



trusts & estates litigation

Our team of experienced trusts and estates litigation attorneys represent individuals, banks and trust companies, private professional fiduciaries, charitable organizations and educational institutions in a broad range of trust, estate, conservatorship and guardianship disputes and proceedings in probate courts throughout California.

Combining extensive knowledge of the underlying substantive law and an acute understanding of the procedural nuances involved, our attorneys have successfully represented clients in a diverse range of disputes or contested actions, including probate proceedings, fiduciary accounting proceedings, proceedings for the discovery and turnover of estate or trust assets, as well as matters involving alleged breaches of fiduciary duties and responsibilities, reformation of testamentary instruments, investment performance, and contests of wills and trusts involving allegations of undue influence, fraud, duress, lack of due execution, lack of capacity, and coercion.

Our attorneys approach all disputed trust, estate, conservatorship and guardianship matters cognizant of the complex income, estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax ramifications and consequences, as well as the sensitive issues that arise and the emotional, psychological and interpersonal tolls that often result from such disputes. Where appropriate, we leverage our track record of success in the courtroom in furtherance of efforts to achieve favorable settlements of disputes outside of the courtroom. In addition, our seasoned trial lawyers counsel fiduciaries on ways to avoid litigation and advise our clients on litigation prevention techniques.

headlines

12 MSK Attorneys Named to the 2026 Edition of Southern California *Super Lawyers*
Super Lawyers, February 20, 2026

37 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2026
Best Lawyers, August 21, 2025

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related practices areas

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executive compensation
litigation
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tax planning
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Jeffrey Eisen Named to *The Hollywood Reporter's* 2024 "Power Lawyers: Troubleshooters" List
The Hollywood Reporter, October 23, 2024

34 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2025
August 15, 2024

Best Lawyers Recognizes Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp in 2024 "Best Law Firms" Rankings
November 2, 2023

38 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2024
August 17, 2023

Best Lawyers Recognizes Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp in 2023 "Best Law Firms" Rankings
November 2, 2022

U.S. News & World Report Recognizes Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp in 2022 "Best Law Firms" Rankings
November 4, 2021

26 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2022
August 19, 2021

U.S. News & World Report Recognizes Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp in 2021 "Best Law Firms" Rankings
November 2020

33 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2021
August 20, 2020

news

Jeffrey Eisen Featured in *Mondaq*
Mondaq, July 29, 2025

Jeff Eisen appears on the *Today Show*
January 31, 2023

Bloomberg BNA's Daily Report for Executives Quotes Eva Wolf on IRS Case Regarding Estate Tax Rules
Bloomberg BNA, May 26, 2017

alerts

Understanding UPMIFA: Delegation of Management and Investment of Endowment Funds
MSK Client Alert, February 23, 2017



Estate Planning - When the Only Certainty is Unpredictability
MSK Client Alert, January 20, 2017

Understanding UPMIFA: Important Endowment Concepts
MSK Client Alert, January 3, 2017

iWill or iWon't
MSK Client Alert, December 29, 2016

Four Lessons Learned From Prince's Estate (So Far)
MSK Client Alert, May 2, 2016

Higher Learning: A Potentially Expensive Lesson About 529 Plans
MSK Client Alert, May 2, 2016

No Password? See You in Court?
MSK Client Alert, April 8, 2016

events & speaking engagements

TAG Alliances 2024 Western North America Regional Meeting
March 8, 2024