

Kelly E. Dankbar

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EXPERIENCE

Kelly is a shareholder in the Firm's Trusts and Estates group and focuses her practice on helping people solve problems after someone passes away.

Kelly also works with families and other loved ones to protect seniors when they become incapacitated. Kelly combines her litigation experience with a thorough knowledge of probate law to help her clients resolve a wide range of trust and probate disputes, including elder financial abuse claims, contested conservatorships, will and trust contests, contested accountings, breach of fiduciary duty claims, and other contested and uncontested matters involving the administration of trusts and estates. With Kelly's extensive experience in helping families resolve disputes, she knows that a successful result often involves keeping the family relationships intact, and she helps her clients work through their disputes at very emotionally difficult times.

Kelly also represents beneficiaries as well corporate and individual trustees, executors, and other fiduciaries in a wide range of uncontested matters, including interpretation of complex estate planning documents, accountings, petitions for instructions, petitions for construction of trust instruments, and other probate and trust administration issues.

Kelly regularly speaks on trust and estates litigation and elder financial abuse issues and has been a panelist for continuing legal education programs for CEB, NBI, Legal Services of Northern California, and the Placer County Bar Association. Kelly has also authored several articles about elder financial abuse litigation, including "Contractual Arbitration: Is It Binding on the Victims of Elder Abuse?"

PRACTICE AREAS

Alternative Dispute
Resolution

Fiduciary Representation
Litigation

Probate, Trust, &
Conservatorship
Administration

Trusts & Estates

Trusts & Estates Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern
District of California

EDUCATION

J.D., University of the Pacific,
McGeorge School of Law,
1995

B.A., California State
University, Sacramento, 1991

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AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS

State Bar of California, Litigation and Trusts and Estates Section

Sacramento County Bar Association, Probate and Estate Planning Section
Chair, 2008

Sacramento Estate Planning Council
Board Member

Sacramento County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (SacFAST)
Member

Placer County Bar Association
Member

Meritas, Sacramento
Member

American Cancer Society's Hope Gala
Board of Ambassadors

Awards

The Best Lawyers in America®, 2018-2023, Sacramento, Litigation – Trusts and Estates

Sacramento Magazine's Top Lawyers List, 2015, 2018-2022 –Estate Planning and Probate

Northern California *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2009

Northern California *Super Lawyers*, 2012-2022

Sacramento Business Journal's Best of the Bar, 2018