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OVERVIEW

Keith Bradoc "Brad" Gallant advises individuals and families in all aspects of trust administration and estate planning. In addition to assisting with the resolution of complex legal and financial disputes he guides clients through often complicated and sensitive personal situations, such as medical and end-of-life decision-making, long-term care issues, conservatorships, commitments and guardianships of minors and developmentally disabled adults.

Brad has litigated a wide range of matters in probate and appellate courts, including lost wills, paternity disputes, will and trust constructions, charitable trust deviations, contested conservatorships, accountings and undue influence cases. He has appeared on behalf of clients in virtually all Connecticut probate courts, as well as in numerous Connecticut and federal trial and appellate courts. Brad was lead counsel for the *amicus curiae* in the landmark Connecticut Supreme Court case, *Department of Social Services v. Saunders*. He is consulted regularly by trial counsel and testifies as an expert in trusts and estates disputes, dissolution of marriage actions and disabilities litigation. He also has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution of probate controversies.

Brad has spoken on special needs trusts, long-term care insurance, probate litigation, the disposition of interests in trusts incident to divorce and ethical issues in estate planning at seminars throughout the U.S., including the annual meetings of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the American Bar Association, as well as at seminars sponsored by ALI-ABA, NYU Institute of Federal Taxation, the Connecticut Probate Assembly, the Federal Tax Institute of New England and other groups. Brad has been quoted in *Forbes*, *Connecticut Law Tribune* and *The New York Times*.

Brad lives in New Haven with his wife, Professor Joanna Waley-Cohen and his dog, Sadie. Brad is a former President of the Connecticut Bar Association and now serves on the CBA Standing Committee on Professional Ethics. He served four terms as President of the Board of the New Haven Free Public Library and is now a member of the NHFPL Foundation Board.

SERVICES

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING

FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION

TRUST SERVICES AND FIDUCIARY COMPLIANCE

PRIVATE CLIENT

INSIGHTS

"DEALING WITH DIMINISHING CAPACITY," ACTEC FALL MEETING

Speaker, October 27, 2023, 2023 Fall National Meeting for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS AND OTHER PLANNING OPTIONS

Co-author, winter 2020, *Day Pitney LLP*

CONSERVATORSHIP LITIGATION – A DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC, LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES

Presenter, June 10, 2019

CBA ESTATES & PROBATE SECTION OPEN MEETING

Speaker, April 9, 2018, Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) Estates and Probate Section Open Meeting, New Haven, CT

WHAT EVERY ACTEC FELLOW NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING

Participant, September 15, 2017, Mid-Atlantic Fellows Meeting of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Long Branch, NJ

NEWS

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN DEALING WITH INCAPACITY

Featured, January 2024, *the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel*

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*

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

University of London, LL.M., 1979

Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, M.A., 1979

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 1978

Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, B.A., 1975

ADMISSIONS

State of Connecticut

AFFILIATIONS

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)

Connecticut Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Foundation

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY

RECOGNITION

Chosen for inclusion in *Chambers HNW Guide* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for wealthy individuals and families in Connecticut, 2018-2023

Selected as the Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year for the New Haven Metro Area by *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), 2018

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Elder Law, 2007-2024,

Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2011-2024, Trusts and Estates, 2006-2024

Selected to the list of Connecticut *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), Estate Planning and Probate, 2006-2020

Selected as Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year for the New Haven Metro Area by *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), 2014

Recognized with Achievement Award by the Federal Tax Institute of New England, 2014

Listed as one of the Top 100 Attorneys representing individual clients by *Worth* magazine, 2006-2009

Listed as one of the Top 10 Lawyers in all practice areas in Connecticut by *Connecticut Magazine*, 2006

Named "Citizen of the Year" by the Connecticut Probate Courts, for his advocacy on behalf of persons with disabilities, 1994

Elected Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, 1993

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COMMUNITY

Center for Medicare Advocacy, a national organization serving Medicare recipients, Board of Directors

New Haven Free Public Library, Board of Trustees, President, 2005-2009

New Haven Free Public Library Foundation, Board of Directors, 2021-Present