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OVERVIEW

Leiha Macauley, a partner in the Private Client department, advises on all aspects of estate, gift and charitable planning, closely held businesses, administration of estates and trusts, and fiduciary litigation. Leiha regularly counsels entrepreneurs, private equity firm partners, closely held and public company shareholders in connection wealth preservation, including asset protection and succession planning. Leiha also prepares premarital agreements, and serves as an expert witness with respect to inherited wealth and trusts in divorce proceedings. Leiha serves as a trustee for family trusts and personal representative for estates.

Leiha is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and is a co-founder and vice president of the Greater Boston Fiduciary American Inn of Court. She is also Chair-Elect of the Boston Bar Association 2014-2015 Trusts & Estates Section, and Chair of the Boston Bar Foundation Investment Committee.

Leiha developed and co-directed the Child Health Advocacy Partnership, a venture of the East Boston Community Health Center, the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, and Day Pitney which teamed doctors with attorneys to provide legal information and advocacy to underprivileged families. Her other civic contributions include:

- Trustee, Boston Bar Foundation, 2007 to 2013
- Member, Board of Directors, Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, 2006 to 2009
- Member, Executive Committee of the Boston University Law Alumni Association, 2002 to 2013
- Chair, Junior Fellows Society of the Boston Bar Foundation, 2006 to 2011
- Member, Boston Bar Association's Public Interest Committee, 2006 to 2010
- Co-Chair, Boston Bar Association Trusts & Estates New Developments Committee 2008 2010, Estate planning Committee 2010 to 2012, Continuing Legal Education 2012 to 2014
- Founding member and Director, Child Health Advocacy Partnership, 2006 to 2010
- Member, Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Boston Bar Foundation 2008 to 2013

- President, Boston University Law National Young Alumni Council, 2005 to 2007
- Chairman, American Liver Foundation Run for Research Marathon Team, 2004
- Vice Chairman, American Liver Foundation Run for Research Marathon Team, 2003
- Big Sister to Lauren, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, 1999 to present

According to the 2022 edition of *Chambers HNW* (Woodward/White, Inc.)*, an interviewee noted that “She’s tireless, she’s dedicated, she’s thoughtful and passionate. She has unbelievable patience and she has a great manner with clients that puts them at ease.”

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SERVICES

FAMILY OFFICE

FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION

TRUST SERVICES AND FIDUCIARY COMPLIANCE

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

PRIVATE CLIENT

INSIGHTS

"TRUSTS INTERESTS IN DIVORCE," NEW ENGLAND FELLOWS INSTITUTE

Presenter, February 10, 2022, "Trusts Interests in Divorce," hosted by New England Fellows Institute

ESTATE PLANNING IN THE TRUMP ERA

Co-author, July 1, 2017, *The Current*

PRIVATE CLIENTS LEGAL & TAX PLANNING ANSWER BOOK 2016

Co-author, April 1, 2016, *PLI*

ESTATE PLANNING FOR THE NON-SPECIALIST

Presenter, February 24, 2016, PLI Trusts and Estates Webinar

INTEREST IN IRREVOCABLE TRUST IS MARITAL ASSET

Co-author, September 9, 2015, *Trusts & Estates*

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*

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Featured, November 16, 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

Boston University School of Law, J.D., TEST

Cornell University, B.A., TEST

ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AFFILIATIONS

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY

RECOGNITION

Chosen for inclusion in *Chambers HNW Guide* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for Private Wealth, Nationwide, 2017-2023; USA Eastern Region, 2016, 2019-2023; Massachusetts, 2016-2023

Chosen for inclusion in the *Chambers USA Legal Directory* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for Private Wealth in Massachusetts, 2008-2016

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

2013-2024

Selected to the list of Massachusetts Women's Edition *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), Estate Planning and Probate, 2017

Selected to the list of Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), Estate Planning and Probate, 2005-2020

Selected to the list of Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Estate Planning and Probate, 2005-2014

Named a *Five Star Wealth Manager* in the Boston area, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013

Received the 2011 Lelia Josephine Robinson Award from the Boston University School of Law Women's Law Association. The award, named for the first woman admitted to practice law in Massachusetts, honors exemplary leadership in one's community.

Recognized by the *Boston Globe* as one of six Boston-area "unsung heroes" who is doing her part to make Boston a better place, 2008

Recipient of the *Boston Business Journal's* "40 under 40" award, which recognizes business professionals who have demonstrated talent, leadership, and promise and whose community contributions and professional abilities have brought them measurable success in their chosen field, 2006

Recognized by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* as an "Up and Coming Lawyer," an annual selection of 15 Massachusetts lawyers who have been members of the bar for 10 years or less and who have distinguished themselves in their careers and in their communities, 2006

Honored as one of 10 lawyers selected to participate in the Boston Bar Association's Public Interest Leadership Program, 2003

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