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Katherine N. Barr is a shareholder in the Birmingham office of Sirote & Permutt, P.C. The majority of her estate planning practice involves working with families that have a member with a disability. She also works with the trial bar to draft trusts and provide solutions for distribution of personal injury settlement proceeds to persons with disabilities who need to retain government benefits eligibility. A member of Special Needs Alliance for 15 years, Katherine presently services as its President. She is a Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and has been named as an *Alabama Super Lawyer* and selected for *Best Lawyers in America* in the Trusts and Estates area each year since 2008. Ms. Barr is very active in the American Bar Association, currently serving on its Commission on Disability Rights, which advocates for better national policy across the broad spectrum of citizens with disabilities. She is a past Chair of the Elder Law and Disability Planning Group of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the ABA, and past Chair of its Committee on Special Needs Trusts. She was a member of the RPTE Section's Supervisory Council for 6 years. Katherine presently serves on the Boards of Down Syndrome Alabama and Triumph Services, and has been very involved with the establishment and implementation of Enable Alabama, which is Alabama’s ABLE Act program for persons with disabilities. She speaks as often as possible to attorneys and the public about the importance of special needs planning and its various options. Ms. Barr holds a B.A. from Auburn University, an M.B.A. from Samford University, and a J.D. *cum laude* from Cumberland School of Law.