

# John M. Elias

John Elias is a founding member of Elias Sellitti LLC, a boutique law firm with offices in Basking Ridge, New Jersey and New York, New York. The Firm's practice is limited to the representation of individuals, closely-held businesses, not for profit organizations and individual and corporate fiduciaries in matters relating to estate and gift tax planning; income tax planning; charitable planning for donors and donees; general business and succession planning; asset protection; and fiduciary and probate litigation.

## Awards

- Listed, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, an annual listing of the leading business lawyers and law firms in the world, 2006-2011 editions, National Leader, Wealth Management
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2009-2020
- Listed, "New Jersey Super Lawyer," *Trusts and Estates*, 2005-2010, 2017-2020

## Organizations

- Washington Association of New Jersey, Board of Trustees, 2017- present
- Board of Governors, Fairmount Country Club, Chatham, NJ, 2012 to 2013
- Board of Directors, Junior Achievement of New Jersey, Inc., 2008-2011
- Borough Council, Borough of Madison, NJ, 2004-2009
- Board of Directors, 1997-2003; and Endowment Committee, 2003-2006, Madison Area YMCA, Madison, NJ
- Board of Directors, Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, Madison, NJ, 1994-2007
- Board of Directors, 1996-2002, and Chair, 2000-2002, Clergy Partnership on Domestic Violence, Madison, NJ,
- Advisory Council, NJ All Stars, Newark, NJ, 2004-2009
- Gift Planning Advisory Council of the Greater New York Chapter of the American Red Cross, New York, NY 2009-2010

## Publications

- Co-author, "Planning Risks of Transferring a Residence: A Critical Look at the Qualified Personal Residence Trust," *New Jersey Law Journal*, July 2007
- "Protecting Assets of Elder Clients with Living Trusts," *New Jersey Business*, November 2004

## Presentations

- John is a frequent lecturer on a variety of estate, income and succession planning topics.

## Education:

- Boston College, AB, *cum laude*, 1977
- The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, JD, 1980
- New York University School of Law, LL.M. (Taxation), 1989