

## Craig S. Weinstein

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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.

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### ADMISSIONS

- State of California, 2009

### 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

*'Urick v. Urick: (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

### 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

## TALKS

*'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

## EDUCATION

American University, cum laude, B.A.  
Loyola Law School, J.D.

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2017

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