

Neil B. Smola

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Services

Estate Planning

- Advance Directives
- Asset Protection
- Estate Litigation
- Fiduciary Services
- Health Care Proxy
- Last Will & Testament
- Power of Attorney
- Trusts
- Trust Administration
- Special Needs Trust

Probate, Trust & Estate Administration

- Probate With a Will
- Probate Without a Will
- Probate and Estate Law Mediation
- Estate Administration
- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Trust Administration

Real Estate Law

- Real Estate Disputes and Litigation
- Real Estate Purchase & Sale

Conservatorship & Guardianship

- Appointment of Guardians and Conservators For Adults
- Appointment of

Overview

Neil Smola brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his role as a Senior Associate at Cohen Cleary, P.C. With a multifaceted legal practice encompassing trusts & estates planning, administration, and litigation, real estate, and civil litigation. Neil is dedicated to providing comprehensive legal solutions tailored to meet the diverse needs of his clients.

Professional Background

Following law school and his admittance into the Massachusetts and Connecticut bars, Neil worked in the Massachusetts Superior Court as a judicial law clerk for three years assisting the justices with a variety of matters including research, draft jury instructions, and draft opinions. Neil then began his private practice with Perry, Hicks, Deshaies and Mello LLP, a boutique law firm in New Bedford, Massachusetts. While at Perry Hicks, Neil's practice consisted of estate planning, trust and estate administration, trust and estate litigation, real estate and land use, as well as general civil litigation. Following his tenure with Perry Hicks, and prior to joining Cohen Cleary, P.C., Neil served as chair of the Trusts & Estates Group at Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP. In that capacity, he assisted individuals and families in safeguarding personal assets and devising effective strategies for wealth transfer to future generations. He also continued his practice in the areas of trust and estate administration and litigation as well as real estate, land use, and general civil litigation.

Neil's proficiency in trust administration, estate planning, and probate law allows him to craft smart legal solutions that leverage current tax laws and protective measures. He employs a variety of estate planning and trust administration tools, including revocable trusts, irrevocable trusts, special needs trusts, wills, powers of attorney, guardianships and conservatorships, healthcare proxies, and other types of trusts to plan for estate tax savings and gifting structures, among others.

As an advisor to trustees, personal representatives, and other fiduciaries, Neil provides

Guardians and
Conservators For Minors

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Federal
District Court

Connecticut

Rhode Island

Education

**University of
Massachusetts School of
Law, Dartmouth**

Juris Doctor
Valedictorian

- Executive Articles Editor,
Law Journals 2010 & 2011
- University of
Massachusetts
Roundtable Symposium
Law Journal, Trends and
Issues in Terrorism and
the Law (2010)
- University of
Massachusetts
Roundtable Symposium
Law Journal, Trends and
Issues in Education and
the Law (2011)

Providence College

Bachelor of Arts in Political
Science

practical, results-driven legal counsel for both routine and complex trust and estate matters, spanning low to high-value estates. His expertise in transactional and litigious real estate matters further enhances his trust and estate practice as many trust and estate matters involve the development and transfer of various types of real estate, oftentimes requiring court approval to effectuate the same. With his blend of legal acumen, dedication, and client-focused approach, Neil Smola is committed to delivering exceptional legal services and achieving favorable outcomes for his clients at Cohen Cleary, P.C.

Experience

Neil's experience includes representation of clients in:

- Probate and Estate litigation, including contested estates, trust disputes, and fiduciary conflicts.
- Real Estate transactions including purchases and sales of residential and commercial real estate
- Real Estate litigation involving transactional disputes, petitions to partition, and land use disputes including breakdowns in the sale of real estate, owners' inability to agree on the retention or sale of real estate, adverse possession, easements, beach and other attendant property rights.
- Civil litigation and contract disputes for individuals and businesses.

Associations

- Real Estate Bar Association, Massachusetts
- Bristol County Bar Association
- New Bedford Bar Association
- Rhode Island Bar Association