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*Concentrating in Elder and Special Needs Law*

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**What is a Special Needs Law Attorney?**

At the Law Office of Ruthann P. Lacey, P.C., Special Needs and Elder Law is all we do. Our attorneys invest many hours every year researching and writing papers on special needs topics for publication or for presentation to attorney continuing education programs; participating in organized discussions with other professionals regarding legal planning strategies; reading professional and disability-focused journals; and attending relevant continuing education programs in Georgia and elsewhere.

We are committed to providing exceptional legal services to individuals with disabilities and their families, educating them regarding their legal planning options, and advocating on their behalf. The services we provide include the following:

Assessing how to optimize current or future public benefits to enhance the quality of life of the individual with special needs

Developing an estate planning strategy that balances the interests of the special needs individual with those of other family members

Planning for inheritance or the receipt of proceeds from litigation

Protecting public benefits eligibility to ensure that assets will be available to enhance the quality of life of the person with a disability

Preparing the Special Needs Trust, tailored to the individual's circumstances

Applying for Medicaid, SSI, Katie Beckett Waiver, and other public benefits as appropriate, and appealing the improper denial of SSI or Medicaid benefits

Counseling with regard to the selection of a qualified Trustee to administer the Special Needs Trust, instructing the Trustee to properly administer the Special Needs Trust, and coaching the Trustee on distribution standards and decisions

Counseling on Guardianship and Conservatorship issues, and alternatives

Providing peace of mind through the knowledge that complete and appropriate planning has been accomplished

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