

Judith A. Harris

Member

Judith A. Harris, Co-Chair of the Estate, Trust, and Tax Law Practice Group, has over 30 years of experience in the areas of taxation, wills and trusts, estate administration, business matters, and tax-exempt entities.

In addition to creating estate plans for clients from the most sophisticated to the most basic of wills, revocable trusts, powers of attorney, and living wills, Judith's specialties include business matters involving corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies. Her practice also includes the creation and representation of charitable trusts and foundations, as well as representation of estates, trusts, and beneficiaries in disputes before the Orphans' Court. She handles the resolution of tax controversies for business and individual taxpayers before all divisions of the Internal Revenue Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. These cases often involve estate, business, and individual audits, or the resolution of collection efforts such as liens, levies, and garnishments by the IRS and state taxing authorities.

As an estate planning and tax attorney, Judith works with clients to structure the optimal transfer of a client's wealth and business interests to younger generations with minimal tax consequences.

Judith is President of the Board of Trustees for the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, a board member since 1993 and former officer of the Allentown Symphony Association, and a board member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society. She is a board member and past President of the Fund to Benefit Children & Youth, Inc., and a former board member and Executive Committee member of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Judith is past President of the Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh Valley and served for 10 years on the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority Board of Governors. From 1993 to 2000, she was an adjunct instructor of "Wills, Trusts, and Estates" at Penn State University's Lehigh Valley Campus. Judith was included in the *Lehigh Valley Business* 2021 "Power 30 in Law" listing.

Areas of practice





Business Law
Estate Planning and Administration
& Wealth Preservation
Taxation
Elder Care & Special Needs Law
International Business

Education

Villanova University School of Law
LL.M. in Taxation, with
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American University Washington
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Non-Profit Law

J.D., 1986

Bryn Mawr College

A.B., *cum laude*, 1983

Pushkin Institute, Moscow, Russia

Diploma, 1982

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association, Tax
Section

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Real
Property, Probate and Tax Law
Section

Bar Association of Lehigh County

Northampton County Bar Association

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

Virginia

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Court

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals

Third Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

