

Hyman G. Darling Shareholder

"I get tremendous satisfaction from knowing that my clients are well-advised before making important decisions. While consistently accomplishing client objectives, assisting with tax savings, preserving assets for the next generation, and maintaining family harmony, I meet my clients' goals. I strive for each client's satisfaction and comfort with his or her plan."

Hyman, chair of the estate planning and elder law department, is recognized as the area's preeminent estate planner. He has extensive experience with all aspects of estate planning, trusts, tax law, probate and estates, guardianships, special needs trusts and planning, elder law, and long-term care planning. Additional specialties include adoption and real estate.

Professional & Community Activities

- President, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, 2017-Present; Vice President 2015-2016; Treasurer 2013-2014
- Instructor, Bay Path College, Estate Planning, Estate Administration, and Probate
- Reader, Mass Mutual Children Center Kindergarten/Pre K class, 2004-Present
- Adjunct Professor, Western New England University School of Law, LLM Program

Awards, Achievements & Appointments

- Recipient, Best Lawyer in Republican/MassLive ReaderRaves poll, 2014-2020
- Recipient, SuperLawyers Massachusetts and New England Award, *Boston Magazine*, 2005-2020
- Quoted, *When Heirs Collide*, *Wall Street Journal*, September 2014
- Quoted, *Estate Planning: Put a Plan in Place to Ensure Pets' Care*, *Kiplinger's Retirement Report*, June 2013
- Quoted, *Market Watch*, 10 Things Estate Sales Won't Tell You, *Wall Street Journal*, June 2013
- Quoted, *Childless and Aging? Time to Designate a Caregiver*, *New York Times*, September 11, 2012
- Guest, *When Disaster Strikes—Couples Divorcing to Pay Medical Bills*, *TodayShow*, March 13, 2010

Publications & Lectures

- Presenter, "Advocacy for Client in Nursing Homes," Massachusetts Association of Social Workers, June 2021
- "Alternatives to Guardianship", *Estate Planning for the Ageing or Incapacitated Client in Massachusetts*, MCLE, 5th Edition, 2021
- "Estate, Gift, an Income Tax Planning for the Advanced Planning Program," NAELA, 2021
- Webinar Presenter, "Estate Planning in Uncertain Times" Boston University Alumni Association, May 27, 2020
- "IRA Contributions," National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, December 2019
- "Elder Law: My Life, My Choice," *Western New England Law Review*, 2019



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Practice Areas

Estate Planning and Elder Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Bar & Court Admission

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

Education

- Western New England University School of Law, J.D., 1977
- Boston University, A.B., 1972