

## **Special Needs Legal & Future Planning**

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## **Brian and Benji Rubin**

Attorney Brian Rubin, is the founder of Rubin Law, a former IRS Agent and former IRS Attorney, has been a practicing attorney since 1976, has been married to his wife Linda for the past 44 years, and is the parent of three children, one of whom, Mitchell, 40, has Autism. Brian's law practice, for nearly four decades, since Mitchell was one year old, has been dedicated to serving the legal and future planning needs of his fellow Illinois families of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness.

- Past President (2011-2015), The Arc of Illinois, served on The Arc of Illinois Board for 15 years (2004-2019)
- Past Chairman, State of Illinois Statewide Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities (2000-2004)
- Past Chairman, State of Illinois Autism Task Force (2004-2015)
- Former Commissioner, State of Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission since (2013-2020)
- Served, State of Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General Quality Care Board (2006-2012)
- Director, Clearbrook (an organization serving more than 8,000 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (including his son, Mitchell) since 1989
- . Trustee, Life's Plan, Inc. (a subsidiary of Ray Graham Association) which serves as Trustee of Special Needs Trusts
- Past Chairman (2011-2013), and Director (2006-2019), the Special Leisure Services Foundation, the foundation supporting the Northwest Suburban Special Recreation Association (NWSRA)
- Founding Chairman (1989-1991), and Trustee, Foundation of The Special Education District of Lake County (1989-1997)
- Former Director, KESHET (Jewish Parents of Children with Special Needs) (1990-1996)
- Serves on the Advisory Council of Encompass (Encompass in partnership with Jewish Child & Family Services, Jewish United Fund, JVS Chicago, JCC Chicago, Keshet, and The Center for Enriched Living and Center for Independent Futures) serving individuals with intellectual disabilities
- Former Director, DayOne Pact, which serves as Trustee of Special Needs Trusts as well as Guardian for individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness (2008-2015)
- Former Director, Northpointe Resources, also an agency serving individuals with intellectual disabilities (1990-1991)
- Past President (2017-2018), and Director (2008-2019) of the Special Needs Alliance, the national, non-profit, association of experienced special needs planning attorneys (membership is by invitation only)
- Former member, Special Needs Law Section Steering Committee, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (2009-2015)
- Charter Member, Academy of Special Needs Planners (2006)
- Faculty, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE), American Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association, on the topic of special needs planning, as well as text-book author for IICLE
- Elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Received the highest attorney rating from Martindale-Hubbell of "AV® Preeminent™"
- Received AVVO's highest attorney rating of "Top Attorney"

Attorney Benjamin (Benji) Rubin, Brian's youngest son, Mitchell's "little/big" brother, is President of Rubin Law, has been a member of the Law Firm since 2010. Benji graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law, Magna Cum Laude, received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, and his Graduate Law Degree, an LLM (Tax), with honors, also from Northwestern University. Benji is married to his wife Debi, and they have two children.

- Member, Academy of Special Needs Planners
- Member, by invitation, Special Needs Alliance (the national not for profit association of special needs planning attorneys
- Chairman, The American Bar Association Special Needs Planning Committee
- President, SIBS (Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters), Illinois chapter of national Sibling Leadership Network, an organization of siblings of individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness
- Director and officer (Treasurer), The Arc of Illinois
- Member, Clearbrook Associate Board, organization serving more than 8,000 individuals with disabilities, including his brother, Mitchell
- Director, DayOne PACT, Trustee of Special Needs Trusts and Guardian for individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness
- Trustee, Foundation of Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL Foundation)
- Member, Advisory Council of Encompass (Encompass in partnership with Jewish Child & Family Services, Jewish United Fund, JVS Chicago, JCC Chicago, Keshet, and The Center for Enriched Living and Center for Independent Futures)
- Faculty, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE), American Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association, on the topic of special needs planning, as well as text-book author for IICLE