

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."



Professional & Community Activities

- Member, Board of Directors, Highland Valley Elder Services, 2017-2019
- 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

- Recipient, Partner in Care Award, Linda Manor, 2017

Publications

- "To Probate, Or Not to Probate," *BusinessWest*, May 26, 2020
- "Great Expectations Management: Estate Planning for Blended Families," Daily Hampshire Gazette, Special Section, 2019 Financial Planning and Tax Guide, January 2019
- "Post-Election Planning," Daily Hampshire Gazette Financial Planning and Tax Guide, January 2017
- "Estate Planning & Overcoming Challenges of Blended Families" Linda Manor, February 27, 2017
- "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

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Practice Areas

Estate Planning & Elder Law
Special Needs Planning
Estate/Probate Administration

Bar & Court Admission

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Education

- Boston College Law School, J.D., 2003
- Hamilton College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1996

