

# About

## Passion. Experience. Diligence.

After nearly a decade working with individuals and their families at a prestigious elder law and estate planning firm located in New Bedford, MA and serving those living in Southeastern, Massachusetts and Cape Cod, it is with excitement that I announce Walecka Law, P.C. At my firm, I focus my practice on Elder Law, Estate Planning, Estate & Trust Administration, Special Needs Planning and Business Succession. I am committed to client-focused planning strategies and embracing a team-approach with the support of trusted professionals in the community. I am a passionate advocate for my clients, helping them to create comprehensive estate plans designed to protect them, their family, and their assets. As founder of Walecka Law, P.C., I enjoy helping seniors, and clients of all ages, protect their hard-earned assets and make important decisions regarding their estate and their loved ones. In my off time, I enjoy spending time with my spouse and 2-year old son. I enjoy reading, watching movies, and traveling.

## Education

- [Stetson University College of Law](#), Master in Laws (LL.M.), Elder Law, 2011 to 2013
- [University of Massachusetts School of Law](#) – Dartmouth, Juris Doctorate, 2007 to 2011
- [Bristol Community College](#) – Paralegal, Certification, 2006
- [University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth](#), B.A., Political Science, cum laude, 2003 to 2007

## Experience

- November 2011 – October 2020 – associate attorney at

Surprenant & Beneski, P.C.

- April 2010 – November 2011 – legal intern at Surprenant & Beneski, P.C.

## Community Education and Support

- Free lectures on elder law issues, estate, trust, and special needs planning;
- Provides mini-consultations at local Council on Aging in the greater New Bedford area;
- Has authored several articles in local publications (e.g., South Coast Prime Time magazine, [Senior Scope](#), Marion COA's Sippican Soundings, Fairhaven COA's Senior Lifestyles, and Dartmouth COA).

## Memberships

- [National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys](#) (NAELA)
  - August 2009 to present – Member
- [WealthCounsel](#), LLC
  - November 2011 to present – Member
- [Massachusetts Forum of Estate Planning Attorneys](#) (MassForum),
  - January 2021 to present – President Elect
  - December 2014 to December 2020 – Board of Directors
  - November 2011 to present – Member
  - January 2022 to present- President
- [Bristol County Estate Planning Council](#) (BCEPC)
  - June 2016 to present – Board of Directors
  - May 2014 to May 2016 – President
  - April 2010 to present – Member
- [Massachusetts Chapter of NAELA](#) (MassNAELA)
  - January 2012 to present – Publications Committee
  - September 2009 to present – Member
- South Coast Senior Resource Association, Inc.
  - May 2014 to present – Director
- Southeastern Massachusetts Alzheimer's Partnership

- May 2014 to 2016 – Member
- Spindle City Chapter of Networking Group USA
  - April 2021 to present
- Caregiver Resource Collaborative (CRC)
  - October 2013 to April 2017 – Board Member
- [Southcoast VNA's Hope Takes Flight Committee](#)
  - June 2015 to April 2016 – Member
- [Crystal Springs, Inc.](#) of Assonet, MA Human Rights Committee
  - December 2011 to November 2013 – Co-Chair
- [Ombudsman for the Executive Office of Elder Affairs](#) (through Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs)
  - April 2010 to May 2011

## Honors & Awards

- Named to Thompson Reuters / Boston Magazine's [Super Lawyer® list as Rising Star](#): 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Award
- Honorary Pro Bono Distinction
- Scholarship Award
- Pi Sigma Alpha