

## Karen R. Mills

### **Education:**

J.D., Cum Laude, Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2012  
American Association for Justice, Student Trial Advocacy Regional Competition  
B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Aurora University, 2007

### **Admitted:**

Illinois, 2014  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2014

### **Professional Experience:**

Strohschein Law Group, Attorney  
Harris Private Bank, Vice President, Wealth Management and Sr. Fiduciary Trust  
Administrator  
JP Morgan Chase, Wealth Advisor and Trust Administrator

### **Professional Activities:**

Illinois State Bar Association  
DuPage County Bar Association

- DuPage County Bar Association Estate Planning & Probate Committee
  - 2016-2017 Vice Chair
  - Member
  - Moderator – Challenges in Estate Planning for Second Marriage, Mega Meeting, 1/28/17, Lisle, Illinois

Northwestern Memorial Foundation

- Board of Directors
- Executive Committee Member
- Regional Advisory Council

DuPage County Adult Protective Services Abuse and Neglect Program

- Multidisciplinary Team Member

Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational, Wheaton, Illinois

- February 13, 2016 – Evaluator
- February 4, 2017 - Evaluator

### **Certifications:**

Certified Guardian ad Litem/Child's Representative

### **Continuing Legal Education:**

DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, What to Expect in Guardianship Cases in Courtroom 2009, 9/8/15, Wheaton, Illinois

ISBA Guardianship Boot Camp, 10/16/15, Chicago, Illinois

The Northwestern Mutual Advanced Planning Seminar: Estate, Business and Retirement Planning, 11/12/15 and 11/13/15, Oakbrook, Illinois

NAELA: The Devil is in the Details: Housing Issues in Special Needs Trusts, 12/2/15, Webinar  
 DuPage Bar Association, Elder Law Section MCLE Meeting, Divorce on Paper: Divorce Option in Medicaid Planning, 2/17/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, Purposeful Business Succession Planning, 3/25/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, Anatomy of a Disputed Documents Trial, 4/12/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, Ethical Traps in Estate Planning and Trust Administration, 5/10/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 IICLE: 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Estate Planning Short Course, 5/25/16 and 5/26/16, Chicago, Illinois  
 First Midwest Wealth Management's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Trust & Estates Seminar, 6/12/16, Bolingbrook, Illinois  
 Cannon: Asset Protection Planning Without Going Offshore, 8/23/16, Aurora, Illinois  
 NAELA: Gun Trust, 8/31/16, Webinar  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate/Elder Law Joint Section MCLE Meeting, Can I be Buried in my Backyard? Legal Burial/Cremation Options in Illinois, 10/19/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 42<sup>nd</sup> Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute, 10/27/16 and 10/28/16, South Bend, Indiana  
 NAELA: Portability and Basis, 11/8/16, Webinar  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate /Tax Law Joint Section MCLE Meeting, Advanced Estate Planning & Proposed Regulations under Section 2704, 11/8/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 NAELA: Social Security Disability Basics, 11/11/16, Conference Call  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, Looking for Friends in All the Wrong Places: A Fine Line Between Incompetence and Poor Judgment, 12/13/16, Wheaton, Illinois  
 DuPage Bar Association, Chancery Division Judges Panel, 1/11/17, Wheaton, Illinois  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, Estate Planning in a Digital World, 2/14/17, Wheaton, Illinois  
 Cannon: Designing and Administering Trust Distribution Mechanisms, 3/21/17, Aurora, Illinois  
 NAELA: Spring UnProgram, 3/17/17, Chicago, Illinois  
 DuPage Bar Association, Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE Meeting, Vulnerable Seniors and the Adult Protective Services Act, 4/11/17, Wheaton, Illinois

**Professional Presentations:**

DuPage County Bar Association – Estate Planning & Probate Section MCLE, Wheaton, Illinois

- April 14 , 2015: Trust Administration...Lessons from the Front

Edwards Hospital, Naperville, Illinois

- April 16 , 2015: Advanced Directives

Lighthouse Financial 2015 Graduation Awards Night, Geneva, Illinois

- April 20 , 2015: Advanced Directives before College and the Impact of Social Media

DuPage County Adult Protective Services Conference, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

- July 15, 2015: An Agent or a Guardian Angel...

Villa St. Benedict, Lisle, Illinois

- July 23, 2015: Three Things You Need to Know About Digital Estate Planning

Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Illinois

- September 17, 2015: Power of Attorney for Healthcare

Belmont Village, Carol Stream, Illinois

- October 22, 2015: “Who Needs a Guardian Angel? When is Guardianship the Right Choice?”

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, American Legion Post 57, Elgin, Illinois

- November 10, 2015: Advanced Estate Planning

LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, Geneva, Illinois

- January 14, 2016: What to Do When the Unexpected Happens

DuPage County Bar Association Mega Meeting, Lisle, Illinois

- January 30, 2016: “Beaver” Doesn’t Live Here Anymore...Estate Planning for Today’s “Modern Family”

Edwards Hospital, Naperville, Illinois

- April 18, 2016: Illinois Advanced Directives

William Blair & Company, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

- April 20, 2016: Getting Your Affairs in Order at Any Age

St. Charles Library, St. Charles, Illinois

- April 23, 2016: Advanced Estate Planning

Illinois Paralegal Association Spring Education Conference, Willis Tower, Chicago, Illinois

- May 5, 2016: Estate Planning for Special Assets

Continuing Education for Discharge Planners, Sponsored by: BrightStar Care of Naperville/Oak Brook, Chateau Center, Harvester Place, LaCabanita, Burr Ridge, Illinois

- May 19, 2016: Protecting Your Digital Assets

LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, Geneva, Illinois

- November 19, 2016: Planning for the Unexpected

DuPage County Bar Association Mega Meeting, Lisle, Illinois

- January 28, 2017: Don’t Let Location, Location, Location...Become Complication, Aggravation and Litigation