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Cora A. Alsante is the Leader of the Elder Law & Special Needs Practice and a partner in the Tax and Trusts & Estates Practices. She is also member of the Firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Alsante focuses her practice on estate planning, trusts, planning for the elderly and disabled, and estate and trust administration. She represents individuals and numerous assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

Ms. Alsante frequently lectures for organizations such as the New York State Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Association, Special Needs Alliance and Alzheimer's Association on topics including guardianships, supplemental needs trusts, estate planning, planning for the elderly and disabled, and estate and trust administration.

Ms. Alsante was instrumental in creating and establishing the Loretto Foundation Community Trust, a pooled supplemental needs trust, which benefits many seniors and disabled individuals in the community.

Ms. Alsante was named one of the "Top 25 Female Upstate New York Super Lawyers" for 2011 and 2013 and was selected as a *Best Lawyers in America* "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of "Litigation - Trusts and Estates", in Syracuse, NY, for 2015 and 2017.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Elder Law & Special Needs
- Trusts & Estates
- Health Care
- Tax

RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS

- Rated, AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2009-2018)
- Selected, Litigation - Trusts and Estates, "Lawyer of the Year" in Syracuse, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2015 and 2017)
- Selected, New York - Upstate, Super Lawyers (2008-2017)
- Selected, Top 25 Female Upstate New York Super Lawyers (2011 and 2013)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Fellow, American College of Trusts & Estates

- President, New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- Surrogate's Court Committee Chair, New York State Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section
- Executive Committee Member, New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
- Member, The Upstate Foundation, Inc., Professional Advisory Council for Legacy Giving
- Member, Special Needs Alliance
- Member, Onondaga County Bar Association
- Member, PACE CNY, Board of Trustees
- Member, Loretto Foundation, Board of Trustees
- Member, CancerConnects, Board of Directors
- Past Member, CNY Women's Bar Association, Judicial Screening Committee
- Past President, New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Past Chair, New York State Bar Association, Elder Law Section
- Past Member, New York State Bar Association, CLE Committee

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Spectrum News CNY/Northern NY Television Series, "Aging Well" (June 2017)
- Hancock Estabrook Fifth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium (June 2017)
- Hancock Estabrook's Fourth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium (June 2016)
- Hancock Estabrook's Third Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium (June 2015)
- NYSBA, "Utilizing Supplemental Needs Trusts for Persons with Disabilities" (May 2015)
- NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section Spring Meeting (April 2015)
- Second Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium (June 2014)
- Estate & Long Term Care Planning Breakfast Club, "Hot Topics in Long-Term Care Planning: An Interactive Discussion" (May 2014)

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- ["Supreme Court Special Ed Decision Leaves Questions Unanswered"](#), *Loud & Clear: A Special Needs Conversation*, The Special Needs Alliance, June 2017
- ["Aging Well"](#), *Spectrum News CNY/Northern NY News Series*, June 2017
- ["My Doctor Said . . . So My Attorney Said - The Legal Challenges for Recently Diagnosed Individuals"](#), *New York State Bar Association Journal*, January 2017 (co-authored with Ellyn S. Kravitz)
- ["How to Plan Financially for Children with Special Needs"](#), *WCNY's Financial Fitness TV*, December 2014

EDUCATION

- University at Buffalo Law School, J.D., 1988
- Hamilton College, B.S., academic honors, 1985

ADMISSIONS

- New York