

## Matthew R. Owens

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

Matt focuses his practice on trust, estate, and inheritance disputes. He has prosecuted and defended a wide range of matters in probate court, including trust contests, elder abuse actions, accountings, contested conservatorships and claims involving breach of fiduciary duty. His clients include high net worth individuals and families, corporate trustees, and private professional fiduciaries.

Matt has successfully handled several trials and arbitrations of trust and estate disputes. He also handles appeals and was one of the attorneys of record in *Funsten v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.* (2016) 2 Cal.App.5th 959.

Matt is a certified specialist in estate planning, trust, and probate law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. A leader in the legal community, Matt speaks and writes on trust and estate litigation topics and serves as Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section's Executive Committee. He was ranked on Legal Week's Private Client "Ones to Watch" list in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star every year since 2013.

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### ADMISSIONS

- State of California, 2011

### PUBLICATIONS

'*Litigation Alert*,' California Trusts and Estates Quarterly, co-author

'*New Case Alerts*,' California Lawyers Association – Trusts and Estates Section, co-author

'*CEB – Chapter 29*,' Actions by and Against Personal Representative, update editor

### MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California, Litigation Section
- State Bar of California, Trusts and Estates Section
- American Inns of Court, Louis M. Welsh Chapter
- San Diego County Bar Association, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section, Chair of Executive Committee
- Probate Attorneys of San Diego

## TALKS

*'Wine Not? California's New Decanting Act,'* San Mateo County Bar Association Estate Planning & Probate Section, October 10, 2019, co-presenter

*'Probate Court: New Attorney Fundamentals,'* San Diego County Bar Association - September 13, 2019, co-presented with Hon. Julia C. Kelety

*'Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law: 2018 Year in Review,'* San Diego County Bar Association – March 14, 2019

*'Wine Not? California's New Decanting Act,'* First American Trust – February 4 and 6, 2019

*'Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law: 2017 Year in Review,'* San Diego County Bar Association - March 1, 2018

*'Incapacity & Undue Influence,'* PCT Associate Training - Estate Planning Series, December 14, 2017

## EDUCATION

Santa Clara University, J.D.  
University of Mississippi, Honors College, cum laude, B.A.

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2015

## RECOGNITION

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