

## Nora Gieg Chatha

Nora Gieg Chatha is a shareholder in the firm's Estates and Trusts, Investment Management and Fiduciary Services and Long Term Care Practice Groups. Nora represents individuals, fiduciaries and healthcare providers in all areas of estate planning and wealth preservation, with a focus on special needs, public benefits and long-term care related issues. Past experience as legal counsel with the Pennsylvania State Medicaid (Medical Assistance) Agency, the Department of Public Welfare, and knowledge of Orphans' Court practice and fiduciary duties allows Nora to provide comprehensive representation to clients in a variety of complex situations, including but not limited to:

- Banking and compliance
- Caring and providing for special needs and incapacitated loved ones
- Crisis situations
- Estate Planning and Administration
- Fiduciary compliance
- Financial abuse
- Guardianship proceedings
- Healthcare and financial powers of attorney
- Inter-generational transfers of wealth and asset preservation
- Medicaid (Medical Assistance)
- Orphans' court litigation
- Securing and maintaining public benefits eligibility for individuals and their loved ones
- Special and supplemental needs trusts and administration
- Social Security Disability (SSD)
- Social Security dependent benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans' benefits and trusts
- Articles and Presentations: Nora has been quoted on the topic of special needs trusts, with publications in "The Regulation of Investment Management and Fiduciary Services," Thompson West (2008) and frequently presents educational and continuing education courses to local institutions and community groups, including the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, the Fiduciary Education Foundation and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

**Honors and Awards:** Nora successfully defended her clients' positions in a variety of trust and estate related matters, including the published opinion of *Debone v. Commonwealth*, 929 A.2d 1219 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2007).

**Memberships and Activities:** Nora is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations and their Elder Law and Estates and Trusts sections.

**Jurisdictions:** Nora is admitted to practice before all Pennsylvania State Courts and the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and has been accredited to practice before the United States Veterans Administration.

**Education and Background:** Nora obtained a Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she was awarded a Community Services Award.