

Attorney Profiles

Russell I. Marnell



Russell I. Marnell, the lead attorney of Russell I. Marnell, P.C. has more than 20 years experience handling complex issues in estate planning, probate and estates, administration and elder law matters. He is preeminently rated in an international law directory.

Having passed the CPA examination and holding an MBA in accounting, Mr. Marnell is fully aware of the significant financial issues that impact on wills, estates, and elder law issues and has established a reputation for compassion and understanding with clients and as a litigator, frequent lecturer and legal writer among his colleagues.

Susan P. Marnell

Susan P. Marnell, Esq. concentrates on estate planning, drafting of wills, trusts and related documents, estate administration and guardianship matters. Her practice also includes counseling elderly clients and their families on Medicaid, Medicare, tax and legal issues, including the use



of durable powers of attorney, living trusts, health care proxies, living wills and real estate matters. She holds a J.D. from Hofstra University.

Mrs. Marnell is an active member of both the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations Elder Law and Estates and Trust Committees and has recently joined the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She has been appointed as a court evaluator and guardian ad litem in numerous guardianship and probate matters.

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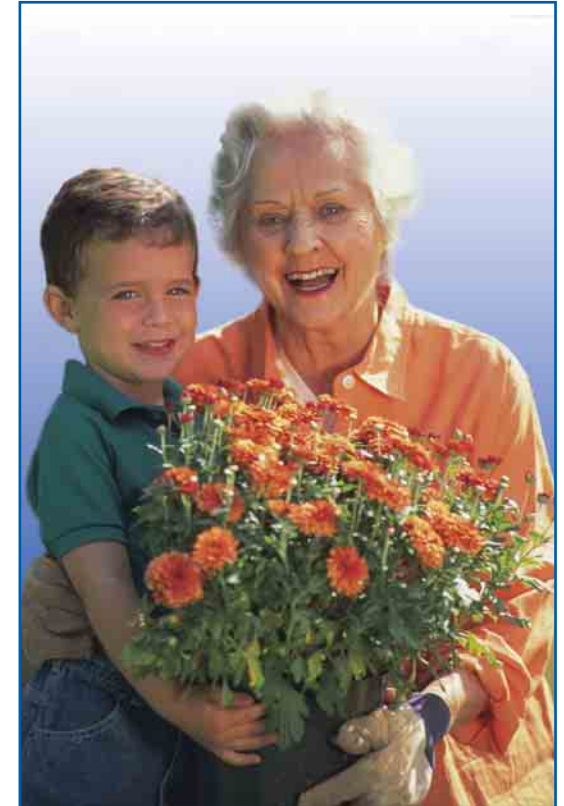
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Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning

Preparation of Wills and Trusts
Estate and Gift Tax Planning
Living Wills
Powers of Attorney

Our office uses various legal tools to ensure that our client's wishes are carried out while they are alive and after they die. These may involve the creation of a Power of Attorney, which allows someone to make certain decisions on your behalf. It may also include a Living Will, a legal document that describes what types of medical intervention should be used to preserve one's life when one is incapacitated and unable to make their decisions on their own. A Will is a legal document that allows someone to provide for how they want their property disposed of and any minor children cared for after their death. The firm's services also include Estate and Gift Tax Planning, an area of the law which considers a client's needs during their lifetime, while working to minimize income and capital gains taxes while alive and estate taxes after death.



Elder Law Services Provided

Medicaid and Asset Protection Planning
Guardianship Proceedings
Healthcare Proxies

Elder law has come of age as a recognized area of law requiring detailed knowledge and experience in servicing clients. What we try to do is help a client retain his or her dignity while disposing of assets at a critical time in their lives. We also help the client plan for passing on one's estate while considering the competing interests of estate planning with asset protection. Quality of life issues are also significantly considered. This issue may oftentimes be more important than necessarily protecting assets. We try to find a balance while understanding the personal and emotional aspects of long-term health planning.

Probate and Estate Administration

Our office handles both probate and estate administration. Probate administration involves submitting a will to the Surrogate's Court and then distributing the assets of an estate. Similarly, estate administration provides for the distribution of assets in accordance with the state's intestacy rules. Our services include preparing and filing of all probate and estate documents, as well as estate tax returns. We work to ensure that the estate is properly handled and administered in accordance with the wishes of the deceased or in accordance with the orders of the court. In the event that a will is contested or other objections are filed, we are experienced litigators who will vigorously defend and protect our clients' rights in these matters.

Experience

BAR

ADMISSIONS

New York State Bar
Florida Bar
California Bar
Nevada Bar
Federal District Court
United States Tax Court

LEGAL

EMPLOYMENT

September, 1985 - Present
Law Offices of
Russell I. Marnell, P.C.

Hofstra University School
of Business, MBA, 1984;
Accounting

S.U.N.Y. at Albany, B.S.,
1980; Business

Certified Public Accountant
Examination, passed 1985

AFFILIATIONS

National Association of
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Elder Law Section

New York State Bar Trusts and
Estates Section

Nassau County Bar Association
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Suffolk County Bar Association
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