

# Janet E. Fortune

EMERITUS PARTNER

An emeritus partner in MendenFreiman's estate planning, trust and estate administration practice areas, Janet Fortune has more than 30 years' experience in administration of trusts and estates and the legal questions surrounding their drafting and management. She is known for her practical approach to problem solving and her ability to construct her client's final financial picture to reveal and protect, to the greatest extent possible, the full value of their estate.

Prior to joining MendenFreiman, Janet was the in-house trust counsel at Wachovia Bank and was a founding member of the law firm of Becker & Fortune LLP. In addition to her J.D., she completed extensive graduate level coursework in counseling psychology at the University of Toledo and Georgia State University and finds her studies to be of enormous value when working with clients experiencing grief and loss.

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"I get a great deal of satisfaction from being able to help individuals during some of the most difficult times of their lives due to the death or disability of a loved one."

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## EDUCATION

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1980
- Ohio University, B.S., Education, cum laude, 1966

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Won IRS approval for a postmortem conservation easement saving six figures in estate taxes.
- Achieved a long-sought settlement agreement among numerous family members and children that resulted from confusion created by the decedent's self-drafted will on an estate valued at \$2.5 million.
- Successfully resolved a litigation issue involving a decedent's part ownership of land that had a substantial potential value to the estate.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

– State Bar of Georgia, member

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating - AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5
- Georgia Super Lawyers – 2009, 2011-2012
- Georgia Trend Legal Elite – 2009

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