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FIRM FACT SHEET

The Law Office of JANE FRANKEL SIMS, LLC is a boutique Estates and Trusts law firm servicing the Greater Baltimore and Washington, DC regions.

OVERVIEW:

The Law Office of JANE FRANKEL SIMS, LLC was established in 2007 with the intention to provide superior legal service tailored to the needs of business owners and high net-worth individuals.

PRACTICE AREAS:

The firm aims to provide a common sense approach to complex legal issue and develop estate plans that help clients in all family situations provide for beneficiaries, minimize gift and estate taxes, preserve and protect assets, designate guardians of minor children, and benefit charitable organizations. To this end, the firm's team of attorneys and legal professionals prepare and provide advice on:

- ❖ Wills
- ❖ Estate & Trust Administration
- ❖ Financial and Health Care Powers of Attorney
- ❖ Living Wills
- ❖ Beneficiary Designations
- ❖ Deeds
- ❖ Revocable Living Trusts
- ❖ Life Insurance Trusts
- ❖ Generation-Skipping Trusts
- ❖ Special Needs Trusts
- ❖ Charitable Trusts
- ❖ Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts
- ❖ Family Limited Liability Companies

The TEAM

Jane Frankel Sims, Esq.
Managing Attorney & Founder

Susan C. Meurer
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John C. Robinson, Esq.
Associate Attorney

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Biography of Founder & Managing Attorney



Jane Frankel Sims is the founder and managing attorney at the Law Office of JANE FRANKEL SIMS located in Baltimore, Maryland. Jane practices in the areas of Estate Planning, Estate and Gift Taxation, Estate and Trust Administration and Charitable Giving. She is admitted to the bar in Maryland, New York and the District of Columbia.

A graduate of The Park School of Baltimore, Jane completed her undergraduate studies at **Princeton University**, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, obtained a Masters of Education degree from **Stanford University** and received her law degree, cum laude, from **Harvard Law School**, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Before starting her own firm, Jane practiced in the areas of estate planning and taxation at Miles & Stockbridge and DLA Piper in Baltimore, as well as at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City.

Early in her career, Jane recognized the need for a transparent fee structure and client-centered approach to legal services. Jane felt that the traditional law firm model was not well suited to individual clients, so she decided to create a different standard, one in which clients deserve a clear explanation of the estate planning process and what it represents in terms of time and costs. Jane focuses not only on the drafting process, but takes into account the personal, professional and family situation of each client.

Jane and her legal staff service a growing list of business owners, professionals and high net worth individuals in the preparation of numerous types of estate planning documents including wills, trusts, durable general powers of attorney and advance directives for health care.

Jane is a knowledgeable and engaging speaker who is often called upon to speak to groups of business owners, financial service professionals and individuals on a variety of subjects ranging from her particular legal practice to entrepreneurship.

A native of Baltimore, Jane lives with her husband and their three children in Baltimore County. Committed to maintaining a strong involvement in community leadership and service, Jane is an active supporter of The Park School, Art with a Heart, The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and The Jewish Museum of Maryland. Jane also serves on the Baltimore Estate Planning Council, the Harvard Law School Association of Maryland and the Princeton University Alumni Association.

In 2010, Jane was named one of Smart CEO's prestigious "Legal Elite."

In July 2011, she was awarded the Smart CEO Brava Award for her leadership as a business owner.



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BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM FOUNDER & ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY WINS PRESTIGIOUS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

The only woman owned law firm to be recognized this year

Baltimore, MD – July 13, 2011 – This evening *Baltimore SmartCEO* magazine will be presenting the 2011 Baltimore Brava! Women Business Achievement Awards. Among recipients is **Jane Frankel Sims**, Founder and Managing Attorney of the Law Office of JANE FRANKEL SIMS, LLC, located in Baltimore, Maryland. The Brava! Awards recognize the contributions of 25 female business leaders in the Baltimore area. The impressive group of female CEOs runs companies that boast \$800 million in collective revenues and manage more than 4,600 employees in the Greater Baltimore area.

For the fifth year in a row, the Annual Brava! Women Business Achievement Awards celebrate CEOs, founders, presidents, owners and executive directors who combine their irrepressible entrepreneurial spirit with a passion for giving back to the community across the Mid-Atlantic. These female CEOs have become exemplary leaders in their companies and the community by encouraging local philanthropy, mentoring fellow CEOs and setting their companies on the path to tremendous growth.

Brava! Award winner Jane Frankel Sims practices in the areas of Estate Planning, Estate and Gift Taxation, Estate and Trust Administration and Charitable Giving. She is admitted to the bar in Maryland, New York and the District of Columbia.

When asked about the award, Ms. Sims had the following to say...

"It's a tremendous honor to be recognized as a business owner and to be in the prestigious and inspiring company of so many incredible business women. I chose to leave the stability of a large law firm and start my own boutique practice because I realized that the traditional law firm model was outdated and not in line with today's fast paced reality and ever changing economy. It is very rewarding to be able to truly help people, provide superior legal services to my clients AND win an award for doing what I love to do, how I love to do it!"

The attorneys and legal professionals at the Law Offices of JANE FRANKEL SIMS, LLC develop estate plans that help clients in all family situations provide for beneficiaries, minimize gift and estate taxes, preserve and protect assets, designate guardians of minor children, and benefit charitable organizations. To view a complete list of services offered or for additional information please visit the web site at:

www.janesimslaw.com or contact the office at: 410.828.7775.

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