

Todd C. Ratner

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"A successful law practice is best built on an understanding of the practical aspects of the documents themselves, not just the laws governing them. My business education and professional experience enhances my ability to appreciate and comprehend the complex legal issues that face local individuals and companies. In addition, being born and raised in the greater Springfield area, I fully appreciate the challenges faced by area residents and businesses. Ultimately, I consider each single transaction to be an event in a long-lasting relationship, rather than a closed ended occurrence. I keep that perspective with all my professional relationships."

Todd is a shareholder and member of the firm's Estate Planning & Elder, Real Estate and Business & Corporate departments. He handles all aspects of estate planning, all types of commercial and residential closings for buyers, sellers and lenders, as well as general business matters. Prior to joining Bacon Wilson, P.C., Todd spent six years holding senior business and managerial consulting positions in a fortune 100 company.

Practice Areas

- Estate Planning and Elder Law
- Long-Term Care Planning
- Estate Administration and Probate
- Real Estate and Zoning

Locations

- Springfield

Education

Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University

Carlisle, Pennsylvania
J.D.

University of Connecticut School of Law

Hartford, Connecticut
Visiting Student

Boston University Graduate School of Management

M.B.A.

Babson College

B.S.

Bar Admission

- Massachusetts
 - Connecticut
 - U.S. District Court District of Massachusetts
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Classes and Seminars

- Seminar: Living With ALS April 21, 2013
 - Seminar: Plan Today Preserve Tomorrow September 27, 2012
 - Seminar: Alzheimer's Disease Legal and Financial Issues & Answers July 31, 2012
 - Seminar: Estate Planning Basics July 19, 2012
 - Seminar: Alzheimer's Disease: Legal and Financial Planning June 4, 2012
 - Seminar: Alzheimer's Disease: Make Your Home Dementia Safe and Supportive May 21, 2012
 - Seminar: First Time Homebuyers' Workshop May 16, 2012
 - Seminar: Alzheimer's Disease: Understanding the Behavior - A New Skill May 14, 2012
 - Seminar: Alzheimer's Disease: Enhancing Communication Skills May 7, 2012
 - Seminar: Alzheimer's Disease Legal and Financial Issues & Answers March 13, 2012
 - Seminar: What You Need to Know About Alzheimer's Disease July 13, 2011
 - Seminar: Estate Planning Basics June 21, 2011
 - Seminar: 3 Things to Avoid May 25, 2011
 - Seminar: First Time Homebuyers' Workshop May 16, 2011
 - Seminar: First Time Homebuyers' Workshop May 7, 2011
 - Seminar: New Estate Tax Laws Impact on Alzheimer's Disease Legal and Financial Issues April 13, 2011
 - Seminar: Caregivers February 9, 2011
 - Seminar: Demystifying Basic Estate Planning January 27, 2011
 - Seminar: Basics of Developing an Estate Plan January 25, 2011
 - Seminar: First Time Homebuyers' Workshop January 19, 2011
 - Seminar: First Time Homebuyers' Workshop December 15, 2010
 - Seminar: Estate Planning for Families of Multiples November 1, 2010
 - Seminar: Estate Planning for Special Circumstances October 21, 2010
 - Seminar: Estate Planning Basics October 18, 2010
 - Seminar: Special Needs Planning Seminar October 12, 2010
 - Seminar: Basic Estate Planning September 13, 2010
 - Seminar: Trust Basics for the General Practitioner April 13, 2010
 - Seminar: Elder Law Education Program - Taking Control of Your Future: A Legal Checkup March 24, 2010
 - Seminar: Demystifying the Guardianship/Conservatorship Process Under the New Uniform Probate Code March 24, 2010
 - Seminar: Basics of Developing an Estate Plan January 25, 2010
 - Seminar: Elder Law Basics January 13, 2010
 - Seminar: Demystifying the Emerging Treatment & Law of Eldercare December 9, 2009
 - Seminar: Drafting the Simple Will November 10, 2009
 - Seminar: Demystifying the New UPC November 9, 2009
 - Seminar: College Isn't Getting Any Cheaper October 22, 2009
 - Contributor: Estate Planning Bits
 - Lecturer: Legal and Financial Planning workshop, JFS, February 26, 2014
 - Meeting the yearly requirements to remain on the court approved list, July 2008
 - Lecturer: The Real Estate Smorgasbord, Real Estate Section of the Hampden County Bar Association, March 2008
 - Lecturer: ACORN First Time Homebuyer Seminar, January 2008
 - Lecturer: First Time Homebuyers, December 2007
 - Lecturer: Real Estate Section of the Hampden County Bar Association, Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley, October 2007
 - Lecturer: ACORN First Time Homebuyer Seminar, October & June 2007
 - Guest: "On the House" radio program on 560AM, July 2005
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Pro-Bono Activities

- Committee Member/Former Chairperson: Alzheimer's Association Tri-County Partnership
- Member: Massachusetts/New Hampshire Alzheimer's Association Leadership Council
- Member: Board of Directors, Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts
- Chair: Planned Giving and Board Member, Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation
- Former Board President: Longmeadow Montessori Internationale, 2011-2013
- Committee Member: Annual Max Classic Golf Tournament, Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital
- Committee Member, Omar T. Pace, M.D. Recognition Gala, American Cancer Society
- Former President, Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF)

Professional Associations

- Member, National Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- Former President, Estate Planning Council of Hampden County
- Member, National Association of Elder Law Attorneys ("NAELA")
- Volunteer: The Law Consortium of Western Massachusetts, 2008
- Volunteer: Massachusetts Bar Association Dial-A-Lawyer
- Instructor, HAP Housing
- Adjunct Faculty Member, American International College, 2008-2009
- Instructor, Realtor Association of the Pioneer Valley, 2009-2014

Honors

- Recipient, Excellence in the Law, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, 2014
- Recipient, SuperLawyers Rising Star Award, Boston Magazine, 2007-2012, 2014
- Graduate, Leadership Institute, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield

Published Works

- Lecturer, Thrive after 55 Wellness Fair, 2018 and 2019
 - Where There's A Will, There's A Way to Avoid Confusion, Conflicts After Death, Healthcare News, November 1, 2018
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