



Todd C. Ratner

"A successful law practice is best built on an understanding of the practical aspects of the transactions themselves, not just the laws governing them. My business education and corporate consulting background enhance my ability to appreciate and comprehend the complex legal issues that face local and public companies. In addition, being born and raised in the greater Springfield area, I fully appreciate the challenges faced by area residents and businesses. Ultimately, I consider each single transaction to be an event in a long-lasting relationship rather than a closed-ended occurrence. I keep that perspective with all my professional relationships."

Areas of Practice:

Estate Planning & Elder, Business & Corporate, Real Estate & Zoning

Education:

The Pennsylvania State University School of Law, J.D.
University of Connecticut School of Law, Visiting Student
Boston University Graduate School of Management, MBA
Babson College, BS

Bar & Court Admission:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
State of Connecticut

Professional & Community Activities Include:

Member: Leadership Committee, Alzheimer's Association, Western MA Region
Instructor: American International College, Elder Law
Committee Member: Annual Max Classic Golf Tournament to benefit the Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital
Committee Member: Omar T. Pace, M.D. Recognition Gala to benefit the American Cancer Society

Awards, Achievements & Appointments Include:

Recipient: SuperLawyers Rising Star Award, *Boston Magazine*, 2007 & 2008
Graduate: Leadership Institute, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield

Publications & Lectures Include:

Author: "Will in a Box - The Dangers of Estate Planning Software Programs," *BusinessWest*, December 8, 2008,
Healthcare News, August 2008
Author: "Batter-up: Stepping up to the Plate - Estate Planning for Men," *Prime*, June 2008
Author: "Who Will Care for Your Minor Children if You Can't?," *Hampden Hippocrat*, April 2008
Author: "Your Plan Your Way - Peace of mind through retirement and beyond," *Prime*, April 2008
Author: "Some Things to Chew On - Estate Planning Considerations for the Baby Boomer/Sandwich Generation" *BusinessWest*,
February 4, 2008
Author: "Cautionary Contemporary Estate Planning Tales - Learning Our Lessons from the Rich and Famously Departed"
BusinessWest, April 2, 2007

