



Sally M. Donahue

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Sally M. Donahue has nearly three decades of experience in trusts and estates litigation, estate planning and administration and guardianships. Sally has tried multiple cases to a successful conclusion and has effectively handled many appeals. She is a strong and effective litigator who is also a caring and compassionate counselor.

Prior to joining Jaspan Schlesinger LLP, Sally was a court attorney-referee for the Nassau County Surrogate's Court. In this role, she presided over nonjury hearings, rendered rulings at depositions, conferenced cases, mediated cases to settlement, assisted the Surrogate at trial, and prepared decisions and orders, stipulations, trial memoranda and jury instructions. Her court system experience has made her particularly adept at resolving matters without the need for litigation, and she utilizes these skills as a member of the firm's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Practice Group.

Prior to becoming a court attorney-referee, Sally was in private practice and focused on trusts and estates law, guardianships and commercial litigation at two prestigious law firms on Long Island.

Sally has lectured at, moderated, and co-chaired many continuing education programs for the New York State Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association, including training programs for attorneys to qualify in New York state as guardians ad litem and court evaluators.

She was a co-chair of the 2014 New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates section annual meeting entitled, "Til' Death Do us Part: Updates on Marriage, Domestic Relationships and Estate Law."

Education

Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
Adelphi University

Recent Experience

Successfully represented Article 81 guardian in two-week long jury trial before Supreme Court, resulting in trust executed by incapacitated person being declared invalid on grounds of lack of capacity and undue influence.

Admissions

New York
Connecticut
U.S.D.C., Eastern District of New York
U.S.D.C., Southern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fed. Cir.

Affiliations & Appointments

Nassau County Bar Association, Surrogate's Court Estates and Trusts Committee, Member, Former Co-Chair
Nassau County Bar Association, Nominating Committee, Member
Nassau County Bar Association, Sponsorship Committee, Member
Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Alumni Executive Board, Member
Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Dean's Advisory Board, Member
Adelphi University's Lawyers' Assistant Program, Legal Ethics, Former Teacher

Speaking Engagements

Evening with the Surrogates, Nassau County Bar Association, Moderator

Evening with the Chief Clerks, Nassau County Bar Association, Moderator

Private Wealth & Taxation Institute, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, 2017, Panelist