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Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Handler was a senior member of the Trusts and Estates department of an elite New York City practice, where she focused on all aspects of estate planning and trust and estate administration.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 1988)
 - *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, Commentary Editor
- Barnard College, Columbia University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1980)
 - Dean's List

Admissions

- New York

Professional Activities

MEMBERSHIPS: Association of the Bar of the City of New York; New York State Bar (Committee on Trust and Estate Administration)

Publications

- Note, "Civil Claims of Adults Molested as Children: Maturation of Harm and the Statute of Limitations Hurdle," 15 *Ford. Urb. L.J.* No. 3 (1986-1987) (Academic Achievement Award in Family Law, granted by American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers)
- Editorial, "Progress of Dover Knolls Development," *Poughkeepsie Journal* (June 28, 2009)
- Author, "The Ethical and Practical Considerations of Removing an Incapacitated Trustee," 43 *Tr. & Est. L.* Sec. 2 (Summer 2010)