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### SUSAN A. MIELNIKOWSKI, Esquire

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**Susan A. Mielnikowski** joins Cooley Shrair in our Estate Planning department. An Agawam native, Susan brings a diverse background of legal experience assisting people in their personal and business planning.

She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (B.A., English) and the Western New England College School of Law (JD, 1996, cum laude). Susan received the American Jurisprudence Award in Torts in 1994, and was a member of the Law Review from 1994-1995.

Susan is a member of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Hampden County Bar Association, the Estate Planning Council of Western Mass, the Western Mass Eldercare Professionals Association, and the Hampden County Real Estate Bar Association. Susan is a 2010 recipient of the *BusinessWest's* "40 Under Forty" award.



Susan provides a broad spectrum of estate and trust planning services for our clients, ranging from simple plans for young families to more sophisticated estate tax plans and planning for children with special needs.

She also focuses her practice on meeting the needs of elders in our community, providing elder law planning for those preparing for the increasing costs of nursing home care, as well as assistance with Medicaid/MassHealth applications.

Also representing small, closely-held businesses, Susan provides assistance with formation, financing, succession planning and general business needs.

Susan has spoken on many topics in the community, including the annual Elder Law Education Program, sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association and to the National Association of Tax Preparers, Massachusetts Chapter, as well as many local libraries and senior centers.

She is involved in community activities, as a member of the Western Massachusetts Advisory Committee for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Advisory Committee and Board of Corporators for Mason-Wright Foundation, as well as having assisted the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Shelter in the formation of a non-profit fundraising foundation.

Susan currently resides in Agawam with her two young children.

**PRACTICE AREAS:** Estate Planning; Elder Law; Medicaid Planning; Estate Administration; Probate; Real Estate and Corporate Law.

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