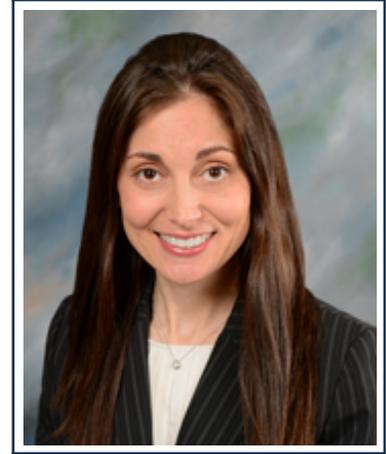


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Lauren I. Mechaly focuses her practice on elder law, special needs planning, estate planning, and estate administration.

As an elder law practitioner, she assists seniors with a variety of legal issues, including estate planning and long-term care planning. This also includes establishing and maintaining eligibility for means-tested government benefits, assisting in nursing home admissions and obtaining homecare services for the elderly.

As a special needs practitioner, Ms. Mechaly assists individuals with special needs and their families in promoting the best quality of life for disabled individuals. She assists in establishing and maintaining eligibility for government benefits, and in obtaining community support and services for individuals with disabilities. She also assists financial institutions and corporate fiduciaries with judicial and administrative accountings, and offers counseling in the administration of special needs trusts.

As an estate planner, Ms. Mechaly deals with issues pertaining to estate and tax planning and asset preservation. She assists clients with the tax efficient transfer of assets during life and after death, crafting customized estate plans to meet the individual needs of her clients. This includes the preparation of estate planning documents such as Wills, Trusts and Advance Directives.

Ms. Mechaly has authored and/or co-authored articles relating to various matters in her practice areas.

Prior to joining Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, Ms. Mechaly was an associate in the Private Clients, Trusts & Estates group of a large firm in New York City.

PRACTICE AREAS

- ~ Elder and Special Needs Law
- ~ Estate, Gift & Charitable Planning

INDUSTRY FOCUS

- ~ Individuals, seniors, people with special needs and their families and financial institutions.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Focusing on her New York and New Jersey practice in special needs planning and advocacy; planning for incapacity; guardianships and conservatorships; Medicaid planning, applications and appeals; representation of financial institutions, executors, trustees, guardians, and individuals; and will and trust reformations.

EDUCATION

- ~ Boston University College of Arts and Sciences (B.A. 2004)
- ~ Albany Law School (J.D. 2009)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- ~ New Jersey (2009)
- ~ New York (2010)
- ~ United States District Court, Southern District of New York (2012)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- ~ Repeatedly selected to the New York Rising Stars list, featured in *New York Metro* - Super Lawyers
- ~ Repeatedly selected to the New Jersey Rising Stars® * list, featured in *New Jersey Monthly* magazine, in the field of Elder Law

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- ~ "Analyzing the Unique Duties and Obligations of Special Needs Trustees," (co-author) *New York Law Journal* (Sept 16, 2013)
- ~ "Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together: Special Needs Planning for the Young Adult," *Elder and Special Needs Law Journal*, New York State Bar Association, Vol. 23, No 2 (Spring 2013)
- ~ "Special Education Advocacy in New York City," *Government Law and Policy Journal*, New York State Bar Association, Vol. 14, No 2. (Winter 2012)
- ~ "Disciplinary Issues Facing Students with Special Needs," *Elder and Special Needs Law Journal*, New York State Bar Association, Vol. 22, No. 3 (Summer 2012)
- ~ "Seeking Reimbursement for Private School Tuition," *Elder and Special Needs Law Journal*, New York State Bar Association, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Winter 2012)
- ~ "I'm Turning Thirty: Now What?" *Electronically in Touch*, Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association (February 2012)
- ~ "Use of Irrevocable Income Only Trusts in Elder Law Planning: Yes, You Can Have Your Cake and Eat It Too," (contributor) 46th Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning (2012)
- ~ *Elder Law, Special Needs Planning and Will Drafting*, (contributor) New York State Bar Association (2011-2112)
- ~ *Elder Law and Will Drafting*, (contributor) New York State Bar Association (2010-2011)
- ~ "Family Health Care Decisions Act and Article 17A: Decision Making for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation," *Elder Law Attorney*, New York State Bar Association, Vol. 20, No. 4 (Fall 2010)

PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- ~ Vice Chair, Special Needs Planning Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section of NYSBA, 2018-2019
- ~ New York State Bar Association
 - Elder Law Section
 - Elder Law and Special Needs Law Journal Editorial Board

- Trusts and Estates Section
- Young Lawyers Section

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