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Mary Ellen Manley

Partner

Ms. Manley is the head of our Trusts and Estates Practice Group. Before joining the Firm, she was the Assistant Accountant at the Surrogate's Court of Westchester County (1985-87), and was affiliated for many years with a general practice Westchester law firm.

Ms. Manley concentrates in the area of Surrogate's Court practice. She has substantial estate litigation experience, representing fiduciaries (corporate and individual) and beneficiaries (individual and charitable) in adversarial proceedings including will contests, accountings, removal of fiduciaries, construction proceedings, fee litigation, determination of right of election, validity of creditors' claims and wrongful death compromises. Ms. Manley is also experienced in trust and estate administration, representing fiduciaries in the collection and valuation of assets, preparation of federal and New York estate tax returns, representation of estates on tax audits, distribution of assets, and preparation of judicial accountings and releases and discharges.

Ms. Manley is a past President of the Westchester County Bar Association, and was the second woman to have served as President in the Association's 110-year history.

Education

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 1978)
- Fordham University (B.A., 1975) (summa cum laude)

Memberships

Ms. Manley is a member of the Trusts and Estates Sections of the New York State and Westchester County Bar Associations, and the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association. She also serves as a Fellow of the NYSBA Foundation.

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

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Bleakley Platt has been a leader in the Westchester County and Hudson Valley legal communities for over 70 years. With more than 40 professionals, the Firm has a full range of practice groups dedicated to civil litigation and appellate work, trusts and estates, commercial finance and real estate transactions, corporate and health law, and labor and employment matters, among others. We have the diverse skills necessary to address the wide range of issues faced by our clients in virtually all aspects of civil and commercial law from sophisticated and complex litigation to individual estate planning.

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