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PRACTICE AREAS

Trusts and Estates
Trust and Estate Litigation
Trusts and Estates Administration
Estate and Gift Planning

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law B.S.,
University of California Los Angeles

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

California
U.S. District Court for the Northern
and Central Districts of California

Stephen M. Lowe's practice focuses on complex litigation in the areas of trusts, probate, conservatorships, and estate planning. He is a certified Mediator and a Los Angeles Probate Court Volunteer Settlement Officer.

» Honors

Mr. Lowe has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2019-2022 editions of the Best Lawyers in America® in the fields of Litigation- Trusts and Estates and Trust and Estates. He has been named to the Southern California Super Lawyers list from 2014-2021, a designation bestowed on only the top 5% of lawyers in this region.

Representative Clients and Matters

- » Estate of Giralдин, 55 Cal.4th 1058 (2012) – Lead trial attorney and appellate attorney for this landmark California Supreme Court case which established the right of remainder beneficiaries to bring actions for breach of fiduciary duties after the death of the trustor of a revocable trust.
- » Estate of Boyle, LASC - Lead trial attorney in a trust contest in which a trust amendment was deemed invalid and the educational institution represented by Freeman Freeman & Smiley thereby received the \$3M gift originally intended by the trustor.
- » Estate of Thomas – Multiple appeals which led to a legislative revision of California's adoption of the Uniform Principal and Income Act defining what constitutes a partial liquidation of a trust asset.

Professional & Community Involvement

- » California Bar Association | Trust and Estates Section
- » Los Angeles County Bar Association | Trust and Estate Section | Executive Committee | 2014 - 2017
- » Los Angeles County Bar Association | Trust and Estate Section | Chair, Court Liaison Committee | 2015-2017
- » W.I.S.E. Senior Services | Board of Directors and Past Chairman | 1996 - 2007
- » Oberlin College Parents Executive Committee | 2007 - 2011

Presentations & Publications

- » IRS Contemplates Change in Wealth Transfer Strategy | August 5, 2015
- » "The Prudent Investor Rule – Compliance and Litigation Strategies" | South Bay Estate Planning Council | April 8, 2014
- » "Were the Trustee's Investments Prudent? Objections and Defenses" | LACBA Trusts & Estates Symposium 2013 | September 4, 2013
- » "Protecting Celebrities with Diminished Capacity; Circling the Star Wagons" | South Bay Bar Trust and Estates Section | July 7, 2010
- » "Celebrity Dementia" | Santa Monica Bar Association | May 14, 2010
- » "The Road to Trial in Contested Probate Matters" | Los Angeles Paralegal Association | Probate and Estate Planning Section | January 11, 2001
- » "Basic Estate Planning" | St. John's Health Center Foundation | January 3, 2001
- » "Ten Questions to Ask Yourself When You are Asked to Be a Trustee" | January

6, 2000