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Regina M. Spielberg co-chairs the Elder and Special Needs Law Practice Group. Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the ABA Accredited National Elder Law Foundation (www.nelf.org), Ms. Spielberg assists seniors, people with disabilities, and their families in connection with a variety of legal issues including elder care, special needs planning and planning for incapacity, with an emphasis on promoting the best quality of life for the individuals. She was also invited to join the Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP) of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), a group of highly experienced elder law and special needs planning attorneys.

As an estate planner, she assists clients with the orderly and tax efficient transfer of assets during life and after death, including preparing estate planning documents. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Council (www.actec.org) and past chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA)'s Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section. In addition, she is past president and current member of the Greater New Jersey Estate Planning Council and a member of the Estate Planning Council of Bergen County.

Ms. Spielberg is a regular lecturer on elder and disability law and trust and estate law for both professional and client organizations. She has authored and/or co-authored many articles on these subjects, including "The Revival of the Income-Only Trust in Medicaid Planning" for *Estate Planning*; "Tax Implications of Caregiver Agreements," published by Thomson Reuters' Elder Law Advisory; and for *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*, the following: "Matrimonial Settlements—A Public Benefits Conundrum," "Trusts for the Benefit of Disabled Persons: Understanding the Differences Between Special Needs Trusts and Supplemental Benefits Trusts," "Special Needs Settlement Planning: Preserving Public Benefits and Enhancing the Injured Party's Quality of Life," and "The Powerful Power of Attorney."

PRACTICE AREAS

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

INDUSTRY FOCUS

Individuals and financial institutions

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Estate and trust planning; elder law planning; special needs planning; governmental benefits and



Medicaid planning; planning for incapacity; elder care; guardianships; representation of executors and trustees; probate and estate administration; trust administration

EDUCATION

- ~ Montclair State University (B.S., Business Administration; 1977)
- ~ Long Island University (M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration), Finance; 1988)
- ~ Rutgers School of Law (J.D.; 1995)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- ~ New Jersey (1995)
- ~ New York (1995)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- ~ Elected as Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Council (ACTEC)
- ~ Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the ABA Accredited National Elder Law Foundation
- ~ Invited to join the Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP) of National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), a group of experienced elder law and special needs planning attorneys
- ~ Recognized by *NJBIZ* as one of New Jersey's top Elder Law Attorneys
- ~ Recognized repeatedly by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of New Jersey's "Super Lawyers" * in Elder Law
- ~ AV® rated, the highest rating conferred by Martindale-Hubbell® for legal ability and professional ethics, based upon a peer review of the Bar and the Judiciary

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- ~ Author, "Tax Implications of Caregiver Agreements," published by Thomson Reuters' Elder Law Advisory
- ~ Co-Author, "The Revival of the Income-Only Trust in Medicaid Planning" *Estate Planning*, Vol. 36
- ~ Co-Author, "Matrimonial Settlements—A Public Benefits Conundrum," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*
- ~ Author, "Trusts for the Benefit of Disabled Persons: Understanding the Differences between Special Needs Trusts and Supplemental Benefits Trusts," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*
- ~ Co-Author, "Special Needs Settlement Planning: Preserving Public Benefits and Enhancing the Injured Party's Quality of Life," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*
- ~ Author, "The Powerful Power of Attorney," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*
- ~ Author, "A Matter of Trust: Protecting the Disabled," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*
- ~ Co-Author, "Personal Injury Recoveries: Special Needs Trusts and Government Benefits Planning," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*

PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- ~ Member, NJSBA
- ~ Past Chair, NJSBA, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- ~ Member, NJSBA, Elder Law Section



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- ~ Past President and Current Member, Greater New Jersey Estate Planning Council
 - ~ Member, Estate Planning Council of Bergen County
 - ~ Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)

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