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Mr. Amoruso concentrates his practice on Elder Law, Asset Preservation, Comprehensive Estate Planning, Estate Administration and Guardianship. He was chosen as a **2010-2017 New York Metro Super Lawyer for Elder Law**. From 2011-2017 he was named one of the **Top 25 Westchester and Top 100 New York Super Lawyers among all practice areas** and was featured by Super Lawyers Magazine in 2013 at: <http://tinyurl.com/AmorusoSuperLawyers>. He is also included in the **U.S. News & World Report 2017 Best Lawyers in America for Elder Law**. In 2009, he received a **U.S. Congressional Proclamation for his work in Elder Law and Special Needs Law**.

He is Past Chair of the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA") Elder Law Section, a member of the Executive Committee and former Chair of the Legislation Committee and the Estate & Tax Planning Committee. He was the **2010 recipient of the prestigious NYSBA Elder Law Section Award** as a principal drafter of NYSBA's significant amendments to the 2009 Power of Attorney statute and the **2007 recipient of the NYSBA Elder Law Section Award** for work as a principal drafter of the New York State Compact for Long Term Care - a bill that offers an alternative to Medicaid coverage for long term care services. From 2011-2017, he received an **AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell** – the highest possible rating for both legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Amoruso is **President-Elect of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys ("NAELA")** and in **2017 was elected to the NAELA Council of Advanced Practitioners**. In **April, 2016**, Mr. Amoruso was named as a **NAELA Fellow** in recognition of his outstanding leadership and exceptional commitment to addressing the challenges faced by the Elderly and those with Special Needs. He was the **2014 recipient of the NAELA Theresa Foundation Award** for his dedication to those with Special Needs and received the **2013 NAELA President's Recognition Award** and the **2010 NAELA Outstanding New York Chapter Member Award**. He also served as **President of the New York Chapter of NAELA**.

Mr. Amoruso is featured in a *Westchester Business Journal* on-line article entitled "*Sight-impaired lawyer uses personal experience to advocate for the disabled*" <http://tinyurl.com/zn8puon> and is a nationally published author and frequent lecturer for the New York State Bar Association, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, National Association of Estate Planners and Councils, Stetson Law National Supplemental Needs Trust Conference, WealthCounsel LLC and ElderCounsel LLC, the *Westchester Business Journal* and *Generations* and is a frequent source of quotes and opinions by local press and **The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Money Magazine, Kiplinger, Reuters, New York Law Journal, AARP, Money, bankrate.com, and Jewish World Review**. Mr. Amoruso hosted the weekly "*Eldercare on the Air™*" radio show on **WFAS AM**.

Locally, Mr. Amoruso was a member of the Boards of Directors of Westchester County Bar Association, Visiting Nurse Service of Westchester, Hospice of Westchester and Past Chair of the WCBA Elder Law Committee and President of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Westchester County.

Mr. Amoruso is a Founding Principal of ElderCounsel LLC, the premier elder law and special needs planning document drafting solution for attorneys. Most importantly, however, Mr. Amoruso is the doting father of two beautiful daughters.

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Jeffrey A. Asher is admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut. Mr. Asher is a member of the New York State Bar Association, where he serves on the Executive Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section, is a Co-Chair of the Estate, Trust and Tax Issues Committee of the NYSBA Elder Law and Special Needs Section, is a member of the Legislation Committee of the NYSBA Elder Law and Special Needs Section, and is a Chair of the Elder Law Section of the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Mr. Asher recently appeared in the HBO Documentary “Bobby Fischer Against the World: Fight for the Fischer Estate.” Mr. Asher also is a legal commentator on Trusts and Estates and Elder Law matters for Court TV, TruTV, and CNN Headline News.

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JULIEANN CALARESO

JulieAnn Calareso joined The Shevy Law Firm in 2017, bringing her experience in elder law, guardianships, trusts and estates planning and administration, and special needs planning to Patricia Shevy's practice. Julie completed a one year clerkship with the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Department, and has practiced in the Albany area in these fields since graduating from Albany Law School in 2003.

Julie came to law as her second career, having graduated from Fordham University with an undergraduate degree in communications. After years in television and movie production in NYC and Los Angeles, she moved onto a field where she could make an impact on individuals' and family's lives on a daily basis. Her selection of her fields of focus came from personal experiences within her extended family, seeing the need for planning and for family collaborations across the generations. Julie has a soft spot in her heart for caregivers, and it is reflected in her community involvement outside the office.

