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Partner, through his Professional Corporation



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legal expertise

Allan specializes in Estate and gift planning, estate and trust administration, estate and trust litigation and dispute resolution, charitable gift planning, exempt organizations, and estate and gift tax planning for artists and collectors.

representative matters

- Argued two cases before the Supreme Court regarding no contest clauses in California.
- Participated in the sale of large, closely held businesses as part of a decedent's estate.
- Represented the Philippine Government Agency on behalf of the estate of Ferdinand Marcos.
- Represented the estates of numerous high-profile, high-worth celebrities.
- Act as guardian ad litem by court appointment.

honors & awards

- Bruce I. Hochman Maimonides Torch of Justice Award, Jewish Federation Los Angeles
- Chambers High Net Worth 2023 Guide: Private Wealth Law (Band 3)
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of:
 - Trusts and Estates (1997-2026)
 - Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2011-2026)
 - Non-Profit/Charities Law (2013-2026)

practice areas

tax and trusts & estates
nonprofit organizations
trusts & estates
trusts & estates litigation

admissions

California, 1972
U.S. Court of Appeal
Ninth Circuit, 1972
U.S. Tax Court, 1972

education

University of California Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 1971
University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 1968
University of Southern California, Master of Business Taxation, 1978



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- Tax Law (2013-2026)
- "Top 5% of lawyers in Southern California," Southern California *Super Lawyers* (2004-2019, 2021-2026)
- "Fammy," award from Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles in recognition of community service
- First recipient of Magnin Award, Hillcrest Country Club for Outstanding Community Service for members under age 40
- AV® Preeminent™ Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

professional, business and civic affiliations

- Co-Chair, MSK Wealth Management Practice Group
- MSK Governing Board
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Mediation Panel, Probate Department Los Angeles County Superior Court
- Former Chair, Koreh LA – Jewish Federation literacy program
- Former President, Jewish Community Foundation
- Chair, Los Angeles United Jewish Fund Campaign (2002)
- Member, Chancellor Associates/UCLA
- Chair, Fundraising Committee – Spieker Aquatic Center at UCLA
- Supporting member, UCLA Water Polo Fund Raising Committee and Golf Tournament Committee
- Supporter, UCLA Women's Swimming Program
- Former Chair, Attorneys Division, Hillcrest Country Club, United Jewish Fund Campaign
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) (license inactive)

headlines

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



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Allan Cutrow Awarded the Bruce I. Hochman Maimonides Torch of Justice Award by the Jewish Federation Los Angeles

December 1, 2025

37 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2026

Best Lawyers, August 21, 2025

13 MSK Attorneys Named to the 2025 Edition of Southern California *Super Lawyers*

February 18, 2025

34 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2025

August 15, 2024

12 MSK Attorneys Named to the 2024 Edition of Southern California *Super Lawyers*

January 10, 2024

MSK Partners Allan Cutrow and David Wheeler Newman Recognized in *Chambers USA* High Net Worth 2023 Legal Guide

Chambers, August 22, 2023

38 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2024

August 17, 2023

15 MSK Attorneys Named to the 2023 Edition of Southern California *Super Lawyers*

January 10, 2023

16 MSK Attorneys Named to the 2022 edition of Southern California *Super Lawyers*

January 20, 2022

26 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2022

August 19, 2021

14 MSK Attorneys Named to the List of 2021 Southern California *Super Lawyers*

January 21, 2021

33 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2021

August 20, 2020

27 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2020

August 15, 2019

MSK Attorneys Named to the List of 2019 *Southern California Super Lawyers*

January 30, 2019



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The Best Lawyers in America© 2019 Recognizes 24 Attorneys from MSK
August 15, 2018

The Best Lawyers in America© 2018 Recognizes 24 Attorneys from Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP
August 15, 2017

MSK Attorneys Named to the 2017 List of *Super Lawyers*
January 20, 2017

The Best Lawyers in America© 2017 Recognizes 22 Attorneys from Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
August 22, 2016

media mentions

Allan Cutrow Quoted in the Wall Street Journal
June 4, 2023

MSK Attorneys Named to the List of 2016 Southern California Super Lawyers
January 20, 2016

23 Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp Attorneys Featured in *Best Lawyers*
August 2015

Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp Recognized as Leading Law Firm by The Legal 500 2015 USA Guide!
July 2015

The Best Lawyers in America© 2015 Recognizes 21 Attorneys from Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp and Names 2 Attorneys "Lawyer of the Year"
August 2014

