



Gina M. Barry, Shareholder

"I focus my practice on helping people plan for the future. Even young people should start thinking about how they will support themselves in their retirement years, and everybody needs a basic estate plan, including a will, health care proxy and power of attorney. I am down to earth, and I pride myself on making difficult and complex issues easy to understand for my clients. I have a broad client base including a mix of ages, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations."

Areas of Practice:

Estate Planning & Elder Law, Pet Estate Planning, Residential Real Estate

Education:

Western New England College, J.D., cum laude, 1999
Westfield State College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1996
Holyoke Community College, A.A., High Honors, 1994

Bar & Court Admissions:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Of Connecticut
District Court of Massachusetts

Professional & Community Activities Include:

The Joy of Jasper Horse Sanctuary, President
Women Business Owners Alliance, Vice President
Western Massachusetts Elder Care Professionals, Member of Steering Committee

Awards, Achievements & Appointments Include:

Recipient: *BusinessWest* 40 Under Forty distinction, 2009
Recipient: Woman of Distinction award, Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA, 2008
Recipient: Massachusetts & New England SuperLawyers Rising Star award, *Boston Magazine*, 2006 - 2008
Recipient: Woman of the Year award, Women Business Owners Alliance, 2005
Recipient: Up and Coming Lawyer 2004 distinction, *MA Lawyers Weekly*, 2004

Publications & Lectures Include:

Contributor: *Estate Planning Bits* blog
Author: Keeping the Court Out of Your Personal Decisions, *Prime*, June 2009
Lecturer: Planning for Special Needs, June 2009
Lecturer: Demystifying the Emerging Treatment & Law of Eldercare, June 2009
Author: Is an IDIOT Trust Ever a Smart Choice?, *Prime*, May 2009
Author: Where There's a Will, There's an Heir, *Prime*, April 2009
Author: Your Place or Mine? – Providing Care for Aging Parents, *Prime*, March 2009
Author: Recognizing Elder Abuse - Grandma's Broken Glasses, and Other Subtle Signs of Trouble, *BusinessWest*, March 2, 2009
Author: The Pitfalls of Estate Planning - Sweeping the Minefield of Long-distance Caregiving, *Healthcare News*, January 2009

