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RELATED PRACTICES

» Estates & Trusts

» **Experience**

Ms. Evans is a partner and a member of the firm’s Estates & Trusts Practice Group. Ms. Evans’ practice focuses on estate planning, probate and trust administration. In the estate planning context, Ms. Evans is devoted to working with her clients to create an estate plan that meets their goals and carries out their wishes. To this end, Ms. Evans implements wealth preservation strategies in preparing wills and a variety of trust vehicles. She also has substantial experience in preparing special needs trusts for estate planning clients and when litigation arises. Ms. Evans also prepares durable powers of attorney and advance health care directives to protect her clients in the event of incapacity.

Upon the death of a loved one, Ms. Evans handles a variety of probate and trust administration matters. She frequently advises fiduciaries (executors and trustees) regarding their ongoing duties and the laws affecting their relationships with beneficiaries. She also has extensive experience protecting individual, charitable, and institutional beneficiaries through advocacy and counseling.

Ms. Evans is often appointed by the courts to serve as guardian ad litem to protect the interests of incapacitated adults and minor children. In addition, Ms. Evans is a frequent presenter of trust and estate related topics to a variety of audiences.

» **Education**

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, 1996
B.A, cum laude, University of California, Los Angeles, 1992

» **Affiliations**

Alameda County Bar Association, Elder Law Committee, Chair, 2005
Alameda County Bar Association, Trust and Estates Planning Section, Member, 1996 - Present
Estate Planning Council of the Diablo Valley, Member, 2000 - Present
Charles Houston Bar Association, Member, 1996 - Present



Black Women Lawyers of Northern California, Member, 2008 - Present
East Bay College Fund, Mentor, 2010
Holy Names High School, Alumni Board, 2010

» **Speaking and Teaching Experience**

Estate Planning - Planning and Preserving Your Estate, Citibank Personal Wealth Management, July, 2010
Pearls of Wisdom - Estate Planning Basics for Women, Smith Barney, 2010
Taking Care of Our Aging Community - The Importance of Estate Planning, Allen Temple Baptist Church, August 2009
Estate Planning Essentials - What Your Clients Need to Know, State Farm Agent Training Seminar, September 2008
Panelist, "Utilizing Estate Planning to Identify and Deter Elder Abuse, Fourth Annual Elder Abuse Conference, May 2008
Business Succession Planning, California Black Chamber of Commerce, 2007
Legal and Ethical Aspects of Trusteeships, California State University Fullerton, Spring, Fall, 2004
Current Legislation, Professional Fiduciaries Association of California, 2002, 2005, 2006
Trust Administration, California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), 2001

» **Publications**

Author, Preliminary Distributions, California Decedent's Estate Practice (CEB), 2009

» **Honors & Awards**

Northern California Super Lawyers - 2010, 2011
Northern California Super Lawyers - Rising Star, 2009

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