



Valerie Vignaux, Associate

"In addition to practicing law, my professional life has included work for non-profits such as the International Institute of Boston and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. As an attorney, my focus is on a different type of service - estate planning and elder law - which allows me to serve my community here in Western Massachusetts. I sympathize deeply with my clients, many of whom may be in the midst of family crises, and I feel fortunate that I can use my professional knowledge to help them make informed choices to protect themselves and their loved ones."

Areas of Practice:

Estate Planning & Elder Law

Valerie is an associate attorney and a member of the firm's estate planning & elder law team. She assists clients with all manner of estate planning and provides representation for guardianship and conservatorship matters. Valerie also spent a year serving as Superior Court Clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Trial Court.

Education:

Boston College Law School, J.D., 2003

Hamilton College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1996

Bar & Court Admission:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Professional & Community Activities Include:

Member, Board of Directors, Highland Valley Elder Services, 2017-Present

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Hampden County Bar Association

Hampshire County Bar Association

Estate Planning Council of Hampden County

Pioneer Valley Estate Planning Council

Northampton Conservation Commission, 2009-2011

Awards, Achievements & Appointments Include:

Recipient, Partner in Care Award, Linda Manor, 2017

Publications & Lectures Include:

- "Estate Planning & Overcoming Challenges of Blended Families" Linda Manor, February 27, 2018
- "Your Estate Plan" Amherst Senior Center, June 28, 2016
- "The Legalities of Life's End" Jones Library, Amherst, March 24, 2016
- "Guardianship Basics" Multicultural Community Center, Holyoke, October 7, 2015
- Healthcare Proxy vs. MOLST—Do I Need Both Documents to Ensure My Wishes Are Carried Out?, *BusinessWest*, October 2015
- Marijuana Use in Elder Facilities—Individuals are Caught Between a State and a Federal Place, *Healthcare News*, June 2015
- "Understanding Guardianships and Conservatorships" Jericho, Holyoke, May 15, 2015
- Progress Comes Marginally—Paternity Leave Becomes Law in Bay State; Hold the Applause, *Healthcare News*, May 2015

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