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Overview

Rebecca M.M. (Becca) Kniffen helps individuals and families navigate estate and tax planning, estate administration, and significant life transitions with both practical guidance and compassion. She advises clients ranging from young professionals just starting out to those navigating more sophisticated tax planning matters, including foundational wills and trusts, shelter trusts, multigenerational wealth transfer strategies, and family business succession plans.

By combining refined planning strategies with an empathetic approach, Becca offers clients the dedicated support necessary to prepare for the future and protect what matters most. When focusing on major life and financial transitions, including divorce and widowhood, she offers personal support and ensures estate plans are accessible while also reflecting clients' ultimate goals and protecting their assets. She works closely with financial advisors to develop practical planning strategies and guides executors and beneficiaries through estate administration, helping families resolve complex issues with clarity during difficult times.

Becca also helps clients prepare for the unexpected through incapacity and health care planning. By putting key documents in place, she helps ensure clients' wishes are honored and loved ones are empowered to act when needed. She also advises on cemetery and disposition matters as part of broader family planning.

Education

- Pace University, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, 2021 (J.D.)
- University of Maryland, 2016 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Community Involvement

- City Bar Justice Center, Elder Law Clinic and Pro Bono Wills Project

Memberships

- New York State Bar Association
- Westchester County Bar Association
- Westchester Women's Bar Association

Presentations and Publications

- "[How to Plan for New York's Extended Clawback for Taxable Gifts](#)," *Reuters*, April 2026
- "The Pandemic: Law Students' Perspectives on COVID-19's Effects on Legal Education and the Legal Profession," *Westchester Bar Journal*, 2020