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EDUCATION

- ▶ St. John's University (J.D., 2003)
- ▶ Marist College (B.A. magna cum laude, 2000)

PRACTICE AREAS

- ▶ Estate Litigation
- ▶ International Practice Group
- ▶ Trusts & Estates

JENNIFER F. HILLMAN'S practice includes all manner of Surrogate's Court proceedings including accounting proceedings, probate contests, discovery proceedings, and commercial litigation related to estates. She practices in the Surrogate's Courts as well as the trial and appellate courts throughout New York.

Jennifer is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate counsel ("ACTEC"). Before her promotion to chair of the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Section, she served as chair of the Estate Litigation Committee and co-chair of the Government Relations and Legislation Committee, where she actively assisted the Section in promoting new legislation and several of her own legislative proposals have been signed into law. She is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association where she served as co-chair of the Surrogates Court Committee. Hillman is a member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association and is on the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation.

Jennifer has lectured on probate and trust issues to the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Bar Association, the Suffolk County Bar Association, the Judicial Institute and other organizations. She has cowritten many articles for the New York Law Journal, and is a contributor to the Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Community on a variety of issues related to estate litigation.

NOTABLE DECISIONS:

- ▶ In re Hoppenstein, 2017 N.Y. Slip Op. 30940(U) (Surr Ct. New York Co. 2017)
- ▶ In re Dorfsman, 2016 N.Y. Slip Op. 32026(U) (Surr Ct. Nassau Co. 2016)
- ▶ Matter of Panebianco, 50 Misc3d 1203(A) (Surr Ct Westchester Co 2015)

- ▶ In re Elmezzi, 124 AD3d 886 (2d Dept 2015)
- ▶ In re Saft, 41 Misc 3d 1219 (A) (Surr Ct. Nassau Co. 2013)
- ▶ In re Demesyieux, 42 Misc 3d 730 (Surr Ct. Nassau Co. 2013)
- ▶ In re Will of Friedlander, 34 Misc 3d 1216 (A) (Surr Ct. New York Co. 2011)
- ▶ In re Nieto, 70 AD 3d 831 (2d Dept 2010)

BLOGS:

- ▶ When To Object To Attorney-Fiduciary Commissions (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog 8/28/15)
- ▶ Tangible Personal Property: What Does it Encompass? (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog 1/12/15)
- ▶ Inheritance Rights of Posthumously Conceived Children in New York State (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog 7/10/14)
- ▶ New York Decisions Utilize Equitable Estoppel to Prevent Abusers of the Elderly From Profiting From Their Wrongs (Whaley Estate Litigation Blog/Resource Centre, 5/22/14)
- ▶ Searching For Frank: What Is A Diligent Search For Heirs? (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 5/19/14)
- ▶ Making Your Mark: Using a Fingerprint When a Testator Cannot Sign the Will (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 2/06/14)
- ▶ Attorney – Executor Beware: Strict Compliance with SCPA 2307-a Is Needed for Full Commissions (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 9/26/13)
- ▶ Potential Pitfalls of an Out of State Executor: Keep New York Estate Assets in New York (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 6/12/13)
- ▶ Preventive Medicine For the Health of Your Estate (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 4/8/13)
- ▶ Digging A Little Deeper: Less Obvious Attesting Witness Beneficiaries Find Their Bequest Void Under EPTL 3-3.2 (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 2/8/13)
- ▶ To the Victor Goes The Spoils: A Review of the Pro Tanto Rule (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 2/4/13)
- ▶ New York Appellate Court Broadens the Powers of an Attorney-in-Fact (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 9/25/12)
- ▶ Effective Transfers to a Trust (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 8/29/12)
- ▶ The Often Misunderstood Rule Against Perpetuities (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 7/24/12)
- ▶ Dishonesty as a Grounds for Ineligibility as a Fiduciary (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 5/15/12)
- ▶ When A Trust Is No Longer Economical (Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Blog, 3/11/11)

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Jennifer Hillman Named Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Trust & Estates Section. (Press Releases)
- ▶ Seventeen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2020 (Press Releases)
- ▶ Jennifer Hillman Named to the Nassau County Bar Association COVID-19 Community Task Force (Press Releases)
- ▶ Implications of DNA Registries For Trust and Estate Practitioners (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ FIFTEEN RUSKIN MOSCOU FALTISCHEK ATTORNEYS NAMED AS NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA SUPER LAWYERS FOR 2019 (Press Releases)
- ▶ LIBN: Who's Who in Business Services (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Anatomy of a Probate Contest Part 3: SCPA 1404 Examinations (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Presumption of Death: What Happens When an Individual Vanishes From Society? (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorney Jennifer Hillman Named Among Outstanding Women in Law by Hofstra Law (Press Releases)
- ▶ Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorney Jennifer Hillman Becomes a Fellow of ACTEC (Press Releases, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Sixteen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named as New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers for 2017 (Press Releases)
- ▶ Considerations When the Proposed Article 17 A Guardian May Not Be Suitable (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Practical Concerns When Settling a Wrongful Death Action (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Fiduciaries and Settlements: SCPA 2102 Is an Important, Under-Utilized Tool (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Mortmain Statutes and Restrictions On Testamentary Gifts to Charities (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Recent Tax Court Ruling on Crummey Trusts (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Using a Power of Attorney To Conduct Litigation Strategy (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Clarifying When and Whether Divorce Revokes Bequests (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Third-Party Miscellaneous Proceedings in Surrogate's Court (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ The Right of Election and Tax Apportionment (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Interplay of Health Care Proxy and Living Will (New York Law Journal) (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Extending EPTL 3-3.5 Safe Harbor Provisions to Inter Vivos Trusts (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ The Evolution of Prudence in Trustee Investing – New York Law Journal 7-9-13 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ New York Needs a Directed Trust Statute – New York Law Journal, 11/20/12 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)

- ▶ Till Death Do Us Part: Post-Death Annulment of Marriage and the Right of Election – NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section Newsletter, Winter 2009 (Articles, Estate Litigation)
- ▶ Article 17-A Proceedings Remain an Important Tool – New York Law Journal, 1/6/10 (Articles, Estate Litigation)
- ▶ Privity and the Role of Limited Letters in Legal Malpractice Actions – New York Law Journal, 11/22/10 (Articles, Estate Litigation, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Applying Equitable Estoppel to Deathbed Marriages – New York Law Journal, 5/13/10 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ The Evolution of Trust Reformation and Modification Under New York Law – New York Law Journal, 7/9/12 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Self-Dealing Fiduciaries: What Is the Appropriate Standard? (Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Self-Dealing Fiduciaries: What Is the Appropriate Standard? – New York Law Journal, 11/15/11 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Subject Matter Jurisdiction In the Surrogate’s Court – New York Law Journal, 3/14/11 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Does New York Need a Trust Code? – New York Law Journal, 1/31/11 (Articles, Trusts and Estates)
- ▶ Equitable Estoppel for Deathbed Marriages – New York Law Journal, 5/13/10 (Articles, Estate Litigation)

