

LENA BARNETT

Lena Barnett's grandfather died when her father was just 7 years old. With no will in place, his estate was ravaged and the family struggled through some very rough years.

"I know what can happen without planning," says the third-generation attorney. "I want to help my clients and client families avoid what my father, my aunt and my grandmother experienced."

After graduating from Walt Whitman High School, Muhlenberg College, and the University of Maryland School of Law, Lena worked for a Manhattan-based law firm before opening her practice almost 20 years ago. Lena is a nationally recognized estate planning attorney, author and speaker. Her clients call her to plan for the two most important things in their lives: Everything they own and everyone they love.

"We have nice relationships and we grow together," she says of her clients. "Our lives are always changing, and the laws are always changing. I'm very careful to regularly advise my clients regarding changes to the law, and they keep me informed of changes in their lives. These changes will affect their estate plans."

Lena works to give back to the community that has been so good to her, in part, through her decade-long service on the Montgomery College Foundation Board and as a graduate and active member of Leadership Montgomery.

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