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Dennis C. McAndrews is the founding shareholder of McAndrews Law Offices, P.C. Mr. McAndrews graduated with a double major in Education and Political Science from Villanova University and received his law degree from the Villanova School of Law.

• Professional History

He has worked for over twenty-five (25) years in the public and private sectors in several roles in the field of disability law. Mr. McAndrews regularly represents individuals with disabilities and their families in a variety of areas, including special education matters, special needs trusts, guardianship, estate planning, right-to-treatment cases, and injury cases. He frequently serves as a consultant to other public and private attorneys with regard to disability and special education issues.

He has served as Executive Director and Staff Counsel to two select committees of the Pennsylvania State Senate which evaluated Pennsylvania's system of care for the mentally retarded and drafted proposed legislation designed to modernize Pennsylvania's legal basis for the provision of care to the mentally retarded.

Mr. McAndrews served for fifteen years as a Special Education Hearing Officer for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and

was regularly assigned to determine the appropriate educational classification, program, and placement of school age children with disabilities. In 1990, he was selected to serve as one of the first appellate hearing officers in Pennsylvania under new Department of Education regulations. During his sixteen years as a prosecutor in the Philadelphia area, and thereafter in criminal defense matters, he handled many cases involving defenses of mental disability. He was a special prosecutor in the murder trial of Commonwealth vs. John E. duPont.

Mr. McAndrews is an instructor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Criminal Justice at Villanova University. He is a frequent lecturer to national conferences, Bar Association Committees and advocacy groups in Pennsylvania concerning estate planning, special education, and the rights of the disabled. He has authored numerous articles regarding these topics. He served for a decade as Chairman of The Disability Law Committee of the Delaware County Bar Association.

• Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

• Practice Areas

Special Education Law
Special Needs Trusts
Guardianship
Estate Planning
Estate Administration
Right-to-Treatment Cases

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