

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Trust and Estate Planning
 - Charitable Trusts and Gifts
 - Deferred Compensation Trusts
 - Estate Tax Minimization
 - Guardianships
 - Irrevocable and Revocable Trusts
 - Specifically That
- Corporate
 - Buy Sell Agreements
 - Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Operating Agreements
 - Stock Purchase and Shareholder Agreements
 - Succession Planning
- Employment (Employer-sided)

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law

- Juris Doctor (2006)
- Graduated Cum Laude
- Faculty Scholar
- *Pepperdine Law Review* Note & Comment Editor
- Research Assistant
- Dean's List
- Phi Delta Phi Honor Society
- Jewish Law2 Students Association

New School University, New York, NY

- Bachelor of Fine Arts, ?? (1990)
- Dean's List

MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of New York
- State Bar of Connecticut
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
 - Trust & Estates
 - Business and Corporations Law
 - Taxation
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- Santa Clarita Bar Association

AWARDS

CALI Award for Excellence, Jewish Law 2005



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Robert A. Hull is a California trust attorney, Los Angeles business lawyer and an Associate in the Tax & Estate Planning, Business Transactions and Mergers & Acquisitions Practice Groups at our Firm.

Mr. Hull advises our clients through all aspects of will and estate planning law, with a focus on tax benefits for both the client and the heirs. He structures wills and special trusts to suit a clients' unique circumstances, whether they address personal or business needs. Mr. Hull also advises clients on steps to avoid the probate process – a normally lengthy, and expensive procedure for the heirs of an estate.

In addition to his practice in tax and estate planning, Mr. Hull is also a California business lawyer advising company owners and executives on all aspects of saving time and money, preserving rights, and avoiding litigation. In this capacity, Mr. Hull:

- Forms and maintains business entities.
- Writes all manner of agreements including operating agreements, settlement agreements, confidentiality agreements, purchase agreements, terms and conditions, buy-sell agreements, asset/stock purchase agreements and shareholder's agreements.
- Assists in the launch of start-up ventures, as well as the purchase or sale of businesses including practices for physicians, dentists and other professionals.

The business lawyer and California trust attorney has a broad base of experience, also helping employers draft employee handbooks and defend against harassment claims, persuading courts to deny motions, and preparing briefs in wrongful termination suits. Mr. Hull's practice areas in business, and tax and estate planning often complement each other, as he helps owners and executives ensure smoother and more financially beneficial transfers of assets to their heirs.

Mr. Hull initially worked in the entertainment industry in New York and Los Angeles before focusing on his current practice areas. He joined our Firm after earning his law degree in 2006 from Pepperdine University School of Law, where he graduated *Cum Laude*.

While at Pepperdine, Mr. Hull was a "Faculty Scholar", Note & Comment Editor of the *Pepperdine Law Review*, and a member of the Dean's List, the Phi Delta Phi Honor Society and the Jewish Law Students Association. He won a **CALI Award for Excellence** from *Jewish Law* in 2005.

He also authored ***What Hath Hiibel Wrought: The Constitutionality of Compelled Self-Identification*** (for *Pepperdine Law Review*, Fall 2005), was an extern for the Honorable Florence-Marie Cooper of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, a research assistant for Associate Dean Shelley Saxer and a law clerk at Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

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PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Co-Presenter, **2011 Year-End Tax and Estate Planning** - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, December 2011
- Co-Author, **Real Estate: Gifting Real Property Now** - *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, September 2011
- Co-Presenter, **Tax and Estate Planning Q&A: The New Law** - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, April 2011
- Co-Author, **Selling a Family Business Without Selling Out the Family** - *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, March 2011
- Co-Presenter, **2010 Year-End Tax and Estate Planning** - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, December 2010
- Co-Author, **Courts Side with Non-Solicitation Agreements when Narrowly Defined** - *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, May 2010
- **What Hath Hiibel Wrought: The Constitutionality of Compelled Self-Identification** - *Pepperdine Law Review*, Fall 2005 Seminars
- Co-Presenter, **2009 Year-End Tax and Estate Planning** - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, December 2009

