

# LISA J. ALLEN

## EDUCATION:

Juris Doctorate      University at Buffalo  
School of Law (1990)  
Bachelor of Arts      University at  
Binghamton (1985)

## ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE:

New York State Bar (1991)  
United States District Court (1991)

## LEGAL PRACTICE:

Ms. Allen is currently the owner of her own private practice, the Law Offices of Lisa J. Allen, PLLC, where she is the supervising attorney of a professional legal staff of eight attorneys and paralegals. She focuses her legal practice on Trusts and Estates, Elder Law and Disability Advocacy, including issues related to Medicaid eligibility, guardianships, supplemental needs trusts, long term care planning, estate planning and the probate and administration of decedents' estates. She is a frequent community lecturer on issues affecting elderly and disabled individuals at continuing education courses for financial professionals, accountants and attorneys. Ms. Allen is also an adjunct instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Law. Additionally, she was previously a supervising attorney for the Clinical Legal Program in Special Education Law at the law school.

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Ms. Allen is a member and former delegate for the Eighth Judicial District of the Trusts and Estates Section and the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, and a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Surrogate's Court and Elder Law Committees of the Erie County Bar Association. She also belongs to the Professional Advisory Group of the Greater Buffalo Community Foundation, the Estate Analysts of Western New York and the Special Needs Alliance. Ms. Allen has served on numerous advisory committees and boards of directors for not-for-profit corporations, including People, Inc. Services to the Developmentally Disabled, Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, Parent Network of Western New York, the New York State School for the Blind and the University at Buffalo Law School Alumni Association. While in law school, Ms. Allen was awarded a Baldy Fellowship for the Study of Law and Social Policy. As a part of this study, she coordinated a state-wide grant project funded by the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. A direct result of that three-year project was the implementation of the New York State Medicaid Care at Home Waiver program, which allows children with special health needs to qualify for Medicaid assistance regardless of their parents' income and resources.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

Ms. Allen was named a Western New York "Woman of Influence" by *Business First* of Buffalo, selected as an Upstate New York Super Lawyer by the Thomson Reuters Organization and a Best Lawyer of Western New York by Buffalo Spree Magazine in 2012 and every year since.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

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<i>Partner</i> Schop, Powell & Allen, Attorneys at Law 5900 Main Street Williamsville, NY 14221	2012-2015
<i>Partner</i> Harris Beach PLLC 726 Exchange Street, Suite 1000 Buffalo, NY 1421	2006-2012
<i>Supervising Attorney</i> HoganWillig, Attorneys at Law 2416 North Forest Road, Suite 301 Amherst, NY 14068	1990-2006