



## Seth W. Krasilovsky

Partner, through his Professional Corporation



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### legal expertise

Concentrates practice on trust, estate and conservatorship litigation and administration.

Represents corporate, private professional and individual fiduciaries in disputes and litigation, including surcharge and removal proceedings, contested accountings, claims for breach of fiduciary duty and suits involving lifetime transfers.

Represents individual and charitable beneficiaries in litigation and disputes, including breach of fiduciary duty claims, trust and will contests, and interpretation of testamentary instruments.

### representative matters

- Successfully represented a California non-profit public benefit corporation and obtained judgments, after two trials, surcharging trustee for breaches of fiduciary duties.
- Obtained judgment on the pleadings while successfully defending trustee against claims for accounting, breach of trust and surcharge.
- Negotiated favorable settlement terms for a previously discharged corporate trustee of special needs trust in obtaining disgorgement from California Department of Health Care Services of previously over-distributed trust assets.
- Represented eight prominent charitable organizations in successful challenge of purported trust instrument.
- Successfully defended successor trustee and trust beneficiaries against petition seeking disqualification of entitlement to decedent's property due to alleged felonious and intentional killing of decedent.

### practice areas

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

### admissions

California, 2003  
District of Columbia, 1998  
Massachusetts, 1997  
New York, 1998  
U.S. District Court, 2003  
Central District of California  
U.S. Tax Court, 2001

### education

New York University School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation, 2001  
Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1997  
University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1994; *cum laude*

### other career experience

- Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office
- Judicial Intern, Hon.

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- Obtained judgment on the pleadings while successfully defending trustee against petition seeking removal and appointment of successor trustee.
- Successfully represented a college as trust beneficiary in obtaining order removing malfeasant trustee and negotiated favorable settlement of surcharge claims against trustee.
- Negotiated favorable settlement terms for a member-supported public media network and protected its beneficial interest under testamentary instrument challenged for lack of due execution.
- Successfully represented corporate trustee in arbitration resulting in approval of accounting and report of trusteeship.
- Assisted in obtaining a \$113 million settlement of litigation to remove and surcharge trustee of trusts controlling Farmer Bros. Coffee Co.
- Obtained significant settlement as lead trial counsel for quadriplegic unlawfully evicted from skilled nursing facility.

Leslie Crocker Snyder,  
New York State  
Supreme Court

## honors & awards

- "Top 5% of lawyers in Southern California," Southern California *Super Lawyers* (2013-2026)
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® in Trusts and Estates (2018-2026)
- "Southern California Rising Stars," *Super Lawyers* (2009-2012)
- Elyse S. Klein Memorial Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Legal Services, Bet Tzedek Legal Services (2005)
- AV® Preeminent™ Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

## professional, business and civic affiliations

- Former Co-Chair, Anti-Defamation League, Glass Leadership Institute
- Jewish Federation, New Leaders Project
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section
- Beverly Hills Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section
- New York State Bar Association, Trusts and Estates Section

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- American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Former Gift Chair, University of Pennsylvania Penn Fund

## 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

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

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

## media mentions

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

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

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

Five MSK Attorneys Named to Southern California's *Super Lawyers*' Rising Stars List  
June 8, 2012

Nine MSK Attorneys Named to Southern California *Super Lawyers*' Rising Stars List  
June 13, 2011

## publications

"To Fee, Or Not To Fee: Entitlement Is The Question," San Fernando Valley Estate Planning Council  
May 2015

Exercising Discretion in Administering Discretionary Trusts  
June 2009

## client alerts

Estate Planning in the Time of COVID-19  
*MSK Client Alert*, April 10, 2020

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

## events & speaking engagements

Bad Heir Day: Tortious Interference with an Expectancy  
January 23, 2020

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Getting Clear on Going Grey: Identifying and Addressing Diminished Capacity  
February 1, 2017

To Fee, Or Not To Fee: Entitlement Is The Question  
May 21, 2015

The California No Contest Clause: Heir Today But Gone Tomorrow,  
December 8, 2014

Heir Today, Expectancy Gone Tomorrow  
November 12, 2013

Fiduciary Ethics Violations that can lead to Litigation and/or Liability  
October 15, 2013

The Trustee's Investment Responsibilities under the Prudent Investor Act and the Resulting Damages for Breach  
of the Trustee's Investment Responsibilities  
October 21, 2010

Trust Asset Management: The Trustee's Evolving Duties and Liabilities  
June 2010

Important Trustee Obligations to Invest Prudently  
June 15, 2010