

SUZANNE M. CAHALAN, J.D.



PROFESSIONAL

1985 – present

Attorney-at-Law, Sole Practitioner

Wheaton, Illinois

Practice encompasses Estate Planning, Special Needs Trusts (including self-settled and third party trusts), Estate and Gift Tax, Estate and Trust Administration, Probate, Guardianship for Disabled Adults, Elder Law, Consultation with divorce attorneys (regarding interrelation of divorce settlement terms with estate planning of either party)

1983-1985

McDermott, Will and Emery

Chicago, Illinois

Served as an associate in law firm's 35 person Estate Planning and Probate Department;
Assisted on a variety of projects and cases including Estate Planning, Estate and Trust Administration, Estate and Gift Tax, Probate, and Guardianship for Disabled Adults

1982-1983

Judicial Clerk for Justice Harvey Uhlenhopp

Senior Justice on the Iowa Supreme Court

Des Moines, Iowa

Legal research and preparing of draft court opinions on a variety of civil and criminal appeals

Admitted to practice in Iowa in 1982

Admitted to practice in Illinois in 1983

Illinois State Bar Association (Section membership: Trusts and Estates, Elder Law, Mental Health Law)

DuPage County Bar Association (Section membership: Estate Planning and Probate, Elder Law)

Planned Giving Advisory Council, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate with high honors, 1982

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Member, Iowa Law Review

Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude, 1979

Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa

Majors in Political Science and History

PERSONAL

Community Involvement

DuPage County Ethics Commission, 2022 – present

Active member at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton, Illinois 1985-present

Served on and chaired Serving/Outreach Ministry Board

Served on Church Council as Secretary

Served on and chaired Worship and Music Committee

Started, with others, College Ministry

Started, with others, Mental Health Ministry

Started, with others, Endowment Fund and Committee

National Alliance on Mental Illness of DuPage County, Wheaton, Illinois

Supporter of the Year Award, with spouse James Cahalan, 2012

Board of Directors, 2007-2011

Chair of Education Committee, 2009-2013

Facilitator of Parent Support Group 2006-2016

Instructor for Parent Education Class 2008-2016

Speaker on mental health issues to schools and community groups 2005-present

State of Illinois Teacher Trainer for NAMI Basics class

Wheaton Warrenville South High School Parent Organization

Managed Indoor Concession Stand 2000-2004

Chaired and started Fine Arts Parent/Faculty Committee 2004-2007

Member of High School Programming Review Committee 1999-2001

Wheaton Park District Baseball/Softball Board

Program Administrator, 1995-2001

Wheaton Warrenville PTA Council Officer, 1996-2001

Family

Married since 1983 to James L. Cahalan, Senior Corporate Counsel at EquiTrust, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Four adult children, one grandchild