



## Heidi Rai Stewart

Director

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### Practice Areas

Estates and Trusts

Will and Trust Litigation

A Director in the Estates and Trusts Group, Heidi assists individuals in the creation of estate plans, probate, and estate and trust administration. Her work in these areas extends to Special Needs planning and Long Term Care planning, including Elder Law. As a natural outcome of her practice, she has gained significant experience in Orphans' Court matters such as Will contests, guardianships, and actions relating to undue influence, and breaches of fiduciary duty. Heidi also represents both individual and corporate fiduciaries, including Executors, Trustees, Guardians, Agents serving under a Powers of Attorney or Health Care Agents serving under an Advance Directive/Living Will. She also is accredited to represent clients in Veteran's Administration proceedings.

She has earned several pro bono awards for her efforts in developing materials for Neighborhood Legal Services' *Older & Wiser* series, and for her pro bono service on the Legal Advisory Board of the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force.

Heidi has spoken on estate planning, probate, advance directives, special needs planning, long term care planning, elder law, and related topics on behalf of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Passavant Hospital Foundation, Quality Insights Renal Network 4 and Neighborhood Legal Services Association, with whom she presented nationally at the Equal Justice Center's annual meeting in Austin, Texas. Heidi has also presented a course on Act 169 – Pennsylvania's Advance Directive Statute for medical professionals through the Western PA HCQU Community Health Connections.

### Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

### Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.
- Carlow College, B.A.  
*Magna Cum Laude*

### Awards/Recognition

- Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, 2016-2018
- Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Lawyer of the Year in Elder Law, 2019
- AV<sup>®</sup> Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating System
- Pro Bono Award Winner, 2011, Pennsylvania Bar Foundation
- Jane F. Hepting Individual ProBono Award, 2004 and 2009, Allegheny Bar Foundation
- Making a Difference Award, 2009, Pittsburgh AIDS Taskforce

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**Professional Affiliations**

- Elected Member, Probate and Trust Council, Allegheny County Bar Association
- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association (Probate & Trust and Tax Sections as well as the Elder Law Committee, chaired 2003-2005)
- Member, American Bar Association (Real Property, Probate & Trust Law and Tax Sections)
- Member, National Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- Member, Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association (Probate & Trust and Elder Law Sections)
- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association Women in the Profession Committee
- Member, PBA Commission on Women in the Profession

**Community Involvement**

- Board Member, Passavant Hospital Foundation
- Legal Advisory Board Member, Pittsburgh AIDS Taskforce
- Former Board Member, Senior Action Coalition, a 501(c)(3) organization that works in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office and the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office to educate senior citizens on how to avoid financial fraud.