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### OVERVIEW

Ann Hetherwick "Hether" represents beneficiaries and fiduciaries in fiduciary, probate and trust disputes. Her practice focuses on probate, trust, equity, guardianships, and conservatorship litigation. Hether also serves as trustee of private trusts and personal representative of estates.

Hether advises clients at every stage of litigation, sometimes avoiding litigation entirely or resolving issues through mediation. As a former law clerk of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, she brings her strong writing skills and knowledge of the appellate process to contested matters, trials, and appeals. Above all, Hether appreciates that clients are often going through a difficult time of their lives and their legal and emotional needs are unique.

Hether handles wide-ranging probate and trust disputes, including:

- trustee removal actions, defense and prosecution;
- will contests and trust invalidity actions involving undue influence, lack of capacity, and/or formation issues;
- trust modification, termination, reformation, cy pres, and/or interpretation actions;
- accounting actions;
- omitted spouse or child actions, including DNA and exhumation issues;
- equity actions involving real estate;
- complaints for instructions and/or declaratory judgment actions;
- divorce, including issues whether a trust is divisible as a marital asset;
- conservatorships, including expanded authority to perform estate planning; and
- guardianships and financial exploitation.

### SERVICES

**PRIVATE CLIENT**

**FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION**

**TRUSTS AND ESTATES**

**TRUST SERVICES AND FIDUCIARY COMPLIANCE**

**MATRIMONIAL AND FAMILY LAW**

## **INDUSTRIES**

**TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS AND CHARITABLE GIVING**

## **INSIGHTS**

**TRUSTS AND ESTATES COURSE**

Guest lecturer, March 6, 2023 & October 5, 2022, Suffolk University Law School

**HOW DO TORT LAW AND JURISDICTION QUESTIONS AFFECT TRUST AND ESTATE LITIGATION?**

Moderator, January 27, 2023, Fiduciary Inn

**REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN CASES INVOLVING ROGERS/MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Author and Presenter, November 4, 2022, Massachusetts Bar Association Tenth Annual Probate Law Conference

**DEPOSITIONS**

Presenter, October 2015-2017, 2019, & 2022 , MCLE Taking Depositions Workshop

**PRETRIAL LITIGATION PRIMER**

Author and Presenter, October 2019 & November 2021 , MCLE

## **NEWS**

**THE BOSTON MARATHON: PHILANTHROPY, A DARE, AND A FELLINI**

Featured, April 18, 2024, *Super Lawyers Magazine*

**DAY PITNEY BOSTON OFFICE HOSTS CLIENT HOLIDAY EVENT AT WANG THEATRE**

Mentioned, November 29, 2023, *Day Pitney Press Release*

**NEW ASSOCIATIONS**

Featured, July 7, 2023, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*

**DAY PITNEY ADDS 4 EX-BURNS & LEVINSON ATTYS IN BOSTON**

Featured, June 5, 2023, *Law360*

## **DAY PITNEY ADDS FOUR LATERAL PARTNERS, SOLIDIFYING FIRM AS ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE CLIENT TEAMS IN BOSTON**

Featured, June 1, 2023, *Day Pitney Press Release*

## **EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

### **EDUCATION**

Suffolk University Law School, J.D.

Skidmore College, B.A.

### **ADMISSIONS**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Massachusetts Bar Association

Massachusetts Law Review

Boston Bar Association

Boston Bar Association Steering Committee for the Beacon Award for Diversity and Inclusion

Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Leadership Program

Boston Probate and Estate Planning Forum

Boston Estate Planning Council

Trusts and Estates Consortium

## **RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY**

### **RECOGNITION**

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Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America* list of Ones to Watch (Woodward/White, Inc.) for Family Law, 2024; Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2024

Selected to the list of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's "Top Women of Law," 2020

Selected to the list of Massachusetts **Super Lawyers** (Thomson Reuters), Estate and Trust Litigation, 2020-2023

Selected to the list of Massachusetts **Super Lawyers** Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Estate and Trust Litigation, 2009, 2011-2012, 2017-2018

Participated in the Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Leadership Program, 2016-2017

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## **COMMUNITY**

Brookline Community Foundation, Professional Advisors Committee, Vice-Chair

The Mount, Boston Committee

Certified Bar Association of Norfolk County Pro Bono Conciliator

Ran Boston Marathon with Team Brookline, 2019