate administration process.

Prior to joining Mirick O'Connell, Christine was an Officer at Fletcher Tilton and focused her practice on elder law, probate and estate planning. She previously worked at Levine-Piro Law (now known as Hera Law), where she founded the elder law, probate and special needs planning practices. She writes and presents seminars and webinars on MassHealth as well as probate and estate planning.

Christine was selected as one of *Boston* magazine's Top Trusts and Estates Lawyers in 2021.

Publications/Presentations

- "Trust Planning for Asset Protection," Acton Senior Center (June 27, 2023) (presenter)
- "10 Things I Know About Long-Term Care Planning for Small Business Owners," *Worcester Business Journal*, April 17, 2023
- "Probate: All You Need to Know," Torchlight webinar (March 10, 2022)
- "All About Trusts," Torchlight webinar (January 20, 2021)
- "How to Serve as a Health Care Agent and Agent Under Power of Attorney," Torchlight webinar (January 15, 2020)
- "Peace of Mind: Getting Your Affairs in Order," Torchlight webinar (January 11, 2019)
- "It's All in the Fine Print," ElderCare Illuminated podcast (discussing review of nursing home and assisted living admission agreements) (2019)
- "Guardianship," Torchlight webinar (July 25, 2018)
- "Understanding Medicare and Medicaid," Torchlight webinar (June 7, 2017)
- "Honoring Choices Massachusetts: A New Tool to Promote Advance Directives," *The MassNAELA Advocate*, May 2016

Education

JD, New England School of Law

BA, Smith College

Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts

Professional/Community Affiliations

Emerson Hospital Corporator, 2017-Present

Honoring Choices, Community Partner

National Association of Elder Law Attorneys

Worcester County Bar Association