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**Education**

Law School/Year: University of San Diego/1999

College/Year: University of California, Santa Barbara/1995

**Bar admissions**

California

**Practice areas**

Estate Planning, Probate and Trust

**Major cases you have participated in**

My cases typically range from basic trust-based estates to very advanced plans for higher net worth clients who have serious estate tax issues. My firm sets up everything from private annuity trusts to charitable remainder trusts and family limited partnerships. Most recently we were able to save a client and his family nearly \$3 million by setting up a private annuity trust and moving several pieces of commercial property outside of his taxable estate while deferring capital gains and ensuring him a steady source of income for the rest of his life.

**Professional background**

I practiced in the areas of medical malpractice and general civil litigation for several years before transitioning over to estate planning. I have now been with the Centara Legal Group for two years. I am now able to offer my clients comprehensive estate planning by coordinating closely with various experts from different fields, including financial and tax planning professionals.

**Professional affiliations**

I served as a delegate to the State Bar Association's Conference of Delegates and am an active member of the San Diego County Bar Association Trust & Estates Section. I was president of the San Diego Chapter of the USCB Alumni Association for four years and was the co-chair for the USD Recent Alumni Committee for three years. I remain active within both groups.