

L. Joyelle Maini

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Joy practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, taxation, elder law, and municipal pension planning. She assists clients with their estate planning goals to ensure that assets are left to family members and to achieve tax planning for high-net worth individuals. Joy assists clients in administration of estates and trusts in Connecticut probate courts. She also litigates will contests, conservatorships and other trust and estates issues in Connecticut probate courts and works to negotiate settlements in contested matters on behalf of fiduciaries and beneficiaries.

In her elder law practice, Joy guides clients in asset preservation planning and transfer of assets, as well as prepares Medicaid applications. She works with clients to get Medicaid approval by the Connecticut Department of Social Services.

Joy represents municipal and corporate clients in drafting pension plan documents and with plan administration. She also works with families who have businesses in their business planning, including aiding with forming business entities and drafting agreements for the entities. Additionally, Joy collaborates with nonprofit organizations to form business entities and attain tax-exempt status for those entities with the Internal Revenue Service. Joy regularly assists nonprofit organizations with operational issues.

Joy regularly meets with clients at all of the Firm's branches and is fluent in Italian.

PRACTICE AREAS

Trusts & Estates

Elder Law

Tax



EDUCATION

Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2006
• Probate Law Journal, Associate Editor

Fordham University, M.A. Comparative Politics, 2000

New York University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1997

ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

U.S. Tax Court

HONORS & AWARDS

Connecticut Super Lawyers, "*Rising Star*", Estate & Trust Litigation, 2013, 2015, 2016

Connecticut Law Tribune, "*New Leaders in the Law*" Award, 2014

NEWS

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2016 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Super Lawyers®, 10.18.2016

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named 2015 Connecticut Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers®, 10.22.2015

Two Cohen and Wolf Principals Named "*New Leaders in the Law*"
Connecticut Law Tribune, 10.03.2014

27 Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named 2013 Connecticut Super Lawyers & Rising Stars
Connecticut Super Lawyers, 10.21.2013

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

How to Make Sure your Loved Ones Get Your Personal and Family Heirlooms
Woodbury Senior Center, 07.14.2016

Attorneys Maini and Solomon Discuss Housing for Adult Children With Disabilities
Norwalk Inn, 06.08.2016

PUBLICATIONS

Elderly Parents Should Be Cautious Before Making Gifts To Children
01.30.2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, 2006-present

Connecticut Bar Association, 2006-present

- Tax Executive Committee
- Estates & Probate Executive Committee
- Elder Law Executive Committee

Danbury Bar Association, 2016-present

Fairfield County Bar Association, 2006-present

Greater Bridgeport Bar Association, 2006-present

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, 2006-present

SUPPORT STAFF

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Coalition for the Advocacy, Prevention, and Elimination of Older Adult Abuse (CAPE), Board of Directors

Leadership Greater Bridgeport

Southbury Women's Club

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