



## 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, 2009-2015  
Adjunct Faculty: American International College, 2008-2009  
Member: National Association of Elder Law Attorneys  
Member: Estate Planning Council of Hampden County  
President: Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation  
President: Longmeadow Montessori Internationale, 2011-2013  
Board Member: Jewish Family Services, Inc.  
Instructor: Realtor Association of the Pioneer Valley, 2009-2014  
Instructor: HAP Housing

### 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:

- Who Has Access? Digital Assets & Estate Planning, *Prime Magazine*, September 2014
- Things Not to Include in a Will – Documents Have Limitations, and Some Language Is Not Suitable, *Healthcare News*, June 2014
- 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, *BusinessWest*, June, 2013
- 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, *BusinessWest*, March, 2012
- Video: Deed with Life Estate
- Video: How to Pay for Long-Term Care
- Video: Guardianship of Minor Children – Your Very Important Decision

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