



# Tiffany M. Bentley

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## Overview

Tiffany Bentley counsels high net worth individuals and families, as well as professional fiduciaries, through estate and trust disputes, probate issues, and divorce and related matters. Her practice includes all aspects of fiduciary litigation and family law.

As a probate and family court litigator, Tiffany works to identify each client's best possible outcome and then charts the necessary path through discovery, settlement negotiations, and all the way to trial where necessary. As this line of work often centers around traumatic and deeply personal life events, such as the death of a loved one or the end of a marriage, she takes great pride in guiding clients with both experience and empathy.

On the trust and estate side, Tiffany's practice includes contested probates, guardianships, and conservatorships; as well as postmortem challenges to the validity of trusts, deeds, beneficiary designations and lifetime transfers, and various challenges to the administration of estates and trusts. In the area of family law, she assists clients through divorce and custody matters; prenuptial and postnuptial planning; and post-divorce contempt and modification actions.

In addition to her regular practice, Tiffany volunteers as a conciliator in Middlesex and Worcester County to help resolve cases and unclog court dockets. She also dedicates a substantial amount of time on pro bono matters, representing children in custody disputes through the Attorneys Representing Children program.

## Education and Credentials

### Education

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., Order of Coif, 2008; Rothgerber Moot Court, Honor Board; *Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy*, Lead Articles Editor

Curry College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2002

### Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Practices & Industries

**Family Office**

**Fiduciary and Probate Litigation**

**Matrimonial and Family Law**

**Private Client**

**Trust & Estates**

## Affiliations

Worcester Bar Association  
American Association for Certified Financial Litigators  
Women's Bar Association  
Massachusetts Bar Association  
Boston Bar Association, Board Member  
Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem  
Greater Boston Fiduciary Law American Inn of Court  
Greater Boston Family Law American Inn of Court

## Recognition and Community

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## Recognitions

Selected to Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers List, Family Law, 2022  
Selected to the list of Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), Estate and Trust Litigation, 2022-2024, Family Law, 2022-2023, Estate Planning and Probate, 2022-2023  
Selected to the list of Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Estate and Trust Litigation, 2011-2018

## Community Involvement

Greater Boston Legal Services, Board of Directors  
Attorneys Representing Children  
Discovering Justice's Stand Up for Your Rights, Attorney Volunteer/Teacher, 2009-2015

## Insights

Fiduciary Litigation in the Probate Court, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)  
Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), June 7, 2024

Day Pitney Boston Office Hosts Client Holiday Event at Wang Theatre  
November 29, 2023

UPDATED: Massachusetts Legislature Passes Wide- Ranging Tax Bill Impacting Estate and Income Taxes  
September 29, 2023

Massachusetts Appeals Court Rules That Interest in an Irrevocable Trust Is a Marital Asset  
September 14, 2023

# News

Day Pitney Adds Four Lateral Partners, Solidifying Firm as One of the Largest Private Client Teams in Boston  
June 1, 2023

## In The Media

"Updates in Probate Law" and "Capacity Issues and Burden Shifting," 12th Annual Probate Law Conference, Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA)  
November 22, 2024

Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers of 2024  
Boston magazine, November 19, 2024

Tiffany Bentley speaking on MCLE Panel for Family Trusts in a Divorce; Consideration of trust interests in determining support and property division  
Webinar Hosted by MCLE, May 20, 2024

"Educational Seminar - Spousal Rights and Creditors Rights in Family Trusts", Boston Estate Planning Council  
February 15, 2024

A House Divided: Real Estate & Divorce  
October 26, 2023

New Associations  
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, July 7, 2023

Day Pitney Adds 4 Ex-Burns & Levinson Attys in Boston  
Law360, June 5, 2023

Family Trusts in a Divorce  
May 24, 2023

Handling Divorce in the Chain of Title  
March 2023

Double Agents: Intersection Between Powers of Attorney and Estate Planning  
December 2022

Fiduciary and Trust Account Dreams and Nightmares  
October 2022

Will Contests, Compromises, and Practical Steps to Avoid Litigation  
MCLE Massachusetts Probate Manual, 2022

Drafting Premarital and Postmarital Agreements  
May 2022

The Messy Intersection of Divorce and Trust Law – Everything but Pfannenstiehl  
February 2022

Wills Contest and Objections to Accounts  
2021

Proving Testamentary Capacity at Trial  
April 2021

Evidence Admissibility in Family Law Cases

April 2021

Sophisticated Financial Issues in Divorce Matters and the Impact of COVID-19

July 2020

Who Has to Prove What: Burdens of Proof and Presumptions in Fiduciary and Probate Litigation

May 2015

Financial Exploitation of Elders and Undue Influence

March 2015

Undue Influence and Equitable Remedies

November 2014