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Sandra N. Busell is a Partner in the Trusts and Estates and Elder Law Practice Groups at Certilman Balin. A Certified Public Accountant as well, Ms. Busell brings a strong tax knowledge to all of her estate planning work. An integral part of her practice in the areas of trusts is concentrated on guardianships, Supplemental Needs Trusts, and the protection of Medicaid benefits in regard to the elderly and special needs children and adults. She is often appointed by the Supreme Courts in Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens Counties as a guardian, a Supplemental Needs trustee, as well as a Court Evaluator for persons alleged to be in need of a Guardian.

In the areas of estate planning, she advises clients on business succession issues, where her experience also includes counseling clients on various real estate issues that arise relating to elders buying, selling, and transferring property. This includes helping families to obtain reverse mortgages by using irrevocable trusts, which allows the elderly family members to stay in their home and still protect the remaining equity for themselves and their children. Ms. Busell also advises on contested estates between siblings, including representing the non-executor beneficiaries to ensure timely administration and distribution of the estate.

Prior to joining our firm, Ms. Busell was a Partner at Davidoff Hatcher & Citron, LLP where she represented clients in a wide variety of matters including elder law, Medicaid, wills, probate, trusts, guardianship tax law, corporate law, and multi-use real estate.

A frequent lecturer in her field, she speaks on behalf of the National Business Institute and before religious and educational institutions and charitable organizations.

Ms. Busell earned a Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baruch College of the City University of New York, with a concentration in Accounting. She is admitted to practice in the state of New York

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A member of the New York Bar Association, Nassau County Bar Association, Queen's Women's Bar Association, National Academy of Elder Care Attorneys (NAELA), New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, she also serves on the board of the Long Island Chapter of the American Heart Association.

In 2017 and 2016, Ms. Busell was named to the *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list. In 2018, Ms. Busell was named a *Long Island Power Woman in Business* by the Long Island Press.

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