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Practice Areas

- Elder Law & Special Needs
- Trusts & Estates
- Healthcare
- Tax

Education

- University at Buffalo Law School, J.D., 1988
- Hamilton College, B.S., academic honors, 1985

Admissions

- New York

Cora A. Alsante is the Leader of the Elder Law & Special Needs Practice and a partner in the Tax and Trusts & Estates Practices. She is also a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Alsante focuses her practice on estate planning, trusts, planning for the elderly and disabled, and estate and trust administration. She represents individuals and numerous assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

Ms. Alsante frequently lectures for organizations such as the New York State Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Association, Special Needs Alliance and Alzheimer's Association on topics including guardianships, supplemental needs trusts, estate planning, planning for the elderly and disabled, and estate and trust administration.

Ms. Alsante was instrumental in creating and establishing the Loretto Foundation Community Trust, a pooled supplemental needs trust, which benefits many seniors and disabled individuals in the community.

Ms. Alsante was named one of the "Top 25 Female Upstate New York *Super Lawyers*" for 2011, 2013, 2020, 2021 and 2022 and was selected as a *Best Lawyers in America* "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of "Litigation – Trusts and Estates", in Syracuse, NY, for 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2024.

Professional Credentials

- Member, New York State Guardianship Advisory Committee
- Board Member, New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- Member, Grievance Committee of the Fifth Judicial District
- Fellow, American College of Trusts & Estates
- Surrogate's Court Committee Past Co-Chair, New York State Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section
- Executive Committee Member, New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
- Member, The Upstate Foundation, Inc., Professional Advisory Council for Legacy Giving
- Member, Special Needs Alliance, Co-Chair Education Committee
- Member, Onondaga County Bar Association
- Member, PACE CNY, Board of Trustees

- Member, Loretto Foundation, Board of Trustees
- Past Deputy Public Administrator, Onondaga County
- Past President, New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- Past Member, CNY Women’s Bar Association, Judicial Screening Committee
- Past Chair, New York State Bar Association, Elder Law Section
- Past Member, New York State Bar Association, CLE Committee

Honors & Recognitions

- Rated, AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2009-2025)
- Selected, Trusts and Estates, “Lawyer of the Year” in Syracuse, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2022)
- Selected, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, “Lawyer of the Year” in Syracuse, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2024)
- Selected, New York – Upstate, *Super Lawyers* (2008-2024)
- Selected, Top 25 Female Upstate New York *Super Lawyers* (2011, 2013, 2020, 2021)

Press & Publications

News

- [24 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected as Super Lawyers 2023](#)
- [26 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America 2024](#)
- [24 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Named Super Lawyers 2022](#)
- [20 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America 2023](#)
- [25 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Named Super Lawyers for 2021](#)
- [17 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers In America 2020](#)

Publications

- [Trusts & Estates Legal Alert: The Transfer on Death Deed is now available in New York State](#)
- [Elder Law & Special Needs Alert: Changes to Medicaid – New York State Education and Health Budget Bill Creates a Home Care Look-Back Period for all Home Care Services](#)
- [Planning for Incapacity, Estate Planning and Will Drafting in New York,” New York State Bar Association, 2018 Revision](#)
- [“Supreme Court Special Ed Decision Leaves Questions Unanswered”, Loud & Clear: A Special Needs Conversation, The Special Needs Alliance, June 2017](#)
- [The Legal Challenges for Recently Diagnosed Individuals, New York State Bar Association Journal, Cora A. Alsante](#)
- [“My Doctor Said . . . So My Attorney Said – The Legal Challenges for Recently Diagnosed Individuals”, New York State Bar Association Journal, January 2017 \(co-authored with Ellyn S. Kravitz\)](#)

Speaking Engagements

- New York State Society of Enrolled Agents, “Use of Trusts in Estate and Asset Preservation Planning”
- Hancock Estabrook Sixth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium
- Hancock Estabrook Fifth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium
- Spectrum News CNY/Northern NY Television Series, “Aging Well”
- New York State Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Law Section, Fall Meeting
- Hancock Estabrook Fourth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium
- Hancock Estabrook Third Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium
- New York State Bar Association, “Utilizing Supplemental Needs Trusts for Persons with Disabilities”
- New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Law Section Spring Meeting
- “How to Plan Financially for Children with Special Needs”, WCNY’s Financial Fitness TV, December 2014
- Hancock Estabrook Second Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium
- Estate & Long Term Care Planning Breakfast Club, “Hot Topics in Long-Term Care Planning: An Interactive Discussion”
- Hancock Estabrook’s Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium 2013