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She is A-V rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized in *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of New Jersey’s top 100 Super Lawyers, one of New Jersey’s top 50 women Super Lawyers as well as a top Elder Law “Super Lawyer.” \* She also has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*©for Trusts and Estates. Ms. Whitenack is admitted to practice in New Jersey, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She received her undergraduate degree *cum laude* from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and attended Seton Hall University School of Law, where she held the position of Notes and Comments Editor of the Seton Hall Law Review.

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