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Susanna is a senior associate in the private client and tax team.

Susanna focuses her practice on estate planning for high net worth individuals and families, developing sophisticated tax minimization techniques for clients through the use of intentionally defective grantor trusts (IDGTs), grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs), life insurance trusts, annual exclusion gift trusts and limited liability companies. She also advises clients on post-mortem trust administration matters and California property tax issues relating to transfers of real property. Before joining Withers, Susanna was an attorney at a Los Angeles area law firm specializing in estate planning and trust administration for high net worth clients. Prior to then, Susanna was a corporate associate at a global law firm advising private equity and real estate investment managers on fund formation and SEC compliance matters.

Susanna earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Talks

- *'Is Your Gift Up for Grabs? Avoiding the Risk of Forfeiture Following the Breslin Case,'* Southern California Council of Charitable Gift Planners Western Regional Planned Giving Conference - May 23, 2024, co-presenter
- *'The Empty Chair' Statute - Expanding Trustee Duties under Probate Code 15800,'* 46th Annual UCLA/CEB Estate Planning Institute - April 18, 2024, co-presenter

- '[Corporate Transparency Act: Pulling Back the Curtain and Shining a Spotlight on Client Assets](#),' California Lawyers Association Webinar - December 6, 2023, speaker
- '[Estate planning: what you need to know](#),' CFA Society of Los Angeles - December 6, 2023, speaker
- '[Estate Planning for Children](#),' UCLA School of Law to JD and LLM students in Advanced Estate Planning Lecture - October 18, 2023, guest lecturer
- '[Corporate Transparency Act](#),' Los Angeles Estate Counselor's Forum - April 20, 2023, speaker
- '[Is Your Gift Up for Grabs? Avoiding the Risk of Forfeiture Following the Breslin Case](#),' Los Angeles Council of Charitable Gift Planners - March 16, 2023, speaker
- '[Corporate Transparency Act](#),' STEP San Diego - January 24, 2023, speaker
- '[Corporate Transparency Act](#),' Woodland Hills Tax and Estate Planning Council - January 19, 2023, speaker
- '[Hot Topics: New Things for Seasonal Practitioners!](#),' USC Trusts and Estates Conference - November 9, 2022, co-presenter

External publications

- 'Important considerations when receiving an inheritance,' Withers Insight - April 25, 2024, authored
- '[New reporting obligations for estate planning clients under the Corporate Transparency Act](#),' Withers Insight - April 26, 2023, authored
- 'Are your bank accounts safe? A summary of FDIC insurance coverage,' Withers Insight - March 23, 2023, authored

Admissions

California, 2012

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A.

Languages

English

Memberships

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Key dates

Year joined: 2021

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