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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Hyman G. Darling

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"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, a member of the estate planning and elder law department, is recognized as one of 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.

Practice Areas

- Estate Planning and Elder Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Locations

- Springfield

Education

Western New England University School of Law
Springfield, Massachusetts
J.D. - 1977

Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts
A.B. - 1972

Bar Admission

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

Classes and Seminars

- Presenter, River Mills Senior Center Elder Law Conference, May 2025
- Speaker, “Mastering Trusts: From Alphabet Soup to Strategic Planning,” MassNAELA Elder Law Institute, May 2025
- Presenter, “Taxes for Special Needs Trusts: From Basic Care to Expert Precision,” Kansas City Special Needs Planning Conference, May 2025
- Keynote Speaker, “Top Ten Tax Tips for Elders,” “Pre and Post-Mortem Tax and Estate Planning Options and Techniques,” Virginia Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, February 2025
- Speaker, Graceful and Intentional Transitioning Seminar, June 2024
- Presenter, “Pre-Mortem Estate Planning,” “Post-Mortem Estate Planning,” National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), May 2024

- Webinar Presenter, “Fiduciary Litigation Session Year-In-Review and Family Law Session Year-In-Review,” Social Law Library, January 2024
- Speaker, “Probate Accounts and Proper Preparation of Accounts,” Massachusetts Bar Association Annual Probate Program, November 2023
- Presenter, Individual and Fiduciary Income Tax Returns, Stetson University Special Needs Conference, October 2023
- Guest on Mass Appeal, “The Legal Aspects of Aging,” August 2023
- Presenter, “Top Ten Tax Tips,” “Taxation of Special Needs Trusts,” Elder Law Institute Conference at the Ohio Bar Association, March 2023
- 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, 2022
- 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

Pro-Bono Activities

- Reader, MassMutual Children Center Kindergarten/Pre K class, 2004-Present

Professional Associations

- President, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, 2017-Present; Vice President 2015-2016; Board Member 2007-2017
- Instructor, Bay Path College, Estate Planning, Estate Administration and Probate, 1999¬2019
- Adjunct Professor, Western New England University School of Law, LLM Program,

Honors

- Recipient, Best Lawyer in Republican/MassLive ReaderRaves poll, 2014-2020
- Recipient, SuperLawyers Massachusetts and New England Award, Boston Magazine, 2005-2021
- 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
- Chapter Auto — MCLE — Estate Planning for the Incapacitated Client, 2021
- Recipient, Outstanding Chapter Member of the Year, MassNAELA, December 2024
- Recognized for contributions in “Elder and Disability Law in Massachusetts,” earned top honors from ACLEA, 2025

Published Works

- Good News for Massachusetts Estates, November 2024
- Writing your will: When is the best time?, August 2024
- Medicaid Myths, December 2023
- 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
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