



Jana G. Garrotto

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Practice Group

Trust and Estate Planning

Biography

Jana G. Garrotto is Shareholder in our Trust & Estate Planning Practice Group with nearly 30 years' experience. She is focused on protecting her clients' goals for distribution of a variety of assets and family business interests. This entails customized and comprehensive planning for each client.

Such transactions often require the drafting of trusts, wills and durable powers of attorney, making health care surrogate designations, strategizing charitable giving, and establishing guardianships.

When business interests are involved, Ms. Garrotto is also well versed in related legal areas, including: real estate transactions, intellectual property protections, business succession planning, and corporate and estate tax minimization. She has worked with clients at all phases of family business planning – from the setup of the most appropriate legal structure for growth and continued success, to devising efficient exit strategies – all with an eye to her clients' costs, income and retirement goals.

Ms. Garrotto typically represents:

- Family Business Owners
- Corporate Executives
- Individuals in Professional Services Industries

- Entrepreneurs
- Entertainment Industry Professionals

Before joining Lewitt Hackman, Ms. Garrotto was an estate planning attorney at her own, and other firms in Los Angeles. She first practiced civil, business litigation earlier in her career.

Ms. Garrotto currently serves as a Trustee for the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Board of Trustees and is a member of the LACBA Nominating Committee (2021-2022). She also serves as a Trustee liaison between the LACBA Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee and the LACBA Board of Trustees.

Ms Garrotto recently served as the Chair of the LACBA Trust and Estates Section Executive Committee (2020-2021), Vice Chair (2019- 2020), and Secretary Treasurer (2018-2019) She is a current member of the as LACBA Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee and is Co-Chair of the Trusts and Estates Section Member Communications Committee. Ms. Garrotto serves as the senior editor of LACBA's Trusts and Estates Section's monthly ebuletin.

She attended San Francisco State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and English Literature. Ms. Garrotto earned her Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco School of Law.

Memberships

State Bar of California Los Angeles County Bar Association

- Section Trustee (July 2021-23)
- Chair, Trust and Estates Section Executive Committee (July 2020-21)
- Vice-Chair, Trust and Estates Section Executive Committee (July 2019-20)
- Secretary/Treasurer, Trust and Estates Section Executive Committee (July 2018-19)
- Co-Editor, Trust and Estates Section eBulletin
- Member, Nominating Committee re applications submitted for Trustee positions (July 2021-22)

San Fernando Valley Bar Association Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Featured, *LACBA Celebrates Women's History Month, The Current: Weekly Response Newsletter*, a publication of the Los Angeles County Bar Association

- Co-author, *Attending to Medicare: What Clients Need to Know*, *Valley Lawyer*, a publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, December 2019
- Co-presenter, *2019 Trust & Estate Planning*, Lewitt Hackman MCLE and CPE accredited seminar series
- Co-author, *Trusts and Estates eBulletin*, a publication of the Los Angeles County Bar Association

Education

University of San Francisco Juris Doctor (1989) **San Francisco State University** Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and English Literature (1986)