

Mindy Menke

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Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law, *Cum Laude*, JD
- State University of New York at Binghamton, BA

Practices & Industries

- Trusts & Estates

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Biography

Mindy primarily concentrates her practice on estate and trust planning, estate administration, elder law, special-needs planning, and asset protection. Her elder law practice includes asset-protection planning, crisis Medicaid planning, and planning to qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits for veterans. She also advises individual and fiduciary clients on federal and state estate- and transfer-tax issues.

Mindy routinely presents estate planning and elder-law workshops to the general public, financial advisors, and accountants, and conducts continuing education programs for CFPs and CPAs.

Bar Associations

- New York State Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Law Section, Committee of the Elderly

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon's Women's Forum

Representative Experience

- Created and implemented a crisis Medicaid plan to preserve 65 percent of a client's assets and to obtain Medicaid coverage.
- Created and implemented an asset-protection plan using an irrevocable Medicaid trust.
- Drafted first- and third-party supplemental-needs trusts to maximize pubic benefits while allowing clients to provide for their disabled child at their deaths.

- Created and implemented an estate plan to minimize estate taxes using irrevocable life-insurance trusts, Delaware dynasty trusts, and gifting shares in a closely held corporation.
- Successfully administered a complicated estate.

Prior Experience

- Damon Morey LLP, Associate
- Harris Beach PLLC, Associate

Selected Honors

- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Upstate New York Rising Stars: Trusts & Estates, 2013-2017

Selected Media

- *Buffalo Business First*, “Medicaid Expansion Helps More New Yorkers Gain Insurance”