Julie and her husband, Jack, a fellow attorney, live in Niskayuna with their two middle school aged children. She is a ferocious hockey mom, and has surprised herself by becoming a horse-loving barn mother. She is eternally grateful to Jack for making her a part of Redsox Nation, and looks forward to the personal adventures that lie ahead for her and her family

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Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Elder Law

B.A., Baylor University

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Courses:

Criminal Procedure, Ethics and the Practice of Criminal Law, Ethics in the Practice of Elder Law, Evidence, Professional Responsibility

Roberta K. Flowers is a professor of law at Stetson University College of Law. Within the Elder Law LL.M. program, Professor Flowers teaches Ethics in an Elder Law Practice. She also teaches Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility. While at Stetson, Professor Flowers has successfully coached trial teams, arbitration teams and moot court teams to national championships. She has served as the director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and as the William Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor in Professionalism. During her time at Stetson, Professor Flowers has received the university-level Excellence in Teaching Award, Most Inspirational Teacher Award from the Student Bar Association, and an award from the Student Bar Association for supporting student life. She also has received the university-level Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Scholarship, the Dean's Award for Extraordinary Service, and been awarded the Distinguished Service Award four times. In 2005, the Florida Supreme Court awarded Professor Flowers the Faculty Professionalism Award.

Professor Flowers has lectured worldwide on the topic of ethics. She won a Telly Award for Excellence in Educational Films for having produced a series of educational videos on the ethical issues faced by prosecuting attorneys. Along with Professor Rebecca Morgan, she created a video series used to train and educate attorneys nationwide on the ethical dilemmas faced by elder law attorneys. The Florida Supreme Court awarded Professor Morgan and Professor Flowers the Florida Supreme Court Professionalism Award for their video productions. Additionally, with Professor Morgan, Professor Flowers designed the nation's first "elder friendly courtroom," which serves as model for courtrooms of the future.

Before arriving at Stetson, Professor Flowers worked as a prosecutor in both the state and federal system. She began her career in 1984 as a deputy district attorney for the 18th Judicial District of Colorado, where she served as a trial attorney in the criminal division. In 1989, she was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida, where she served in the Appellate Division, the Major Crimes Unit and the Public Corruption Unit.

Professor Flowers graduated *magna cum laude* from Baylor University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She received her J.D. from the University of Colorado in 1984, where she was selected to be a member of the Order of the Coif.

Professor Flowers' research interests center on the issues of ethics and professionalism. Professor Flowers' articles have appeared in such journals as the *Fordham Law Review*, the *Boston College Law Review*, *Missouri Law Review*, the *Nebraska Law Review*, the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*, the *Stetson Law Review*, and the *NAELA Journal*.

Professor Flowers is active in several professional associations. She has served on numerous committees of The Florida Bar, including the Professional Ethics Committee, the Evidence Committee, and the Standing Committee on Professionalism. She is currently the chair of the Professionalism Subcommittee of the Litigation Section's Ethics and Professionalism Committee of the American Bar Association.

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Judith M. Nolfo

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Judy has a private law practice in Albany, New York and her primary practice areas are estate planning, elder law and trusts and estates. Prior to private practice, she worked for many years in the New York State Senate Counsel's office as Assistant Minority Counsel for the Aging, Corporations and Taxation committees. During her tenure at the Senate, she was involved with legislation amending spousal rights under EPTL 5-1.1, expanding "payable on death" designations for financial accounts, creating and implementing the STAR and Senior STAR property tax exemptions and other legislation regarding senior citizens, disabled accessibility rights and state taxation. Judy is an experienced mediator for Surrogate's Court issues and is currently working with local dispute resolution centers to include such issues in their practices. She is a volunteer mediator with Mediation Matters in the Capital District.

Judy serves, along with Tara Pleat, as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the NYSBA Elder and Special Needs Law Journal. She is also the Co-Chair of the NYSBA Elder Law and Special Needs Section's Committee on Estates, Trusts and Tax Issues and is a member of the Mediation and Elder Abuse committees of the section. Judy is also a member of the Trusts and Estates and Dispute Resolution Sections and the Albany County and Ulster County Bar Associations.

Judy is involved with several community and pro bono initiatives, including Peppertree Rescue and various Anti-Human Trafficking organizations.

New York Estate Planning Attorney



Scott B. Silverberg, Esq.
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Scott B. Silverberg focuses his practice on estate planning, Elder Law and special needs planning.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and the Elder Law Practicum of national NAELA.

As a member of the New York State Bar Association, Scott serves as Vice Chair of the Technology Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section Executive Committee.

He is also a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Scott is a graduate of Fordham Law School (J.D., 2013) and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, a highly competitive program that prepares students for leadership positions in law, government, public policy and business.

He is admitted to practice in New York State.

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