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Overview

A Trusted Leader in Elder Law and Estate Matters Across New Jersey

With decades of experience and a reputation for excellence, Richard Miller is a “Certified Elder Law Attorney” by the National Elder Law Foundation, an organization accredited by the American Bar Association, an honor held by only a select group of attorneys nationwide. Renowned for his compassionate counsel and strategic advocacy, Richard is a go-to resource for complex elder law, guardianship, and estate issues, serving clients and the courts alike with distinction.

Richard concentrates his practice in Elder Law, Guardianships, Planning for Individuals with Special Needs, Estate Planning, Asset Protection, Estate Administration and Probate Litigation. He provides fiduciary services and serves as Executor and Administrator in complex estate matters. Richard serves as guardian for disabled individuals, Trustee for Supplemental Needs Trusts, and as a Mediator for probate litigation matters.

Richard was the recipient of the New Jersey Judiciary's 2020 Pro Bono Attorney Recognition Event which recognizes outstanding members of the New Jersey Bar who provide pro bono services which improve the lives of state residents and support the administration on Justice.

Richard is Past-President and a Trustee of the Passaic County Bar Association, and a Court-Approved Mediator. Richard is a frequent lecturer on elder law, government benefit planning and guardianships before professional, community and financial groups.

He has been selected to the New Jersey Super Lawyer list from 2010-2026 and the Best Lawyers in America® list since 2024.* Richard was also the recipient of the 2011 Professional Lawyer of the Year by the Passaic County Bar Association and the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law, and the 2015 Distinguished practitioner of the Year for Chancery/Probate by the Passaic County Bar Association.

**See [Award Information and Methodology](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*

Professional Affiliations

- Passaic County Bar Association, Chair, Elder Law Section
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member, Elder Law Section, Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Academy of Special Needs Planners
- Colorado State Bar Association, Member, Elder Law Section and Trusts and Estates Section

Awards

New Jersey Super Lawyer list, 2010-2026*

Best Lawyers in America list since 2024*

Professional Lawyer of the Year, 2011

Distinguished practitioner of the Year for Chancery/Probate, 2015

Publications

["Special Needs Trusts: One Size Does NOT Fit All"](#) *Exceptional Parent*, September 2025.

["Selection Process"](#) *Super Lawyers*, 2024.

["Peer Reviewed. Through and Through"](#) *Best Lawyers*, 2024.

["4 Things Advisors Must Know About Beneficiary Designations"](#) *Think Advisors*, March 13, 2024.

["Reality Check: New Jersey Attorney Found His Fascination in Elder Law"](#) *Primerus*, January 9, 2024.

["How Insurers Can Mitigate Their Exposure When It Comes to Beneficiary Designations"](#) *Life Insurance News*, December 19, 2023.

["No small matter: Business owners can face unique planning challenges, elder law expert says."](#) *ROI-NJ*, January 11, 2023.

["Complicated situations: Elder law attorney says COVID is compounding rise in blended families to spur litigation over estates."](#) *ROI-NJ*, January 26, 2022.

["Can I avoid the inheritance tax for nieces and nephews?"](#) *NJ.com*, December 20, 2019

["Aging generation is first to face widespread divorce, remarriage...and may not realize financial consequences"](#) *ROI-NJ*, February 1, 2019

["Decision Alert: Arla Cahill & Richard Miller, Esqs."](#) *NJ Courts*, December 11, 2018

["Lowering an estate's value before death | Biz Brain"](#) *NJ.com*, June 23, 2017

["Richard I. Miller Authored Article for CPNJ Winter 2017 Newsletter"](#) Winter 2017

Areas of Practice

- [Special Needs \(Co-Chair\)](#)
- [Elder Law \(Chair\)](#)
- [Healthcare](#)
- [Trusts and Estates](#)

Admission

- State of New Jersey, 1992
- State of New York, 1993
- State of Colorado, 2017

Education

- Rutgers Law School, J.D., 1992
- Rutgers College, B.A., 1989

Podcasts

Grow Your Business and Grow Your Wealth Podcast: [“Certified Elder Law Insights: Asset Protection & Planning”](#), January 2025.

Big State Sports Sponsor Spotlight, December 2024.

Speaking Engagements

NJICLE: *“Guardianships in 2026: The Basics and Beyond,”* July 14, 2026.

Mandelbaum Barrett PC’s 3rd Annual Elder Law Day, May 19, 2026.

BARBRI CLE Webinar on Beneficiary Designations in Estate Planning, November 10, 2025.

Strafford: *“Special Needs Trusts for Persons with Disabilities to Protect Government Benefits and the Individual,”* July 30, 2025.

NJICLE: *“Guardianships in 2025: The Basics and Beyond,”* July 8, 2025.

Mandelbaum Barrett PC’s 2nd Annual Elder Law Day – Planning for Families with Special Needs Children, May 7, 2025.

Lester Senior Living Panel Discussion: *“The Evolving Landscape of Senior Living,”* March 25, 2025.

NJICLE: *“Guardians Ad Litem – How They Work and How to Get Appointed,”* September 23, 2024.

Mandelbaum Barrett PC’s 1st Annual Elder Law Day, March 22, 2024.

NJICLE: *“Guardians Ad Litem – How They Work and How to Get Appointed,”* September 20, 2023.

NJICLE: *“Guardianships in 2023: The Basics and Beyond,”* June 30, 2023.

Hot Topics in Elder Law Speaker Series: *“Legacies Instead of Litigation – Tips to Stay Out of Court for the Aging Population,”* April 18, 2023.

Hot Topics in Elder Law Speaker Series: *"Myths and Misconceptions in Estate and Medicaid Planning,"* March 8, 2023.

Proviser's *"Financial Planning for Families with Special Needs"* live webinar: February 23, 2023.

NJSBA Fall Conference: *"In re Britney Spears: Guardianship Lessons from this Famous Case,"* November 21, 2022.

NJICLE: *"Guardians Ad Litem – How They Work and How to Get Appointed,"* September 29, 2022.

Passaic County Bar Association: *"Leaving Legacies Instead of Litigation: Tips to Stay Out of Court for the Aging Population,"* February 23, 2022.