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Elizabeth A. Hartnett

The latest edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" honored Elizabeth A. Hartnett, a partner of the law firm Mackenzie Hughes LLP and a resident of Fayetteville, as one of the preeminent lawyers in trusts and estates in Central New York.

At Mackenzie Hughes, Hartnett serves as counsel of wealth management services to some of the most prominent individuals, families, businesses, trustees and charities in the region. Hartnett specializes in areas such as estate planning and settlement, charitable and specialty trusts, fiduciary services, family business and business tax and succession planning. Hartnett is also responsible for managing investments through the sister firm Mackenzie Hughes & Hartnett Investment Advisors LLP.

Prior to joining Mackenzie Hughes in 2004, Hartnett spent 30 years practicing law as a partner at Hunter and Hartnett in Central New York. Hartnett holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a doctorate in law from Syracuse University. In 1975, she was admitted to the New York State Bar Association and became a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

An experienced attorney in her field, Hartnett has written and contributed to several legal publications including *The New York Practice Guide - Probate and Estate Administration*, and the *Syracuse Law Review's Survey of New York Law*.

Hartnett is an active member of several professional associations including state chair of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel and member of the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Section. She is also a member of the board of trustees for Syracuse Stage, the Carriage House Foundation and the Crouse Health Foundation. She shares her wealth of knowledge in periodic lectures on topics of wealth management and estates and trusts law for the New York State Bar Association and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.