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Doris J. Dixon

Special Counsel

Dori Dixon's practice concentrates on elder law, special needs, and trusts and estates. She counsels clients on issues including special needs planning, guardianships, Medicaid, Veterans benefits, wills, trusts, estate administration, probate, powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney, and living wills.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Dixon was a partner with Wiggen Law Group PLLC in Durham, North Carolina.

Ms. Dixon has a special interest in elder law. Working with seniors and persons with special needs has always been a passion for Dori. As a teenager in her home town of Greensboro, North Carolina, she waited tables at Friends Home, a continuing care retirement community, and in college, Dori brought dogs from the local animal shelter to a nearby nursing home so the seniors could participate in pet therapy. In college, Dori also began working with individuals with special needs by participating in a program that paired college students with special needs adults for social outings. Dori enjoys the privilege of assisting families to implement planning that takes into account each client's unique needs.

In addition to her law practice, Dori is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law in the subject of Elder Law. She is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Estate Planning and the Elder and Special Needs Law Sections of the North Carolina Bar Association. Dori is former Chair of the council for the Elder and Special Needs Law Section and President of the NC Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is a frequent speaker on estate planning, elder law and special needs law.

Dori lives in Durham with her husband, Josh, and their three dogs, Kaya, Lola, and Walker.

Practice Areas

Trusts and Estates

Elder Law and Special Needs Law

Education

Appalachian State University, B.A., magna cum laude, 2000

University of North Carolina, J.D., 2004

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Professional Activities

Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law (Elder Law)

NC Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, President 2017, Vice President 2016, Treasurer 2014-2015, Secretary 2013

North Carolina Bar Association, Elder and Special Needs Law Section, past Chair; Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section, member

Chapel Hill and Durham Elder Resources (CHADER), Board member

ElderCounsel, LLC, member

Veterans Affairs Accredited Attorney

Awards and Publications

North Carolina Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2013-2014

Ethical Considerations When Representing the Elderly Client, National Business Institute, 2012-2013

How to Protect an Elderly Client's Assets, National Business Institute, 2012-2013

What To Do When a Spouse is Confronting Health Issues, The Estate Plan, National Business Institute, 2012-2013

Little Known Veterans Benefit Helps Pay for Long-Term Care, Retirement Resource Guide, 2011

Ask The Expert, Elder Law & Estate Planning, Seniors Guide Magazine, 2010