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Ruthann Lacey has been in private practice as an attorney for 26 years. From the inception of her practice she has concentrated in Elder Law and Special Needs Law – a practice that is dedicated to the unique and complex planning needs of seniors, their adult children, their grandchildren, and individuals of all ages with special needs. Ruthann also serves as Conservator, Trustee, and Executor.

Ruthann is an alumna of Trinity College where she earned a BA in piano performance, and Emory University School of Law, and is licensed to practice law in the State of Georgia and Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Special Needs Alliance, a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, a member of the Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP), and is one of just eleven Certified Elder Law Attorneys (CELA) in Georgia.

She is a member of the DeKalb Estate Planning Council, the Advisory Board of the Brain Injury Association of Georgia, and is actively involved with several volunteer and charitable organizations. She is a past Director of the National Elder Law Foundation and a past Manager of the Special Needs Alliance.

Ruthann is an active speaker on the local, state and national levels, to both professional and public groups and organizations, and is an editor and published author. Recent engagements include serving as Program Chair for the eighteenth annual Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia Special Needs Trust program; presenting at the Missouri NAELA Annual Elder Law Symposium; presenting at the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention; presenting at the 9th Annual Utah Elder Law, Estate Planning, and Medicaid Planning program; and presenting at Stetson University Special Needs Trusts - The National Conference. She also has been an Instructor of Estates, Trusts and Wills and Legal Research at the National Center for Paralegal Training, and is an editor and published writer.

Among other accomplishments, Ruthann has been published in the *Georgia Bar Journal* and *Family Law Quarterly* (a publication of the American Bar Association), has appeared as a guest on the *Clark Howard Show*, the *Layman's Lawyer*, *Money Matters*, *Inside Money*, and *Atlanta Issues*, and has been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlanta Journal - Constitution* and the *American Bar Association Journal*.

