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Overview

Shawna A. Brown is Counsel in the Firm's Elder Law, Trusts & Estates and Special Needs Practice Groups. She focuses her practice on estate and trust litigation, including contested and uncontested probate, trust and accounting proceedings. Shawna is frequently appointed to serve as court-appointed attorney or temporary guardian for alleged incapacitated persons in guardianship proceedings. She also assists clients with estate planning and estate administration matters.

Prior to joining Mandelbaum Barrett PC, Shawna practiced for 10 years at a New York City law firm where she counseled the Public Administrator of New York County in connection with estate administration. This experience provides a vital benefit as she can advise clients and other colleagues regarding the differences between New York and New Jersey estate law and interplay between estates requiring administration in both states.

Shawna enjoys educating the community about estate and guardianship issues. She has lectured to various community organizations as well as to attorneys through New Jersey's Institute for Continuing Legal Education. She also writes articles on various key Elder Law topics.

Publications

["Guardians Ad Litem- How They Work & How to Get Appointed"](#) *NJICLE*, September 20, 2023

["CLE Programs"](#) *NJICLE*, 2024

["I own a home with Mom. Can she qualify for the Senior Freeze?"](#) *NJ.com*, March 27, 2019

["He owes child support. He gets an inheritance. What happens next?"](#) *NJ.com*, October 1, 2018

Areas of Practice

- [Elder Law](#)

- [Trusts and Estates](#)
- [Special Needs](#)

Admission

- New Jersey, 2008
- New York, 2009

Education

- New York Law School, J.D., 2008
- Rutgers College, New Brunswick, B.A., 2005

Speaking Engagements

NJICLE Webinar: *"2022 Estate Planning for Non-Married Couples,"* February 16, 2022.

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

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

NJSBA CLE webinar: *"New York vs. New Jersey: Trust and Estate Planning, Administration, and Litigation on Both Sides of the Hudson,"* January 12, 2023.

NJICLE webinar: *"2023 Estate Planning for Non-Married Couples,"* February 22, 2023.

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