

# ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL OF LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INC.

Dear Council Member,

We are pleased to announce that **Melissa Gillespie, Esq., CPA, MST, Law Offices of Melissa Gillespie (Manhattan and Huntington)** will be our guest speaker on the topic of “*Estate Planning for Pets*” at our virtual “breakfast” meeting on **Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. followed by networking from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

Please do not let your clients forget their most important asset in their estate plan: their beloved pet. As estate planning professionals and advisors, understanding the basics to ensure your clients’ pet or domesticated animal is cared for when they are no longer able to do so is offering a crucial client service to both the human and the animal involved.

Attorney Gillespie specializes in counseling international clients, US citizens residing and working abroad, foreign nationals residing in the US, global estate planning, representing clients to the IRS with foreign assets, structuring for foreign nationals and US citizens with foreign corporations, and estate planning for US clients, as well as various animal law issues and estate planning for clients’ pets. She has served as Executive Director of the Pioneers for Animal Welfare Society, Inc. (“PAWS”) since 2010.

## **Guest Attendees:**

The guest fee is \$50 to attend our breakfast webinars and guest attendance by a professional colleague is limited to two events (virtual and/or in person) within a two-year period. Eligible guests and professionals that work and/or live in Fairfield County can apply for EPC-LFC membership by completing a membership application, accessible on our website ([www.epclfc.org](http://www.epclfc.org)). Questions regarding membership or the application process can be addressed by Christopher Martens, CIC, CWCC, CPRIA, 1st Vice President, Membership, at [epc-lfc@comcast.net](mailto:epc-lfc@comcast.net).

Please reserve a place for yourself and your guest(s) by registering no later than Monday, March 3rd.

Finally, please be sure to save the date for the final dinner meeting of our 2024-2025 Program Season on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, featuring special guest speaker The Honorable Lisa K. Wexler, Westport/Weston Probate Court.

We hope you can join us on March 5th!

With best regards,

Stefania L. Bartlett, Esq.  
Second Vice President, Programs

## **TO REGISTER:**

**If you are NOT bringing a guest:** Please register via reply email to [EPC-LFC@comcast.net](mailto:EPC-LFC@comcast.net) or call our Council Administrator Lori Somerville at 877-302-6300.

**If you ARE bringing a guest:** There is a registration fee of \$50 per guest, payable by check or through your bank account via Zelle. To register your guest, you may mail the form, or you can complete, scan and email the form or provide the requested information within the body of an email to [epc-lfc@comcast.net](mailto:epc-lfc@comcast.net). Important: Emails must be provided for guests to receive the confirmation email with instructions on how to join the meeting.

**To pay by check:** Please mail your check made payable to ”EPC-LFC” to: EPC c/o Lori Somerville, 175 South End Road, #A2, East Haven, CT 06512-4555.

**To pay via your bank account using Zelle:** Click on “Send Money”; in the “Recipient Name” field enter “Estate Planning Council”; then in the “email field” enter the council’s email address [epc-lfc@comcast.net](mailto:epc-lfc@comcast.net); then click on “Add Recipient”; next enter the dollar amount.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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