



## Susan Ylitalo

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### OVERVIEW

Susan Ylitalo helps individuals and families with estate planning and estate and trust administration in both New York and Connecticut. She assists clients to set up estate plans that accomplish their personal goals in a tax-efficient manner. She also advises individual and corporate fiduciaries in probate proceedings and non-judicial settlements.

Susan is experienced in working with a broad range of individuals and families in transition, including young couples creating estate plans for the first time and members of senior generations implementing sophisticated wealth transfer strategies to benefit family members and charities. She regularly works with clients' accountants, financial planners, insurance professionals and other attorneys and advisors to create and implement estate planning techniques efficiently.

Active in her community, Susan served for several years on the board of Domus Kids, Inc., a non-profit serving at-risk youth and their families in Fairfield and New Haven counties. At Day Pitney, Susan serves as the Office Managing Partner in Greenwich. In addition, she served for three years as chair of Women Working Together (WWT®), a multi-faceted initiative of the firm, focused on the development of women attorneys at the firm. She continues to serve on the leadership team of WWT. Susan also co-leads an extensive professional development program for associates at the firm.

Prior to joining the firm, Susan clerked for Stefan R. Underhill, United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Despite her Finnish last name, Susan's language skills extend only to French. She spent two years studying in France, first in Angoulême and later in Strasbourg. She lives in the woods of North Stamford, Connecticut, with her husband, Nels, and their younger two children, Isaac and Z. Their oldest, Alexander, is a student at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

## SERVICES

**SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING**

**TRUST SERVICES AND FIDUCIARY COMPLIANCE**

**TRUSTS AND ESTATES**

**PRIVATE CLIENT**

## INSIGHTS

**DOMICILE AND RESIDENCY SERIES: BREAKING UP CAN BE HARD**

Presenter, October 23, 2019, Day Pitney LLP, Stamford, CT

**ESTATE PLANNING FOR THE BUSINESS OWNER**

Speaker, January 23, 2019, Estate Planning Council of Lower Fairfield County, Stamford, CT

**TRUST AND ESTATE PLANNING: HELPING BUSINESS OWNERS KEEP WHAT THEY HAVE EARNED**

Speaker, April 20, 2018, Fairfield County Exit Planning Exchange (XPX), CT

**WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER HOST BI-ANNUAL LEADERSHIP LUNCH – "REFLECTIONS ON BREAKING BARRIERS"**

May 11, 2017

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN SCHOOL AT YALE ADDRESSES WWT AND GUESTS**

WWT Committee Member, March 22, 2017

## NEWS

**HOW DO YOU ASK YOUR GRANDMOTHER TO LEAVE YOU HER ANTIQUES?**

Featured, May 27, 2021, *House Beautiful*

**87 DAY PITNEY LAWYERS NAMED TO 2016 SUPER LAWYERS LIST**

Featured, November 10, 2016, *Day Pitney Press Release*

**91 DAY PITNEY LAWYERS NAMED TO 2015 SUPER LAWYERS LIST**

Featured, October 30, 2015, *Day Pitney Press Release*

## EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

## EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, J.D., 2004

University of Leeds, M.A., 2000

College of Saint Benedict, B.A., 1998

University of Strasbourg II, ), TEST

## ADMISSIONS

State of Connecticut

State of New York

## RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY

### RECOGNITION

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

Named one of the *Connecticut Law Tribune's* "New Leaders in the Law" for 2013

Selected to the list of Connecticut *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Estate Planning and Probate, 2013-2016

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### COMMUNITY

Domus Kids, Inc., Board Member

Day Pitney Women Working Together, Chair