



Candace Dellacona

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Candace Dellacona is a principal and shareholder in the firm's Estates and Trusts Practice Group. Candace is considered "a family's lawyer," however you may define family. She works closely with multiple generations of family members to protect what they have throughout every phase of their lives. Candace constructs wills, trusts and medical directives that address each client's unique goals, whether they are starting adult life or experiencing a significant event such as a change in marital status, welcoming a child, diagnosis of illness or death of a loved one.

Candace works with clients to proactively protect financial assets, arrange care, establish medical directives, mitigate the burden of estate taxes and address business succession planning. Candace also navigates families through the probate process, ensuring that an estate is administered efficiently and properly.

Candace focuses her law practice on estate planning, asset protection planning, elder law, estate administration, special needs planning and advocacy, including the areas outlined below.

Sandwich Generation

Adult family members who find themselves providing care and support to an aging loved one and who are either in the midst of raising a child or providing financial support to an adult child. Members of the "sandwich generation" are in between balancing the needs of themselves and the needs of aging relatives and dependent children.

- **Mid-Life Planning:** For the clients in the "in-between" who may require a more sophisticated estate plan than was once needed, Candace skillfully guides her clients through the complex world of trusts, business formation, or even selling a family business.
- **Elder Law Advocacy:** An advocate for the elderly, Candace helps her clients remain independent and comfortable for as long as possible. When loved ones require long-term care, she advises families while protecting their life savings.
- **Young Adults:** Adulthood brings many responsibilities, including the often-overlooked need for a health directive and a financial power of attorney. Candace works with young

Services

- Elder Law and Advocacy
- Estates and Trusts
- Tax Law
- Sports, Entertainment and Media
- LGBTQIA+
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

adults and their families, so medical and financial information can be accessed in case of an emergency.

LGBTQ+ Community

An important part of Candace's practice includes working with members of the LGBTQ+ and polyamorous communities and their families. She creates tailored estate plans while advocating for security and dignity in the treatment of all her clients.

Sports & Entertainment Industry

Athletes and entertainers may experience significant changes in income in a short period of time. Candace works to establish long-term protection of assets and property, allowing clients to enjoy the fruits of their labor while planning responsibly for the future.

Education

- St. John's University (J.D.)
- American University (B.A.)

State Bar Admissions

- New York

Professional Affiliations

- Care Out Loud (One Family Foundation), Advisor
- Friends on the Committee on Veterans with the New York State Bar Association, Member
- Quinn Madeleine Foundation, Board Secretary and Current Member
- Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Board Secretary
- Problems of the Aging of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee Member
- New York City Department of the Aging, Elder Abuse Training Project, Advisory Board Member
- Trusts and Estates and Elder Law Sections of the New York State Bar Association, Member
- New York City Bar Association, Member
- Appian Way, Advisory Team Member

Recognitions

- Certified and Accredited Mediator by Phoenix Dispute Solutions (PDSL)
- JD Supra Reader's Choice Award, No. 1 in Wealth Management, 2026
- Top Lawyers of Long Island Award, The Herald, Trusts and Estates, 2022
- Selected to New York Metro Top Women Attorneys by Super Lawyers® (2015-2016)
- Top Women in the Law by Hofstra University School of Law, Center for Children Families and the Law, 2016
- Selected to New York Metro Super Lawyers® for Estate Planning & Probate (2026)

- Selected to New York Metro Rising Stars® for Elder Law (2012-2014)