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## Barbara R. Berman

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Consistent with her emphasis on guiding clients through end-of-life challenges, Barbara Berman's practice encompasses estate controversies, trust and probate administration, estate planning, and guardianship.

A Harvard Law School graduate, Barbara began her legal career in Washington, D.C., with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Upon moving to Phoenix in 1979, she entered private practice, focusing on financial institution regulatory law and rising to equity partner at one of Arizona's largest law firms.

Barbara left the practice of law to raise a family, while also serving as an active volunteer in schools and community organizations. During that time, she experienced first-hand, through family members, many of the issues arising from life transitions, which ultimately led her to re-enter the practice of law with a focus on helping clients navigate those often-challenging transitions.

Barbara is originally from Baltimore, Maryland, and grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before earning her bachelor's degree in economics from Rice University.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Estate Controversy  
Trust and Probate Administration  
Estate Planning  
Guardianships and Conservatorships

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Arizona: Probate and Trust Section (Executive Council); Elder Law, Mental Health & Special Needs Planning Section  
Maricopa County Bar Association: Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Section  
District of Columbia Bar (inactive); Massachusetts Bar (inactive)  
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

### HONORS & AWARDS

Attorney of the Month, Volunteer Lawyers Program, Maricopa County Bar Association, November 2016

### COURT ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1979  
District of Columbia, 1976  
Massachusetts, 1975

### EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 1975  
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Economics, Rice University, 1972: Phi Beta Kappa

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Probate Lawyers Assistance Project, Maricopa County Bar Association  
Volunteer Lawyers Program, Community Legal Services and Maricopa County Bar Association

### LANGUAGE FLUENCY

Spanish

### BIRTHPLACE

Baltimore, Maryland