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Amy C. O'Hara is a partner with the law firm of Littman Krooks LLP, a firm she has been with for almost 20 years. Her greater New York City and Westchester NY practice focuses in the areas of elder law, estate planning and administration, trust administration, guardianships, special needs planning and personal injury settlement consulting. Amy lectures to advocacy and professional organizations on the importance of proper planning for families of children with special needs and elder law matters and regularly publishes articles relating to elder law, estate and special needs planning.

Amy is Certified as an Elder Law Attorney (CELA) by the National Elder Law Foundation and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Amy is Past President of the Board of Directors of the Special Needs Alliance, a national, not-for-profit organization comprised of attorneys who practice law and advocate for people living with special needs and disabilities, the elderly, and their families. She is President of the Board of Directors of Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that aims to improve the quality of life and the rights for all people with disabilities. She is also a member of the American Bar Association where she serves as co-chair of the Special Needs Planning Committee of RPTE, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Elder Law and Special Needs Section, where she serves as vice-chair of the Special Needs Planning Committee, NYSBA Trusts & Estates Section, and Westchester County Bar Association.

Amy is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Amy co-authors the *Special Needs Trusts Handbook*, a comprehensive treatise published by Wolters Kluwer.

Selected Publications

- ◆ A New Crisis Hotline for Mental Health
- ◆ Update on Supported Decision Making in New York State
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act
- ◆ Plan Now to Minimize Impact of Estate and Gift Taxes
- ◆ Mental Health Issues with Your Elderly Loved Ones
- ◆ Managing Virtual Learning for Students with Special Needs
- ◆ Advocating for Least Restrictive Alternatives in Plenary Guardianships
- ◆ SNTs: How They Can Help Your Child with Special Needs
- ◆ Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Under Medicare and Medicaid
- ◆ Special Needs Trust Fairness Act Becomes Law
- ◆ Bullying of the Special Needs Child and What Parents Can Do
- ◆ What Is a Special Needs Trust?
- ◆ Estate Planning for Your Pet

Selected Speaking Engagements

- ◆ Legal and Financial Planning for Diminished Capacity
- ◆ Enhancing Relationships with Corporate Trustees
- ◆ Interplay of Special Needs Planning and Divorce
- ◆ Top Considerations Professionals Must Know When Assisting Families with Special Needs
- ◆ Using Pooled Trusts in Special Needs Planning
- ◆ Corporate Trustees and Special Needs Trusts
- ◆ Maximizing the Quality of Life for Adults with Developmentally Disabilities
- ◆ Distribution Provisions for First and Third Party Special Needs Trusts
- ◆ Medicaid Asset Protection Trusts

Reported Decision

- ◆ *Matter of Reed D. K. H.*, 77 Misc.3d 376, 178 N.Y.S.3d 401, 2022 N.Y. Slip Op. 22328 (Surr. Ct. West. Co. 2022) successful dissolution of guardian and restoration of ward's full legal capacity

Education

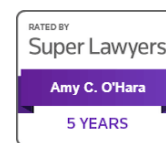
- ◆ J.D., University at Buffalo Law School
- ◆ B.S., Binghamton University

Areas of Practice

- ◆ Special Needs Planning
- ◆ Elder Law
- ◆ Guardianships
- ◆ Estate Planning
- ◆ Estate and Trust Administration

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA) by the National Elder Law Foundation
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- ◆ President: Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc.
- ◆ American Bar Association
- ◆ National Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- ◆ New York State Bar Association (Trusts & Estates Section and Elder Law & Special Needs Sections)
- ◆ Westchester County Bar Association
- ◆ Estate Planning Council Westchester County



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