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Craig is a senior associate in the trust and estate litigation team.

His practice focuses on complex trusts and estates litigation, trusts and estate administration, and conservatorship and guardianship matters. He also has broad experience in commercial litigation matters.

Craig has experience with all aspects of trust and estate litigation including will and trust contests, breach of fiduciary duty matters, and financial elder abuse matters. He represents beneficiaries, creditors, trustees, executors, and other fiduciaries and his experience includes mediations, taking and defending depositions, writing and arguing various law and motion matters, trials, and appeals. As part of his administration practice, he assists clients with post-death administration, and securing bequests made to charitable beneficiaries.

Craig also counsels and advises corporate and individual clients in all phases of litigation in state and federal court. His commercial litigation practice focuses on complex business litigation involving contract and commercial disputes, as well as other business torts and civil matters. He has handled matters from inception through completion, including fact discovery, expert discovery, significant law and motion, trial, and appeal. Craig has been recognized in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide in the area of Private Wealth Disputes - California since 2022 and as a "One to Watch" by Best Lawyers for 2024..

Talks

- "The Empty Chair' Statute - Expanding Trustee Duties under Probate Code 15800,' 46th Annual UCLA/CEB Estate Planning Institute - April 18, 2024, co-presenter

- 'Recent Developments in Probate, Trusts, & Estate Planning,' Long Beach Bar Association Probate and Estate Planning Section - March 6, 2024, co-presenter
- 'E1 Case and Statutory Updates in Estate, Trust And Probate Law,' Professional Fiduciary Association of California (PFAC) - June 3, 2023, co-presenter
- 'Estate planning, trust, and probate law: 2022 year in review,' Long Beach Bar Association - March 22, 2023, co-presenter
- 'Estate Planning 101: War Stories from Common Estate Planning Errors and Tips to Avoid Them in the Future,' Event with First American Trust - November 16 and 19, 2021, co-presenter
- 'The Kids Are Not Alright: Drafting Estate Plans to Prevent Future Public Family Disputes,' Conejo Valley Estate Planning Council, Ventura County - March 19, 2019
- 'Litigation holds: Avoiding civil and criminal penalties resulting from spoliation of evidence,' Holland & Knight, Los Angeles - September 24, 2014

External publications

'Black Panther star's untimely death highlights importance of estate planning,' Wealthmanagement.com - November 18, 2020, co-author

'Protecting trustees from blame (and liability) in COVID-19's new world order,' Daily Journal's "Wealth with Withers" column - July 21, 2020, co-author

'Urlick v. Urlick: (Re)Opening the Floodgates of Trust Contests,' California Trusts and Estates Quarterly, Vol. 25 Issue 3 - 2019, author

'Tom Petty's Daughters File \$5 Million Civil Lawsuit Against His Widow,' Digital Music News - May 16, 2019, quoted

'Preventing and Avoiding Costly Conflicts,' Trusts & Estates - July 25, 2018, co-author

'Litigation Holds: Avoiding Spoliation of Evidence and Obstruction of Justice,' Compliance & Ethics Professional - August 2014, co-author

Admissions

State of California, 2009

Education

American University, cum laude, B.A.

Loyola Law School, J.D.

Languages

English

Memberships

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trusts & Estate Section Member

American Bar Association, Real Property, Trusts & Estate Section Member

Beverly Hills Bar Association, Trusts & Estate Section Member

Public Counsel, Associate Leadership Board Member

Key dates

Year joined: 2017

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