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PRIMARY PRACTICES

Estate Planning

Estate Settlement

Trusts & Estates

Partner Richard C. Spain serves as Chair of Hahn Loeser's Chicago office Trusts and Estates Practice Group and concentrates his practice in estate planning, trust matters, real estate, and corporate representation. A founder of the firm, Spain, Spain & Varnet P.C., which joined Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP in 2022, Rick has focused much of his career on servicing the needs of individuals with disabilities. He is especially adept at developing specialized estate plans for the elderly and for families with members who are disabled (injuries acquired at birth or by accident, illness, or hereditary factors). Over the years, Rick has presented for a number of consumer, parent, and professional groups, including past presentations for the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois CPA Society, the American Bar Association, and as a guest lecturer at the Chicago Kent College of Law.

Rick initially began practicing law in Cleveland, Ohio after earning his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University's School of Law. He also earned a LL.M. degree in taxation at John Marshall Law School and was an honors graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin.

In 1982, Rick relocated to and began practicing law in Chicago. Well-ingrained in the Greater Chicago community, Rick is an active volunteer for various not-for-profit organizations. He presently serves as the board president of Chikaming Open Lands, is a member of both the Committee on Painting and Sculpture of Europe and the Committee on Arts of the Americas at the Art Institute of Chicago, and is Chancellor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Academy of Special Needs Planners. He is the author of several articles on estate planning to benefit a beneficiary with disabilities, including one published in *The Practical Lawyer*. He was also co-author of a manual on *Home Control through Estate and Financial Planning*, which includes information about the interaction of government benefits, trusts, estate planning, and financing strategies for obtaining and keeping a home. The publication was funded by the Illinois and Missouri Planning Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Ohio
- State of Illinois
- State of Massachusetts

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.
- John Marshall Law School, LL.M
- Lawrence University, B.A.

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Home Control Through Estate and Financial Planning
- Special Needs Presentation

- Annual Special Needs Presentation (2025)

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Chicago Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Academy of Special Needs Planners

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chikaming Open Lands, Board Member, 2018-present; Board President, 2024-present
- Art Institute of Chicago, Painting and Sculpture of Europe Committee member, Arts of the Americas Committee member
- Chikaming Country Club
- The Arc of Illinois
- The Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
- The Hanover Condominium Association
- The Old Masters Society of the Art Institute of Chicago
- The Singing Angels of Northeastern Ohio
- Trustees of Reservations
- Young Audiences of Chicago
- Fairmount Theater of the Deaf
- Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland