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Special Needs Legal & Future Planning

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Legal and future planning for our fellow Illinois families of individuals with special needs, including intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and/ or mental illness. It is not one thing we do – it is the only thing we do. It is not one area of our practice, but our only area of practice.

WHAT WE DO…

- Special Needs Trusts
- Government Benefits Planning (Medicaid/ SSI/ Medicare/ SSDI
- Estate & Estate Tax Planning – Wills & Trusts
- Estate, Probate and Trust Administration
- Guardianships & Alternatives
- Powers of Attorney
- Letters of Intent
- Consulting on Special Needs Family Divorces
- Navigating the Illinois "MAZE" of Children & Adult Services
- Consulting on Special Needs Medical-Malpractice/ PI Settlements

ATTORNEYS

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Judith (Judie) Smith ~ Melanie Hoffman ~ Jolie Kaplan (Sibling)

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Brian Rubin

Attorney Brian Rubin, the founder of Rubin Law, A professional Corporation, a former IRS Agent, and former IRS Attorney, has been a practicing attorney since 1976, is the parent of three children, one of whom, Mitchell, has Autism. Brian's law practice, since 1982, when Mitchell was one year old, has been dedicated to serving the legal and future planning needs of his fellow Illinois families of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness.

Brian is a Past President of the Special Needs Alliance, the national, non- profit, as-sociation of experienced special needs planning attorneys (membership is by invitation only), served on the Special Needs Law Section Steering Committee of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, was a Charter Member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners, and is a Faculty Member and Textbook Author for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) on the topic of special needs legal and future planning, as well as a Speaker for the American Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association on those topics.

Brian has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and has received the highest attorney rating from Martindale-Hubbell, "AV® Preeminent™", and AVVO's highest attorney rating of "Top Attorney".

Brian is a Past Chairman of the State of Illinois Statewide Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities, is a Past Chairman of the State of Illinois Autism Task Force (established by the Illinois Legislature), served as a member of the State of Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission, and served on the State of Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General Quality Care Board, among other State of Illinois Committees and Commissions.

Brian is a Past President of The The Arc of Illinois (served on The Arc of Illinois Board for 15 years), has been a member of the Board of Directors of Clearbrook (an organization serving more than 8,000 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, including his son, Mitchell) since 1989, is a member of the Board of Trustees of Life's Plan, Inc. which serves as Trustee of both Pooled Special Needs Trust and individual Special Needs Trusts.

Brian has also served on the Board of Directors of Pact, Inc.(now known as DayOne PACT) which serves as Trustee of Special Needs Trusts as well as Guardian for individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities and/or mental illness, he served as a member (Past Chairman) of the Board of Directors of the Special Leisure Services Foundation, the foundation supporting the Northwest Suburban Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), served as the founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of The Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL Foundation), served on the Board of Directors of KESHET (Jewish Parents of Children with Special Needs), served on the Advisory Council of Encompass (Encompass in partnership with Jewish Child & Family Services, Jewish United Fund, JVS Chicago, JCC Chicago, Keshet, and The Center for Enriched Living and Center for Independent Futures), and served on the Board of Directors of Northpointe Resources, also an agency serving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Brian and his wife Linda reside in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

Benjamin Rubin

Attorney Benjamin (Benji) Rubin, is President of Rubin Law, A professional Corporation. The firm was founded in 2001 by Benji's father, Brian Rubin. The firm's law practice is limited to special needs legal and future planning for Benji's and Brian's fellow families of individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness.

Benji joined the law firm in 2010 upon graduation from Law School. Benji graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law, Magna Cum Laude, received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, and his Graduate Law Degree, an LLM (Tax), with honors, also from Northwestern University. Benji has been elected as a Fellow of ACTEC (The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel).

Benji is a member of the national Board of Directors of the Special Needs Alliance, the national, non-profit, association of experienced special needs planning attorneys (membership is by invitation only), is Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association Elder Law and Special Needs Planning Group, a past chair of the American Bar Association Special Needs Planning Committee, is immediate past president of SIBS (Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters), the Illinois chapter of the national Sibling Leadership Network, an organization of adult siblings of individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities and/or mental illness, and a member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners.

Benji served as a member of the Board of Directors of The Arc of Illinois for 9 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors NSSRA Foundation (Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association) which facilitates and provides year round recreation programs and services to individuals in Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka; Highwood and Lake Forest, and Riverwoods. In addition, Benji serves on the Board of Directors of DayOne PACT, which serves as Trustee of Special Needs Trusts as well as Guardian for individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities and/or mental illness, serves on the Board of Directors of the Foundation of The Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL Foundation), served previously on the Advisory Council of Encompass (Encompass in partnership with Jewish Child & Family Services, Jewish United Fund, JVS Chicago, JCC Chicago, Keshet, and The Center for Enriched Living and Center for Independent Futures). Benji is also a Faculty Member for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) on the topic of special needs planning, as well as a frequent speaker for the American Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association on those topics.

Benji lives with his wife and three children in Northbrook, Illinois.

Having an older brother with Autism profoundly shaped who Benji is today, and thus the type of law he chose to practice. His firsthand experiences as a sibling offer a unique perspective into the responsibilities that come with caring for a sibling with special needs. Now as an adult, those sometimes present and future responsibilities he has regarding his brother's care are a concern that he shares with all brothers and sisters of individuals with special needs.