



## Todd C. Ratner, Shareholder

"A successful law practice is best built on an understanding of the practical aspects of the documents themselves, not just the laws governing them. My business education and professional experience enhances my ability to appreciate and comprehend the complex legal issues that face local and individuals and 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 Law, Business & Corporate

### 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:

Chairperson: Alzheimer's Association Tri-County Partnership  
Member: Massachusetts/New Hampshire Alzheimer's Association Leadership Council  
Board President: Longmeadow Montessori Internationale  
Member: Board of Directors, Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts  
Chair: Planned Giving and Board Member, Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation

### Awards, Achievements & Appointments Include:

Recipient: Excellence in the Law, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 2014  
Recipient: SuperLawyers Rising Star Award, *Boston Magazine*, 2007 - 2013  
Graduate: Leadership Institute, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield

### Publications & Lectures Include:

- Things Not to Include in a Will – Documents Have Limitations, and Some Language Is Not Suitable, *Healthcare News*, June 2014
- Estate Planning in the Digital Age, *Healthcare News*, March 2014
- Video: How to pay for long term care
- Eliminating Guesswork – Effective Legal Planning for People with Alzheimer's Disease, *Healthcare News*, November, 2014
- Assisted Living or In-home Care? This Can Often Be a Difficult Decision for Your Loved One, *Healthcare News*, June, 2013
- Video: Guardianship of Minor Children: Your Very Important Decision
- The Legal End of Alzheimer's A Diagnosis Leads to Special Legal, Financial Issues, *Healthcare News*, November, 2012
- Testamentary Capacity The Concept of Sound Mind Is Not a Black-and-White Matter, *Healthcare News*, March, 2012
- Video: Deed with Life Estate



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