



## 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 School of Law, 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  
U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

### Professional & Community Activities Include:

President and Founder, The Joy of Jasper Horse Sanctuary  
Chair, Program Committee, NAELA (National Association of Elder Law Attorneys), 2018-Present  
President, Estate Planning Council, 2013-2014  
Member, Western Massachusetts Elder Care Professionals Steering Committee

### Awards, Achievements & Appointments Include:

"Lawyer of the Year" for Springfield Elder Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2019  
Designated as 2015's Woman of Influence by Women Business Owners Alliance  
Distinguished Alumni for 2015, Holyoke Community College  
Recipient, First Annual Visionary Achievement Award from *Western Mass Women's Magazine*, 2014  
Recipient, SuperLawyers Massachusetts and New England Award, 2013-2018  
Recipient, SuperLawyers Massachusetts and New England Rising Star Award, 2006-2008, 2010-2012  
Designated as one of the Top Five Business Women in Western Mass, *Western Mass Women's Magazine*, 2010  
Recipient, 40 Under Forty award, *BusinessWest*, 2009

### Publications & Lectures Include:

- Keeping the court out of your decisions, *Prime*, June 1, 2019
- Creating an estate plan for a beloved pet, *Prime*, May 1, 2019
- Women—plan for financial independence, *Prime*, April 1, 2019
- Ethical wills—bequeathing life's lessons, *Prime*, March 1, 2019
- The reverse mortgage—is it for you?, *Prime*, February 1, 2019
- Resolve to review your estate plan, *Prime*, January 1, 2019

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