



Rachelle Nuhfer

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Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law, *Summa Cum Laude*, JD
- St. Bonaventure University, *Summa Cum Laude*, BA

Practices & Industries

- Trusts & Estates
- Corporate

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Florida

Biography

Rachelle primarily concentrates her practice on working with clients in planning and administering trusts and estates matters. She routinely offers guidance on preparing wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, powers of attorney, health care proxies, and beneficiary designations. Rachelle also provides guidance on family limited liability companies and other entities to provide liability protection and a mechanism for the transfer of ownership of certain assets.

Rachelle counsels clients on a variety of estate planning and estate and trust administration matters and outlines strategies to minimize income, estate, and gift taxes and opportunities. She also handles asset protection with the objective of structuring a comprehensive, effective, and flexible plan to meet the clients' needs and objectives. Rachelle also advises clients on other business and corporate matters, including succession planning, tax planning, and forming and structuring business entities.

In addition to her legal practice, Rachelle serves as the firm's co-summer associate partner.

Bar Associations

- Monroe County Bar Association, Former Trusts and Estates Council Member
- New York State Bar Association

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon's Women's Forum

Prior Experience

- Lacy Katzen LLP, Associate
- Appellate Division Fourth Department, Appellate Court Attorney

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Rochester "Lawyer of the Year": Trusts and Estates, 2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, 2024–2025; Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2024–2025; Trusts and Estates, 2021–2025
- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Upstate New York Rising Stars: Estate Planning & Probate, 2016–2024

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Presented on estate planning, estate administration, and business succession planning at continuing-education seminars through the New York State Bar Association, Monroe County Bar Association, and National Business Institute as well as to financial advisors.

Selected Media

- Law360 Pulse, "Barclay Damon Announces New Group, Committee Leaders"
- *Rochester Business Journal*, "Barclay Damon"

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- NYS Legislature Approves Changes to Power of Attorney Law
- COVID-19: Retirement Account Updates
- Minimizing Estate Tax and Maximizing Flexibility With Disclaimer Trusts