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PRACTICE AREAS

- Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorneys
- Estate Planning
- Special Needs
- Nursing Homes
- Trusts & Estates

Julia L. Santo is an Associate and a member of the firm's [Elder Law](#) and [Estate Planning Group](#) in our Lake Success office. Her practice focuses on Medicaid planning, crafting estate plans, estate administration and probate proceedings, and guardianship.

The passion Ms. Santo has for elder law runs deep. During college, she worked at the Babylon Beach House, an assisted living facility on Long Island where she deeply connected with the residents. She credits her time at the Beach House with molding her into the devoted, kind, and compassionate advocate she is today.

Prior to joining Abrams Fensterman, LLP, Ms. Santo was the managing attorney of the New York City office of a boutique elder law and trust and estates firm. She graduated *cum laude* from Binghamton University and went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. During her time at Hofstra, she served as the Head Research Editor for the *American College of Trust and Estates Law Journal*, a high-level academic journal for practitioners of trusts and estates law.

Ms. Santo is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and is an active member of the New York State Bar Association. She currently serves as the Vice Co-Chair of the Sponsorship Committee of the Elder Law & Special Needs Section, and as the Vice Co-Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Trust and Estates Law Section. She is also a member of the New York City Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Ms. Santo was selected as a “Rising Star” in New York Elder Law by “Super Lawyers” in 2024 and 2025. Each year, no more than 2.5% of the lawyers in the state are selected to receive this honor.

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

- New York

EDUCATION

- Binghamton University, B.S. in Human Development, *cum laude*
- Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Juris Doctorate

HONORS AND AWARDS

Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2024, 2025

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Co-author, “[Appealing for Care: Navigating the Medicaid Appeals Process](#),” published in the **Society of Certified Senior Advisors (SCSA) Journal**, providing guidance on Medicaid denials, appeals, and securing home care services
- Co-Author of “The Corporate Transparency Act Is Here: The Effects on Elder Law Practice” published in the Fall 2024 *Elder Law and Special Needs Law Journal* on September 30, 2024, in the [News Center of the New York State Bar Association](#)

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

- “Stay in Control: Avoiding Guardianship with Smart Planning” – Featured Speaker for Community Program hosted by Good Neighbors of Park Slope, May 6, 2026
- “Patient Advocacy: Legal Aspects of Maximizing Health Care” – Co-Presenter for program designed for social work professionals navigating complex patient advocacy challenges, March 3, 2026
- Featured Speaker, Advance Directives and How to Avoid Guardianship CLE, Hosted by Nassau County Bar Association’s joint meeting of the Senior Attorneys Committee and Elder Law, Social Services & Health Advocacy Committee, March 20, 2025
- “Community Medicaid & Advance Directives” – Continuing Education Course for Social Workers and Case Managers at Atria in Lynbrook Park, August 15, 2024

- “Planning for Home Care in New York State” – Continuing Education Course for Social Workers via Zoom sponsored by Community Care Home Health Services, June 25, 2024
- Moderator and Chair of “NY Trusts 101” – New York State Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section, May 13, 2024
- “Community Medicaid 2024, Including Home Care, ALPs, and Pooled Income Trusts” – Continuing Education Course for Social Workers via Zoom sponsored by The Bristol and 305 West End Assisted Living, May 7, 2024
- “Integrating Your Estate Plan with a Long-Term Care Plan” for the Westchester County Senior Law Day Collaborative, October 25, 2023
- “Community Medicaid 2023” – Continuing Education Course for Social Workers at Mt. Sinai Hospital, October 10, 2023

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- New York State Bar Association
 - Elder Law and Special Needs Section
 - Vice Co-Chair of the Sponsorship Committee
 - Medicaid Committee, Member
 - Trusts and Estates Section
 - Vice Co-Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee
 - Estate & Trust Administration Committee, Member
- American Bar Association, Member

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

- **Julia L. Santo to Present on “Avoiding Guardianship” for Good Neighbors of Park Slope** — 05/01/2026
<https://www.abramslaw.com/media/publications/avoiding-guardianship-good-neighbors-park-slope>
- **Moriah Adamo & Julia Santo Published on Medicaid Appeals in CSA Journal** — 03/09/2026
<https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/moriah-adamo-julia-santo-published-on-medicaid-appeals-in-csa-journal>
- **Supporting Your Social Work Team: Complimentary CE Program – March 3** — 02/20/2026
<https://www.abramslaw.com/media/events/supporting-your-social-work-team-complimentary-ce-program>
- **40 Abrams Fensterman Attorneys Named in 2025 New York Super Lawyers** — 10/29/2025
<https://www.abramslaw.com/media/awards/40-abrams-fensterman-attorneys-named-in-2025-new-york-super-lawyers>
- **CLE: Julia Santo, Esq. on Advance Directives and Guardianship Avoidance** — 03/20/2025
<https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/cle-julia-santo-esq-on-advance-directives-and-guardianship-avoidance>
- **Abrams Fensterman Welcomes Associate Julia Santo to the Elder Law Practice Group** — 10/08/2024
<https://www.abramslaw.com/media/announcements/abrams-fensterman-welcomes-associate-attorney-julia-santo>