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OVERVIEW

Christiana "Tiana" Gianopulos works extensively in the areas of estate and tax planning, contested probate matters, and the representation of individual and professional fiduciaries. She also assists clients with planning and compliance for their offshore assets.

Prior to joining the firm, Tiana spent nearly 20 years at a "top ten" bank. As senior vice president and regional fiduciary officer, she co-chaired its regional trust committee, managed its fiduciary litigation portfolio, and developed policies and procedures relating to many aspects of its trust and estate administration business. Tiana also analyzed proposed legislation and coordinated the bank's response to new statutory and case law.

Tiana is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she teaches Trusts and Estates. She has written and lectured on numerous topics and is a recognized thought leader on estate planning for LGBT individuals and couples. In 2003, when the Appellate Court ruled that same-sex couples had the right to marry in Massachusetts in *Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health*, she helped to establish Day Pitney's LGBT Planning practice group. Tiana has also written and lectured on Connecticut's Uniform Trust Code, Uniform Directed Trust Act, Prudent Investor Act, and Principal and Income Act, as well as common drafting errors and offshore disclosure by executors.

In 2014, Tiana was appointed to Connecticut's State Tax Panel which was charged with a comprehensive review of the State's tax policy.

Deeply committed to the Greater Hartford community, Tiana has served on more than a dozen non-profit boards, often as board chair. She currently serves as treasurer of the Alumni Association of the University of Connecticut School of Law and is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. In 2011, while chair of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center board of trustees, she received the Maria Miller Stewart "One Woman Makes a Difference" Award from the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund. Tiana has also received awards for her

volunteer efforts from *The Hartford Courant*, Shawmut National Corporation and the Junior League of Hartford, Inc.

Tiana serves on the leadership committees of the firm's LGBT affinity and ally group, Day Pitney Alliance, and its firm-wide women's initiative, Women Working Together (WWT®).

SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS AND ESTATES

FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION

TRUST SERVICES AND FIDUCIARY COMPLIANCE

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

PRIVATE CLIENT

INDUSTRIES

TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS AND CHARITABLE GIVING

INSIGHTS

"DIRECTED TRUSTS: BEYOND THE BASICS," CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION'S ESTATES AND PROBATE SECTION

Presenter, May 3, 2021, Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) Webinar

NEW DIRECTION: THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM DIRECTED TRUST ACT

Co-author, May 18, 2020, *Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal*

CT-UTC 101 (WHAT EVERY TRUST OFFICER WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CT-UTC BUT IS AFRAID TO ASK...)

December 10, 2019, Marriott Hotel, Farmington, CT

A BRAVE NEW WORLD OPPORTUNITIES UNDER OUR MODERN NEW TRUST LAW

Speaker, December 4, 2019, Hartford Golf Club, West Hartford, CT

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE CT TRUST CODE: DIRECTED AND DOMESTIC ASSET PROTECTION TRUSTS

Speaker, November 7, 2019, CBA Law Center, New Britain, CT

NEWS

CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES 20 DAY PITNEY ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE

WEALTH LAW

Featured, July 20, 2023, *Day Pitney Press Release*

CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES 20 DAY PITNEY ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW

Featured, July 22, 2022, *Day Pitney Press Release*

CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES 20 ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW

Featured, July 26, 2021, *Day Pitney Press Release*

CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES DAY PITNEY AND 16 ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW

Featured, July 10, 2020, *Day Pitney Press Release*

CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH RECOGNIZES DAY PITNEY AND 16 ATTORNEYS FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW

Featured, July 18, 2019, *Day Pitney Press Release*

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D.

Mount Holyoke College, A.B.

ADMISSIONS

State of Connecticut

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association, Estates and Probate and LGBT Sections

Connecticut Bar Foundation

Estate and Business Planning Council of Hartford

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY

RECOGNITION

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Trusts and Estates, 2023-2024

Chosen for inclusion in *Chambers HNW Guide* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for wealthy individuals and families in Connecticut, 2017-2023

Maria Miller Stewart "One Woman Makes a Difference" Award, Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund ("CWEALF"), May 2011

Volunteer of the Year, Junior League of Hartford, Inc., May 1999

Community Minded Banker Award, Shawmut National Corporation, December 1999

Volunteer of the Year, *The Hartford Courant*, May 1985

AV Preeminent rated by *Martindale-Hubbell* (LexisNexis)

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COMMUNITY

University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc., Treasurer

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Professional Advisory Committee

State of Connecticut Tax Panel, Former Member

Art Advisory Board, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, Former Vice Chair

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Board of Trustees, Former Chair

Love Makes A Family Foundation, Former Director

Junior League of Hartford, Inc., Former President

Hartford College for Women, Former Trustee

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, Former Director

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut Public Policy Fund, Former Director

Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April Hartford, Founding Director

WORKS/Laura Glenn Dance Company, Former Secretary

Asylum Hill, Inc., Former Director

Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council, Former Director

Gray Lodge/The Shelter for Women, Former Director

Mount Holyoke Club of Hartford, Former President

Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Advisory Board, Former Co-Chair

Leadership Greater Hartford, Alumna

Mental Health Association of Connecticut, Former Director

United Way of the Capitol Area, Former Loaned Executive

Hill-Stead Museum, Former Guide