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Professional Profile

The Law Offices of Deborah S. Ball is a practice concentrating on elder law issues, matters affecting the developmentally disabled, trust and estate planning options, including will preparation, and estate administration. As a former Assistant District Attorney, Ms. Ball investigated home repair schemes against the elderly community. Ms. Ball has been appointed as guardian, guardian ad litem, court evaluator, and attorney for the alleged incapacitated person, as well representing clients in guardian proceedings involving elderly and disabled individuals.

Ms. Ball is a member of the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Section where she is a member of the executive committee. She is the Co-Chair of the Elder Abuse Committee and serves on the Guardianship Committee, the Mental Health Law Committee and the Committee on Special Needs Planning. She has served on the Committee on Representing Developmentally Disabled Persons for over twenty years; and is a member of the Trusts and Estates Section. She is a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association Elder Law Section. Additionally, Ms. Ball presently serves as a member of the board of the Brandeis Association of Jewish Lawyers. Ms. Ball is also a member of the Attorney's Council of the New York Chapter of Hadassah and served as the co-chair for the Working Mother's Committee of the Women's Bar Association. Ms. Ball is a past member of the board of directors of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging.

Ms. Ball regularly presents lectures on issues affecting the elderly and disabled, and their families to various organizations and associations. She has been a participant in a panel discussion on elder abuse, hosted by the Kings County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Ball is on legal referral lists for the Department of the Aging, SelfHelp Community Services, UJA-Federation, and Caring in Kind, where she is a frequent lecturer. Ms. Ball has co-chaired continuing legal education programs for the New State Bar Association, and has been a lecturer on various topics including Supplemental Needs Trusts and Guardianships and served as the Co-Chair of the NYSBA Summer Elder Law Meeting and co-presented a roundtable discussion on Remedies for Financial Exploitation and Abuse of Incapacitated Persons at the Fall 2017 Elder Law Meeting. Ms. Ball has co-authored a proposal to the New York State Bar Association for affirmative legislation to protect vulnerable elderly persons from financial exploitation.