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Education

J.D., Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law Center

B.S., Florida State University

Admissions

The Florida Bar
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Jones Foster Shareholder Genny Bernstein is a **Florida Bar Board Certified** Specialist in Elder Law and a member of Jones Foster's **Private Wealth, Wills, Trusts & Estates practice group**. Genny focuses **her practice** in the areas of estate planning, wills and trusts, guardianships, special needs trusts, veteran benefits, and asset planning and protection for Medicaid to assist in obtaining benefits for home care, assisted living, or skilled nursing facilities. She is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court and Florida Courts and is an Accredited Attorney for claims, preparation, presentation and prosecution with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Genny is a regular speaker on the topics of elder law, estate planning, and Medicaid and veterans benefits at public and private events, workshops, healthcare fairs, and seminars throughout Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties. She is actively involved in several industry organizations, serving as the chair/editor of The Florida Bar Elder Law Section publication committee and a member of the **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys** (NAELA), the **Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys** (AFELA), and the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar. Genny previously served as chair of The Florida Bar's 15th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee E, an instructor of the Elder Law Annual Update and Review Course for The Florida Bar, and a co-chair of the Board Certification Committee of the **Florida Association for Women Lawyers Palm Beach County**.

Genny is consistently selected by her peers for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers, Palm Beach Illustrated's* "Top Lawyers" list, as well as T*he Best Lawyers in America*, where she is one of only two attorneys in the West Palm Beach metro to receive recognition in the Elder Law practice area. In 2020, The Florida Bar Elder Law Section honored her as a Member of the Year.

Experience Highlights

Veteran's Spouse Deemed Eligible for Government Benefits

Representation of a veteran's widow to obtain government benefits. Eligibility for Medicaid and a VA Widows Pension were established, allowing the individual to supplement her living expenses with government benefit funds received from both Medicaid and the VA at an assisted living facility while protecting and preserving assets.

Assets Preserved, Medicaid Benefits Obtained for Long-Term Care

Representation of an elderly individual to obtain Medicaid. Nursing home expenses totaled $8,000 per month, however, factors involving a disabled child allowed for protection and preservation of assets without creating ineligibility or penalties.

Estate Planning Tools Utilized to Avoid Interstate Probate

Representation of a married couple seeking to avoid probate in multiple states with multi-property ownership and substantial liquid assets. A revocable living trust was created to allow them control of their monies during their lifetime but upon death, a transfer of assets to a trust eliminated multiple probate proceedings in different states.

Asset Transfer Allows Couple Eligibility for Medicaid Benefits

Representation of a married couple paying $9,000 per month for nursing home care. Assets were protected between the husband and wife in order to establish Medicaid eligibility.

VA Benefits Obtained for Disabled Veteran

Representation of a disabled veteran living at home alone, unable to afford the required daily assistance with activities of daily living, including medication management and bathing. Strategies were employed to establish eligibility for monthly VA benefits to cover home care/health aid expenses.

Honors & Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in America
Elder Law, 2024-Present
Trusts and Estates, 2024-Present

Florida Super Lawyers
Elder Law, 2023-Present

The Florida Bar
Elder Law Section, Member of the Year, 2020

Palm Beach Illustrated
Top Lawyers, Elder Law, 2018, 2021-Present
Top Lawyers, Trusts and Estates, 2024-Present

Florida Trend
Legal Elite, 2010, 2012, 2014-2022

Affiliations

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The Florida Bar
Chair of the Publication Committee and Editor of The Advocate, a Florida Bar Elder Law Section Publication, 2018-Present
Co-Chair, Elder Law Section Publication Committee, 2018-2020
Past-Chair, 15th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee E
Former Annual Update and Review Course Instructor, Elder Law Section
Elder Law Section, 2004-Present
Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section, 2004-Present

Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Palm Beach County
Co-Chair, Board Certification Committee, 2020-2021
Member, 2018-Present

Palm Beach County Bar Association
Member, 2000-Present

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
Member

Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys (AFELA)
Co-Chair, UnProgram CLE, 2024-2025
Member

Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court
Member, 2018-Present

Jewish Lawyers Association Palm Beach County
Chair, Sponsorship Committee, 2025-Present
Founding Member, Board of Directors, 2024-Present