

## Bernard A. Krooks

J.D., CPA, LLM (in taxation), CELA, AEP® (Distinguished)

*Bernard A. Krooks, founding partner of the law firm Littman Krooks LLP, is Chair of the firm's Elder Law and Special Needs Department. He is a nationally recognized expert in all aspects of elder law, estate planning and special needs planning. He is immediate past president of the Board of Directors of the Arc of Westchester, the largest agency in Westchester County serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.*



### Professional Designations/Education

- ◆ Master of Laws, Taxation (LLM), New York University
- ◆ Juris Doctor (JD), Hofstra University School of Law
- ◆ Bachelor of Science, S.U.N.Y at Albany
- ◆ Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- ◆ Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA)
- ◆ Accredited Estate Planner (AEP) (Distinguished)

### Awards & Recognition

- ◆ 2016 Advocate of the Year Award, Arc of Westchester Children's School for Early Development
- ◆ Estate Planning Hall of Fame Class of 2014, National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC)
- ◆ Outstanding Achievement Award, NAEA New York Chapter for lifelong work on behalf of seniors and individuals with disabilities
- ◆ Best Lawyers in America (Elder Law and Trusts and Estates) since 2007
- ◆ New York Super Lawyer since 2006
- ◆ Top 25 Westchester, NY Super Lawyers since 2008
- ◆ Who's Who in America
- ◆ NYSARC Employer of the Year Award (2007)
- ◆ Family Friendly Employment Policy Award, Westchester Women's Bar Association (2011)

### Civic and Community Service

- ◆ Past president, Board of Directors, Arc of Westchester
- ◆ Board member, Caregiver Insights Foundation
- ◆ Past member, Board of Directors, Hudson Valley Chapter, Alzheimer's Association
- ◆ Member, Legal Advisory Committee of Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

### Advisory Boards

- ◆ Chair, Elder Law Committee, *Trusts & Estates* magazine
- ◆ Leimberg Information Services
- ◆ NYU Institute of Federal Taxation
- ◆ NAEPC Foundation
- ◆ *Exceptional Parent* magazine
- ◆ New York-Presbyterian Hospital Planned Giving Advisory Council
- ◆ Wolters Kluwer Financial and Estate Planning Advisory Board

### Bar Association Leadership Positions

- ◆ Past President and Fellow, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- ◆ Founding Member and Past President, New York Chapter of NAELA
- ◆ Past Chair, Elder Law and Special Needs Section, New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)
- ◆ Past President, Special Needs Alliance
- ◆ Group Chair, Elder Law and Special Needs Planning Group, Real Property, Trust & Estate Law (RPTE) Section, American Bar Association (ABA)
- ◆ Chair, Elder Law Committee, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- ◆ Past President, Estate Planning Council of Westchester

### Publications

- ◆ "Benefits for Seniors Reduced," *Trusts & Estates Magazine*, January 2016
- ◆ Co-Author, *Elder Law, Special Needs Planning and Will Drafting*, a NYSBA publication
- ◆ Co-Author, "Creative Advocacy in Guardianship Settings," chapter in NYSBA publication, *Guardianship Practice in New York State*
- ◆ "The Graying of America," *Trusts & Estates Magazine*, January 2015
- ◆ "Planning Ahead for Diminished Capacity," *Trusts & Estates Magazine*, July 2014
- ◆ "Why Elder Law?," *Probate & Property Magazine*, May/June 2014

### Speaking Engagements

- ◆ Nationally recognized speaker at leading elder law, estate planning & special needs planning conferences, including
  - Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning
  - World Congress on Adult Guardianship
  - Stetson Special Needs Trusts Conference
  - PLI Estate Planning Institute
  - American Bar Association Annual Meeting
  - New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting
  - NAEPC Annual Conference
  - ACTEC Annual Meeting
  - KC Estate Planning Symposium
  - World Congress & Expo on Disabilities
  - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
  - Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute