

CAROL CIOE KLYMAN SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA[©] 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Carol Cioe Klyman, a shareholder of <u>Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.</u>, was recently selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*[©] 2016 in the field of Elder Law. A Westhampton resident, attorney Klyman practices in the areas of elder law, estate planning, special needs planning, estate settlement, guardianships, trust and estates litigation, and MassHealth appeals.

Attorney Klyman has been named to the Best Lawyers[®] in America list since 2006 and the Super Lawyers and Top Women Attorneys lists since 2005. Among her professional affiliations, she is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estates Council, a member of the national and Massachusetts chapter of the National Academy of Elder law Attorneys and an editorial board member of the *NAELA Journal*, the law journal of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She has written on tax issues for the premier elder law treatise, "Estate Planning for the Aging and Incapacitated Client in Massachusetts" and co-edited the "Massachusetts Elder Law Citator," a resource for lawyers. In the community, she serves as treasurer and board member of the Hilltown Land Trust.

Attorney Klyman lectures locally and nationally to professional and civic groups. She taught as an adjunct professor of elder law in the Western New England University School of Law master of laws degree program. She was graduated magna cum laude from Western New England University School of Law and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Rhode Island. Between college and law school she worked for 20 years as a newspaper reporter and editor.

<u>Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.</u>, is a regional law firm serving clients in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York from offices in Springfield and Northampton, Mass., and Albany, N.Y.

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