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#### Major Cases

Since my practice includes both the transactional and litigation sides of trusts and estates, I have the unique opportunity to participate in a wide variety of cases, including tax and business succession planning, complex estate planning, probates, trust administrations, tax audits, and contested trusts and estates matters such as undue influence and breach of trust claims. The common thread in all of these cases is the emotion which drives them -- the planning is typically driven by the love and concern for family members and the range of emotions arising from the death of a loved one sets the tone for the administration and, sometimes, fuels litigation.

I enjoy assisting clients in all phases and aspects of trusts and estates and find it rewarding to help them successfully navigate complicated and overwhelming issues.

#### Professional Background

I received my J.D. and LL.M. in taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law and my B.A. in history from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. I joined Hahn, Loeser & Parks, LLP in 2014, to open the firm's trusts and estates practice for its San Diego office. My practice includes estate planning for estates of all sizes and representation of fiduciaries and beneficiaries in trust and estate administration and litigation.

#### Professional Affiliations

I am a member of the State Bar of California, State Bar of Texas, and San Diego County Bar Association -- Trusts and Estate section. I have served on the Board of Directors for MAMAS (Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of San Diego) for several years and am currently serving as president. I am also a mentor, through the SDCBA mentoring program, for other attorneys practicing in the trusts and estates field.

#### Personal Background

I am married, have one daughter, and am the eldest of seven children. My father was an estate planning attorney and instilled in me the desire to practice in the trusts and estates field. Having had the fortune of receiving excellent mentoring from my father (in life and the law) and from other attorneys with whom I have worked, I am dedicated to creating and facilitating positive mentoring relationships. I am passionate about my trusts and estates practice, child safety (specifically, drowning prevention), and, of course, my family.



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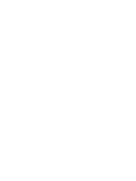


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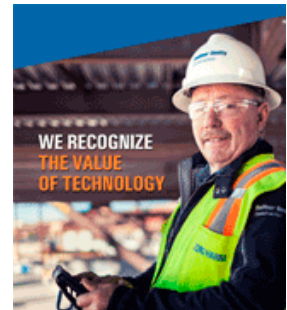


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