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Curriculum Vitae

MELISSA MIELE BRACUTI is the Practice Group Chair of the Private Client Services Practice Group and a member of the Firm's Transactional Practice Group. Ms. Bracuti focuses her practice on traditional areas of personal estate planning and estate and trust administration, probate and trust law, and estate and fiduciary litigation.

Ms. Bracuti has significant experience in Probate Court proceedings and fiduciary litigation matters. Additionally, she is experienced in handling various matters for institutional clients as well as for individuals and families. Ms. Bracuti's experience also includes guardianship proceedings and administration, special needs trusts, family business succession planning, charitable planning, name change proceedings, and premarital agreements. Ms. Bracuti's clients include high-net-worth individuals, individual and corporate trustees and executors, and estate and trust beneficiaries.

Ms. Bracuti is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Morris County Bar Association and the American Bar Association, where she is also a Fellow. She currently serves as the Co-CFO on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, and she is a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers. She is also a member of The Estate Planning Council of Northern New Jersey.

Ms. Bracuti is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. She is a former Law Clerk to the late Honorable Peter B. Cooper, J.S.C., Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, Chancery Division, Probate Part.

Ms. Bracuti received her Bachelor of Arts from Montclair State University, and she received her Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law.

Awards

- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2026), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Trusts and Estates. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found <u>HERE</u> (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Super Lawyers® Rising Stars (2009-2010), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas
 of Estate & Trust Litigation, and Estate Planning & Probate. A description of the standard or
 methodology on which the accolade is based can be found <u>HERE</u> (No aspect of the
 advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

Practices

Litigation

Private Client Services / Trusts and Estates

Tax

Education

New England School of Law (J.D. 1999) Montclair State University (B.A. 1996)

Admissions

State of New Jersey
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
State of New York

Memberships

New Jersey Women Lawyers Association American Bar Association New Jersey State Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
Morris County Bar Association
National Association of Women Lawyers
The Estate Planning Council of Northern New Jersey
Fellow, American Bar Foundation