



## Trust & Estate Litigation

Our Trust and Estate Litigation Practice represents executors, trustees, Administrators, distributees, beneficiaries and other interested parties in a wide array of matters involving estate administration and guardianship proceedings. We handle cases in Surrogate's Court, Supreme Court, and the Appellate Divisions across New York.

Our attorneys are experienced in resolving conflicts through both litigation and alternative dispute resolution, helping clients avoid the time, cost, and uncertainty of prolonged court proceedings whenever possible.

**Our attorneys are regularly appointed by judges to serve as:**

- Guardians ad Litem for minors, incapacitated, or unknown individuals
- Court Evaluators and Counsel for Seniors in contested guardianship matters

## Trust & Estate Litigation Services

**We represent both petitioners and respondents in estate litigation proceedings involving:**

- Contested probate and contested administration matters
- Breach of fiduciary duties
- Disinherited family members
- Removal of an executor or administrator
- Replacement of a trustee
- Creditor claims against an estate
- Recovery of misappropriated estate assets
- Judicial accountings by estate and trust administrators
- Spousal right of election
- Kinship proceedings to determine a beneficiary's right to inherit
- Appointment of Article 81 guardians for incapacitated parties

We are known for legal insight, courtroom experience, and a client-focused approach during sensitive and complex matters.



# The Firm

Serving the Long Island community since 1965, our firm has developed 18 areas of practice to meet our clients' legal needs. Clients may rely upon counsel from one practice area, or when necessary, a team of lawyers from different practice areas.

Certilman Balin takes an interdisciplinary approach to protect the interests of our clients, with an eye on avoiding unwarranted fees from excessive legal actions.

- Banking/Commercial Lending
- Bankruptcy & Debtor/Creditor Rights
- Condominium, Cooperative & HOA
- Corporate/Securities
- Criminal Law
- Elder Law
- Environmental Law
- Labor Relations & Employment Law
- Land Use & Zoning
- Lending Services
- Litigation
- Mediation
- Nonprofit/Tax Exempt/Religious Organizations Law
- Real Estate Law
- Real Property Tax Certiorari & Condemnation
- Telecommunications
- Trust & Estate Litigation
- Wills, Trusts & Tax Planning/Probate & Estate Administration



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