

Renée A.R. Evangelista

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Overview

Renée Evangelista provides clients with sophisticated estate planning and estate settlement techniques to save clients gift, estate and income taxes, while ensuring that their property passes according to their wishes. She is a trustee of numerous private trusts and has routinely served as executor of client estates. Renée regularly appears in Superior Court, representing trustees and trust beneficiaries on accounting actions and trust reformations.

Firm Leadership:

- Office Managing Partner, Providence, RI

Experience

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Successfully arranged for the approval of a five year trust accounting action involving 150 beneficiaries

Managed the successful coordination of a $55 million trust dispute

Managed the successful division of a trust to allow principal distributions to trust beneficiaries

Handled the successful division of a trust into separate shares for each family line

Actively represents clients in probate court matters, such as will contests, creditor claim issues and contested guardianship members, drawing on her five years of experience as an assistant probate judge for the City of Warwick, RI

Routinely drafts and oversees the execution and administration of grantor retained annuity trusts, dynasty trusts (generation-skipping trusts), special needs trusts, private foundations, limited liability companies and other such entities, when providing estate planning for clients

Assisted with the probate proceedings in the Newport Probate Court for the Estate of Doris Duke and routinely settles estates for clients and their families

Utilizes asset protection techniques, including the Rhode Island Qualified Disposition Trust Act to protect clients' assets

Practices & Industries

Family Office

Private Client

Trust & Estates

Education and Credentials

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.

Brown University, B.A.

Admissions

State of Connecticut

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of New York

State of Rhode Island

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Selected as the Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year for the Providence Metro Area by *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), 2023 and 2026

Chosen for inclusion in *Chambers HNW Guide* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for wealthy individuals and families in Rhode Island, 2021-2026

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Trusts and Estates, 2011-2027

Selected as an honoree to the *Providence Business News*' Leaders & Achievers Awards program, 2022

Honored by *Rhode Island Monthly* for Professional Excellence in Law Award for Wills, Trust and Estates, 2021-2025

Recipient of the Harold B. Soloveitzik Professional Leadership Award from the Rhode Island Foundation, 2018

Selected to the list of Rhode Island *Super Lawyers* ®, Estate Planning and Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation, 2013-2021, 2024-2026

Community Involvement

Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute at Brown University, Advisory Board Member

Anthony Quinn Foundation, International Board of Advisors

The Edward and Virginia Routhier Foundation, Board Member

Lifespan Professional Advisory Committee, Former Member

Hasbro Children's Hospital, Advisory Council, Former Member

Wheeler School of Providence, RI, Board of Trustees, Former Member

Trinity Repertory Company, Board of Trustees, Former Member

Providence Children's Museum, Board of Trustees, Former Member

Providence Catholic Diocese, Board of Governors, Former Member

Rhode Island Foundation, Professional Advisory Council, Former Member

Women's Sports Foundation, Financial Committee, Former Member

International Tennis Hall of Fame, Board of Directors and Development Committee, Former Member

Insights

This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things: "Taylor Swift Tax" on Rhode Island Vacation Homes | Generations August / September 2025
August 20, 2025

This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things: "Taylor Swift Tax" on Rhode Island Vacation Homes
July 23, 2025

News

Day Pitney Continues Strong Performance in Chambers High Net Worth 2026 with 23 Attorney Rankings
Day Pitney Press Release, July 23, 2026

Day Pitney's Chambers High Net Worth Recognition Climbs to 22 Attorneys in 2025 Edition
July 24, 2025

Renée Evangelista Honored with Professional Excellence in Law Award from Rhode Island Monthly for Fifth Consecutive Year
June 10, 2025

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 18 Day Pitney Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 18, 2024

Day Pitney Partners Recognized by Providence Business News with Two 2024 Business Women Awards
April 16, 2024

Day Pitney Announces New Providence Office Location
August 21, 2023

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 20 Day Pitney Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 20, 2023

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 20 Day Pitney Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 22, 2022

Day Pitney Partner Renée A. R. Evangelista Honored Among Providence Business News' 2022 Leaders & Achievers
July 14, 2022

Chambers High Net Worth Recognizes 20 Attorneys for Private Wealth Law
July 26, 2021

Day Pitney Completes Merger With Howland Evangelista Kohlenberg
July 1, 2021

In The Media

Professional Excellence in Law Awards: Rhode Island Monthly
Rhode Island Monthly , July 18, 2024

PBN Recognizes Top Business Women of 2024
Providence Business News, May 24, 2024

Day Pitney Moves Providence Law Office to 100 Westminster
Providence Business First, August 21, 2023

Professional Excellence in Law Awards: Rhode Island Monthly
Rhode Island Monthly, May 30, 2023

PBN Recognizes 2022 Leaders & Achievers Honorees; Renee Evangelista
Providence Business News , August 19, 2022

Professional Excellence in Law Awards: Rhode Island Monthly
Rhode Island Monthly, June 3, 2022

Day Pitney Completes Merger with Rhode Island Firm
Law.com, July 16, 2021

South Florida Law Firm Continues Expansion After Merging With Rhode Island Firm
South Florida Business and Wealth, July 15, 2021

Day Pitney Completes Merger With Howland Evangelista Kohlenberg
Metro Hartford Alliance, July 12, 2021

Day Pitney Completes Merger with Howland
Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly, July 9, 2021

Day Pitney Expands to RI With Completed Trusts Firm Merger
Law360, July 9, 2021

Day Pitney Completes Merger with Rhode Island Law Firm
Hartford Business, July 9, 2021

Professional Excellence in Law Awards: Rhode Island Monthly
Rhode Island Monthly, June 3, 2021

Professional Excellence in Law Awards: Rhode Island Monthly
Rhode Island Monthly, June 1, 2021