Allan Cutrow Quoted in *Los Angeles Daily Journal*
August 2014

Allan Cutrow Quoted in *Bloomberg Business*
July 18, 2014

Allan Cutrow Quoted on *Forbes.com*
July 7, 2014

Allan Cutrow Quoted in *Los Angeles Daily News*
June 14, 2014

26 MSK Attorneys Named to 2014 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List
January 2014

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Allan Cutrow Mentioned on *Main Street*
December 30, 2013

21 MSK Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America 2014*
August 15, 2013

26 MSK Attorneys Named to 2013 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List
January 2013

21 MSK Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America 2013*
August 24, 2012

The 2012 Legal 500 USA Guide Recognizes MSK Attorneys and Intellectual Property and Tax Practice Groups
Among the Nation's Best
June 18, 2012

MSK Ranked Among Leading Tax Law Firms in *Tax Directors Handbook 2012*
January 26, 2012

25 Named to 2012 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List
January 23, 2012

MSK Attorneys Recognized Among "The Best Lawyers in America" for 2012
August 31, 2011

The 2011 Legal 500 USA Guide Recognizes MSK Attorneys and Intellectual Property and Tax Practice Groups
Among the Nation's Best
June 9, 2011

Cutrow Counsels *Time's* Stein on Estate Planning
February 28, 2011

24 Named to 2011 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List
January 25, 2011

The 2011 Best Lawyers in America Recognized MSK Attorneys from Nine Practice Areas
August 19, 2010

28 Named to 2010 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List
January 26, 2010

Allan Cutrow Quoted in *The Business Press*
January 12, 2010

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The Best Lawyers in America 2010
August 3, 2009

Allan Cutrow Outlines Gifting Strategies in the *Wall Street Journal*
April 8, 2009

29 Chosen to 2009 Southern California Super Lawyers List
January 30, 2009

MSK Ranked Among the Leading Tax Law Firms in the West
December 30, 2008

33 Chosen to 2008 Super Lawyers Lists
November 21, 2008

The Best Lawyers in America 2009
September 17, 2008

The Legal 500 Ranks MSK Among "Top Firms" and Partners Among "Leading Lawyers"
June 17, 2008

MSK Home to 23 Southern California Super Lawyers for 2008
January 30, 2008

The Best Lawyers in America 2007
December 28, 2007

The Best Lawyers in America in Trusts and Estates in 2007
March 29, 2007

publications

Estate Planning: Looking at Our World Through Income Tax Glasses
67-13 USC Law School Institutes On Major Tax Planning, 2015

client alerts

COVID Conversion
MSK Client Alert, April 6, 2020

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
December 19, 2017

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

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

Proposed IRS Regulations Could End Most Valuation Discounts for Family Entities
September 27, 2016

Selection of Trustees - Important Questions; Difficult Answers
MSK Client Alert, September 12, 2012

2012 Gift Tax Planning - A Golden Opportunity
MSK Client Alert, April 17, 2012

Reminder: New Tax Act Includes Gift Tax Opportunities
MSK Client Alert, February 14, 2011

Recent Developments in Estate Planning
MSK Client Alert, February 2004

events & speaking engagements

Leave 'Em A Dollar, That Should Keep Them in Line: Effective Planning to Avoid Contests
November 7, 2018

Estate and Gift Tax Return Preparation and Audit Tips
February 20, 2018

Estate Planning: Looking at Our World Through Income Tax Glasses
December 20, 2016

Estate Planning: Looking at Our World Through Income Tax Glasses
October 19, 2016

Did I Really Miss That? Top 10 Common Mistakes Tax Practitioners Make in Trust and Estate Planning and Administration and Can They Be Fixed?
September 27, 2016

Did I Really Miss That? Top 10 Common Mistakes Tax Practitioners Make in Trust and Estate Planning
January 27, 2016

Estate Planning: Looking at Our World Through Income Tax Glasses
October 8, 2015

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Fiduciary Ethics Violations that can lead to Litigation and/or Liability

October 15, 2013

Estate Planning in the Current Environment & Anticipated Changes to the Estate and Gift Tax Laws

September 23, 2009

It is Never Over Till It is Over - Preparing Enforceable Settlement Agreements

July 2009

Drafting and Planning Under Anticipated Changes to the Federal Estate and Gift Tax Laws

June 2009

Challenging the Will

April 2009

Frequent lecturer for California Continuing Education of the Bar and local bar programs relating to estate planning and administration including programs relating to dispute resolution

Taught at USC Program for Paraprofessionals and Golden Gate University Masters of Business Taxation program

Former lecturer at UCLA School of Law in clinical program on will drafting and Practicing Law Institute program on "Representing Artists, Dealers and Collectors"