

## 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."

Gina is a partner and a member of the estate planning and elder law department, whose practice includes sophisticated estate planning issues. Gina also has extensive experience in matters of guardianship, conservatorship, long-term care planning, estate/probate administration, and residential real estate.

#### Professional & Community Activities

- President and Founder, The Joy of Jasper Horse Sanctuary
- Director, 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

- "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, 2013-2019
- 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

- "The family business: Ensuring a smooth transition when it's time," *Prime*, February 2021
- "Reviewing your estate plan: It's a New Year's resolution that's easy to keep," *Prime*, January 2021
- "Dispelling Estate-planning Myths," *Healthcare News*, Senior Planning Guide, August, 2020
- Feature Subject, "Springfield lawyer providers haven for horses in need of TLC," *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, May 7, 2020



#### Contact

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#### Practice Areas

Estate Planning & Elder Law  
Estate/Probate Administration  
Pet Estate Planning  
Residential Real Estate

#### Bar & Court Admission

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

#### 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

