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- ◆ Real Estate Law
- ◆ Elder Law
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- ◆ Education Law
- ◆ Municipal & Public Entity Matters
- ◆ Civil and Business Litigation



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## **Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Administration**

**Do I need a will?**

**Why do I need an Estate Plan?**

**What is Power Of Attorney?**

*Exceptional Legal Services and  
Giving Back to the Community since 1971*

## Our Estate Planning Team

**Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones &**

**Feingold, L.L.P.** offers comprehensive estate planning, probate and trust administration services. The firm offers a full range of services from drafting wills and living trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care directives, to designing and drafting complex estate plans for individuals with substantial estates who wish to maximize property transfers to their families while minimizing gift and estate taxes.

It is so important to plan appropriately. Please schedule an appointment at (805) 644-7188.



### **Estate Planning Tools**

- ◆ Wills
- ◆ Health Care Directives
- ◆ Trusts
- ◆ Durable Powers of Attorney

**Durable Power of Attorney** - a legal document in which you appoint a trusted person to handle your financial affairs in the event you become incapacitated and unable to handle them yourself.

**Advance Health Care Directive** - a legal document in which you appoint a trusted person to make health care decisions for you in the event you become incapacitated and unable to make health care decisions for yourself.

### **Probate**

Probate is a court proceeding in which the court supervises the administration of a decedent's estate. Probate procedures are quite involved and strict adherence to them is required by the courts. Our probate attorneys work with executors and personal representatives to guide them through the complex process of probating decedents' estates.

### **Non-Probate Administration**

In California, small estates can be administered without court proceedings. Our attorneys can help beneficiaries and heirs of a decedent take the legal steps necessary to accomplish distribution of a small estate. We can also assist with collection of non-probate assets such as life insurance and retirement plan death benefits.

### **Trusts**

We handle all types of trusts, from simple probate-avoidance trusts, to tax-planned trusts such as **A-B Trusts, A-B-C Trusts, Disclaimer Trusts, Life Insurance Trusts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Qualified Personal Residence Trusts** and **Qualified Domestic Trusts**. We also prepare **Special Needs Trusts** for persons receiving needs-based government benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income and Medi-Cal.

### **Trust Administration**

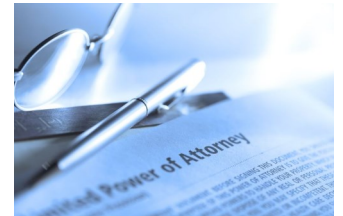
In California, assets held in a trust are exempt from probate. There are, however, actions that need to be taken to administer a decedent's trust. Our attorneys assist trustees with the tasks necessary to successfully administer a trust following the death of the trust owner.

### **Trust and Probate Litigation**

Unfortunately, disputes can arise among persons interested in a decedent's trust or estate. These disputes frequently wind up in litigation. Our attorneys are available to provide legal representation to disputing parties in these situations.

### **Conservatorships and Guardianships**

Instances arise when individuals are no longer capable of managing financial, personal or household affairs. An illness or disability at any age can result in the need for a family member to step in and make important decisions. Our attorneys can help individuals and their family obtain temporary or permanent conservatorship for an elder or other incapacitated family member. We also assist families with guardianships for minor children.



### **Advanced Techniques**

- ◆ The A-B-C Trust
- ◆ Family Limited Partnership / LLC
- ◆ Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust
- ◆ Charitable Split-Insurance Gifts
- ◆ Qualified Personal Residence Trust
- ◆ Qualified Domestic Trust
- ◆ Special Needs Trust