

Attorney Michele J. Feinstein to speak at Quinnipiac University School of Law symposium

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Regional law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), serving clients throughout western New England and New York, as well as nationally and internationally, today announced shareholder Michele J. Feinstein will be a principal speaker on the topic of “Exploring Unsupervised Probate” at Quinnipiac University School of Law in North Haven, Conn. The event, presented by The Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows and The Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal, will take place on April 20 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Attorney Feinstein will join fellow principal speakers, Prof. Gerry W. Beyer of Texas Tech University School of Law and Prof. Mary F. Radford of Georgia State University College of Law, as well as panelists for discussion on the experience of states that have adopted (in at least some form) unsupervised probate for the settlement of decedents’ estates. Examining the advantages and disadvantages of giving beneficiaries the ability to opt out of court-supervised estate settlement, the program will feature the diverse perspectives of academics, judges and practitioners from both Connecticut and states that have adopted unsupervised probate. Attorneys admitted in Connecticut may claim up to 4.5 CT CLE hours for attending the symposium (4.0 Professional Practice, 0.5 Ethics). There is no charge to attend.

A lifelong resident of Longmeadow, Attorney Feinstein concentrates her practice at Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law, probate litigation, health law, corporate and business planning. She is a cum laude graduate of the Western New England University School of Law, where she was a member of the Law Review (1984) and where she is currently a Senior Adjunct Professor of Estate Planning and Elder Law. Prior to law school, Attorney Feinstein earned her Bachelor of Science summa cum laude (1981) and later a Master of Laws in taxation (1990), both from Boston University.

Attorney Feinstein is a frequent lecturer throughout the Pioneer Valley for organizations which include the Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, and numerous other civic and professional associations on business, health law and estate planning topics. She has been repeatedly selected to the Massachusetts Super Lawyers® list by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America®. In 2014, she was the only attorney from western Massachusetts to earn the distinction of Top Women of Law, a prestigious list of elite, female legal professionals by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

Attorney Feinstein maintains active memberships in the Hampden County and Massachusetts Bar Associations, American Health Lawyers Association and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. In addition, she serves on numerous professional advisory committees, including the Investment Committee of the Jewish Endowment Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Springfield and Western New England University, and is on the board of directors for JGS Lifecare.

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