

**PATRICIA E. KEFALAS DUDEK**  
**30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250**  
**Farmington Hills, MI 48334**

**EDUCATION**

**Detroit College of Law**, Detroit, MI  
(Now **Michigan State University School of Law**)  
Juris Doctor, January, 1992

**Thomas M. Cooley Law School**, Lansing, MI  
1/89 - 4/90. Dean's List; Honor Roll.

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI  
B.A.: Communications, 8/86. Advertising and Public Relations

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Oct. 2008 - Present**

**Principal, Attorney at Law, Patricia E. Kefalas Dudek & Associates**  
30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250; Farmington Hills, MI 48302

Responsibilities: advocacy and estate planning, with emphasis in planning for those on Medicaid, disability rights, real estate, probate, elder law and administrative law.

**09/01/05 – 09/01/08**

**Equity Partner, Attorney at Law, Hafeli Staran Hallahan Christ & Dudek, P.C.**  
4190 Telegraph Rd., Suite 3000, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Responsibilities: estate planning with a particular emphasis in planning for those on Medicaid, disability rights, real estate, probate, elder law and administrative law.

**7/1/2000 -08/31/05**

**Equity Partner, Attorney at Law, Beier Howlett, P. C.**  
200 East Long Lake Rd., Suite 110, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Responsibilities: estate planning with a particular emphasis in planning for those on Medicaid, disability rights, real estate, probate, elder law and administrative law.

**7/92 - 6/2000**

**Principal, Law Office of Patricia E. Kefalas Dudek**  
160 Hendrie, Rear, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Responsibilities: estate planning with a particular emphasis in planning for those on Medicaid, disability rights, real estate, probate, elder law and administrative law.

**7/93 -10/2008**

**Executive Director, Living Opportunities, Inc.**  
160 Hendrie, Rear, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Responsibilities: to further the mission of Living Opportunities, Inc. by providing technical assistance to people with disabilities in accessing the supportive housing of their choice.

**5/92 -6/93**

**Social Services Coordinator/ Attorney at Law, The Arc of Oakland County**  
690 East Maple, Second Floor, Birmingham, MI

Responsibilities: intake, drafting wills and trusts, special education law, administrative law, supervising Shared Parenting Program, Dignified Lifestyles Project, grant writing and general advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities.

**8/91 - 12/91 (part-time)**

***Legal Internship, The Arc of Oakland County,***

690 East Maple, Second Floor, Birmingham, MI

Responsibilities: intake, drafting wills and trusts, special education law, administrative law, and general advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities. **8/90 - 12/91 (part-time)**

***Receptionist for Assistant Dean and Director of Placement, Detroit College of Law***

130 East Elizabeth, Detroit, MI

**6/91 - 9/91**

***Summer Law Clerk, Oakland/Livingston Legal Aid,***

35 West Huron, Fifth Floor, Pontiac, MI

Responsibilities: intake, drafting pleadings, motions, and judgments, investigations, and litigation under MCR 8.120.

**8/89 - 11/ 89 (part-time)**

***Government Affairs Assistant, The Arc of Michigan,***

200 South Washington Square, Suite 300, Lansing, MI

Responsibilities: tracking legislation, writing/presenting testimony to legislators/administrators, and keeping the members and staff informed.

**7/ 88 - 12/88**

***Administrative Assistant, The Arc of Northwestern Wayne County***

17759 Beech Daly, Redford, MI

Responsibilities: newsletter publication, government affairs, recreation, general advocacy, and coordinating Special Olympics.

**2/87 - 6/88**

***Special Projects Director/Public Information Director***

***Detroit Association for Retarded Citizens***

51 West Hancock, Detroit, MI

Responsibilities: fund raising/special events, guardianship, government affairs, Family Resource Center Manager, coordinating Special Olympics, public information, and newsletter publication.

***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and POSITIONS***

**Academy of Special Needs Planners** - (former Advisory Board Member and member of several committees)

**American Bar Association** (member of several committees)

**Bonnell Foundation** (2010) – Founding Board Member

**Elder Law and Disability Rights section** of the State Bar of Michigan (former Chairperson – 2000-2001 and member of several committees)

**Elder Law Answers**

**National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys** - Former Chair: Special Interest Group on Trusts (and member of several committees)

**Oakland County Bar Association**

**Women's Bar Association**

**The Arc Michigan** - Government Affairs Committee

**United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit** (Board of Directors Member)

***HONORS  
and AWARDS***

**Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP)**

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) - 2010

Membership in CAP is available only to preeminent elder law attorneys who have made substantial contributions to elder or special needs law. Requirements include being an NAELA member for a minimum of 10 years, AV rated by Martindale Hubbell and either an NAELA Fellow or Certified Elder Law Attorney.

**Fellow Status** - National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys - 2010

Their highest honor – a designation for those who concentrate practice in the field of Elder Law and meet strict criteria. Only 76 attorneys hold this title throughout the United States) - April 2009

**Powley Elder Law Award** - National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys - 2005

This award is presented to an NAELA member who has demonstrated a commitment to promote, in the minds of the general public, a greater understanding of the rights and needs of the elderly and how elder law attorneys advocate for those rights.

**AV Rated** - Martindale Hubbell

An AV certification mark is a significant rating accomplishment - a testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence. It is the highest rating available to any individual lawyer.

**Top Lawyers 2010** - Detroit Business

**Super Lawyer** - Selected in 2009 & 2010 following a rigorous review including peer evaluations and professional achievements.

**Service Award** - United Cerebral Palsy Metro Detroit - 2006

**Distinguished Business Award** - The Arc of Western Wayne County - 1996

***PUBLICATIONS/  
PRESENTATIONS***

Co-author of Commerce Clearing House, Financial Planning Topical Library, Chapter on Financial Planning for Individuals with Special Needs; Co-Author of ICLE Guardianship and Conservatorship, Chapter on Guardianship for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; Author of Oakland County Community Mental Health's Resource Guide for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; frequent speaker at ICLE, NAELA, ASNAD and the like. Author of Model Contracts for Michigan's Self Determination Initiative, through the Michigan Department of Community Health. See [Patti's Publications](#) on website for complete listing.

Maintains active blog and website: [www.pekdadvocacy.com](http://www.pekdadvocacy.com) and <http://pattidudek.typepad.com>; active on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#); [Facebook](#).