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I have the best job because I get to practice what I call 'positive law'. By being practical, patient and creative in my work, I'm able to make a positive impact on the lives of my clients. I feel lucky to have such good clients and to enjoy coming to work every day.

Mr. Feinberg's practice focuses on estate planning, estate administration, elder law, wills and trusts, tax and business planning for individuals, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies, and tax controversies.

Mr. Feinberg serves as a strategic advisor to individuals, families, business owners, executors and trustees, counseling clients on a comprehensive range of issues within the areas of tax, trust and estate law. His work encompasses the structuring of wealth preservation strategies and the preparation of estate planning documents such as wills, living wills, powers of attorney, trust agreements and special needs trusts. Mr. Feinberg advises executors and trustees on the practical and successful administration of estates and trusts, including the minimization of estate tax liability and oversight of the will probate process. He assists clients with the formation of corporations, limited liability companies and other business entities, the preparation of buy-sell agreements, the orderly transfer of business interests from one generation to another, the structuring of real estate transactions including like-kind exchanges, and the preparation of federal and New Jersey estate tax returns and New Jersey inheritance tax returns. He represents clients in tax controversy matters before the Internal Revenue Service and the New Jersey Department of Taxation.

Departments

Tax, Trusts & Estates

Education

New York University School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation, 1982

The George Washington University Law School, J.D. *with honors*, 1981

Bucknell University, B.A., 1978

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1981

New York, 1982

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1981

U.S. Tax Court, 1983

Mr. Feinberg has significant experience in the niche area of elder law. He guides clients through the challenges associated with planning for nursing home or other long term care needs, guardianship issues, and the facilitation of a client's eligibility for Medicaid and related government programs and benefits.

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recipient of the 2023 National Business Institute (NBI) Outstanding Faculty Award
- Recipient of the 2021 Middlesex County Bar Association "Transactional Award"
- American College of Trust & Estate Counsel Fellow
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Elder Law and Trusts and Estates practice areas (2006 – present)
- Selected by *Best Lawyers*® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) as Woodbridge "Lawyer of the Year" in Trusts and Estates (2023)
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Estate Planning & Probate, Elder Law and Tax: Business practice areas (2009 – 2023)
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.) (1994 – present)

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UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Taxation Law Section; Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section; Elder and Disability Law Section
- Middlesex County Bar Association: Elder Law Section Co-Chair; Probate and Trust Section (past Chair)
- Greater Middlesex-Somerset Estate Planning Council Trustee
- Woodbridge Rotary Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Past President
- Tri-County Estate Planning Council (past President)

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- New York State Bar Association: Elder Law & Special Needs Section; Trusts & Estates Law Section

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Faculty, New Jersey Probate Process: In 7 Simple Steps

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, August 9, 2023

Presenter, Income and Estate Tax Treatment of Trusts

Sponsor: *National Association of Tax Professionals, New Jersey Chapter*, August 3, 2023

Presenter, What to Look for in Your Client's Estate Planning Documents

Sponsor: *Greater Middlesex Somerset County Estate Planning Council*, May 4, 2022

Presenter, New Jersey Estate Administration from Start to Finish

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, March 18, 2022

Panelist, The Legal Foundation for Advance Directives and POLST in Light of Bioethical Principles

Sponsor: *Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, NJ Hospital Association, NJ Healthcare Financial Management Association, and Medical Society of NJ*, April 27, 2021

Lecturer, Estate Administration Procedures: Why Each Step Is Important

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, June 8, 2020

Speaker, Estate Administration from Start to Finish

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, December 11, 2019

Lecturer, Achieving Your Client's Goals Through the Use of Trusts

Sponsor: *Middlesex County Bar Association*, December 11, 2019

Presenter, Tax Considerations in Buying or Selling a Business

Sponsor: *New Jersey Chapter, National Association of Tax Professionals*, December 5, 2019

Presenter, Update on Elder Law and Special Needs Planning

Sponsor: *Academy for Continuing Professional Education*, July 23, 2019

Presenter, Top 9 LLC Mistakes to Avoid in Everyday Business Practices

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, July 18, 2019

Presenter, How to Preserve Assets When Faced with a Nursing Home or Other Long-Term Care Situation

Sponsor: *Urbach Avraham Certified Public Accounts*, July 9, 2019

Presenter, The Probate Process From Start to Finish

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, December 15, 2018

Presenter, Using Trusts in Estate Planning and Asset Protection - Princeton

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, November 16, 2018

Speaker, Estate Planning from Start to Finish

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, December 14, 2017

Presenter, Update on Elder Law and Special Needs Planning

Sponsor: *Academy for Continuing Professional Education*, August 8, 2017

Speaker, Trusts: The Ultimate Guide

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, June 22-23, 2017

Lecturer, Famous State Tax Seminar

Sponsor: *National Association of Tax Professionals*, January 14, 2017

Lecturer, Understanding Tax Procedures to Avoid Problems Later

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, June 20, 2016

Presenter, Recent Developments in Elder Law and Long Term Care Planning

Sponsor: *Greater Middlesex/Somerset Estate Planning Council*, May 12, 2016

Presenter, 25 Practice Tips on Estate Planning

Sponsor: *NJSBA Elder Law & Disability Law Section in cooperation with NJICLE*, April 14, 2016

Speaker, Ethical Issues Presented by Aging & Disabled Clients and How to Avoid Them

Sponsor: *Middlesex County Bar Association*, December 10, 2015

Faculty Member, Tax Planning for Trusts and Estates

Sponsor: *National Business Institute*, December 10, 2014

Presenter, Special Needs Trusts: Key Strategies for Successful Planning & Administration

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, June 27, 2013

Presenter, What to Do When Faced With A Nursing Home or Other Long Term Care Situation

Sponsor: *New Jersey Association of Legal Administrators Workshop*, April 26, 2011

Presenter, Medicaid Myths and Planning

Sponsor: *Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP webinar*, June 23, 2010

Presenter, What to Do When Faced With A Nursing Home or Other Long Term Care Situation

Sponsor: *Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP webinar*, February 23, 2010

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Author, Elder Law Comes of Age

New Jersey Business Magazine, November 2004

Author, Asset Protection Planning For Nursing Home Care
The Jewish State, May 1999

Author, Medicaid After OBRA '93 As It Impacts on Long-Term Care Planning
New Jersey Lawyer, October 1994

Author, Using the \$125,000 Exclusion
ABA General Practice Update, April 1991

Author, Healthy Financial Planning for Nursing Home Care
New Jersey Lawyer, January/February 1991

Author, A Financial Planner for Nursing Home Care
New Jersey Law Journal, August 24, 1989

Author, Basis of Inherited Property
Benders Federal Tax Service, 1989

Author, Requirements and Structuring of Like-Kind Exchanges
Middlesex County Bar Journal, April 1989

Author, Impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1986
Ch. 19 in Volume 5, P. Rohan, Real Estate Financing, 1987

Co-Author, Impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1984 Upon Real Estate Transactions
Section 2.06[4] in Volume 4, P. Rohan, Real Estate Financing, 1985

NEWS

2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 17, 2023

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