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Karla Berentsen advises her clients in complex estate planning matters, as well as trusts and estate administrations. Clients appreciate her thoughtful and thorough approach to a sensitive subject matter. Despite the complexities in Trusts & Estate law, Karla has provided her clients with trusted and comprehensible guidance for over 20 years. Along with advising individuals, families and fiduciaries, Karla also serves as the Chair of the Trusts & Estate Department.

Karla's compassion in helping others extends to her community where she has served on the Board of Directors at Pasadena Humane Society for over a decade. She enjoys supporting efforts to provide outstanding care for families and their companion animals.

Related Capabilities

Trusts & Estates

Credentials

Admissions

California

Education

Loyola Law School, J.D. (Member of the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society, Dean's List; *Entertainment Law Review*)

University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A. (With Honors)

Honors & Awards

Selected to "Top Attorneys," *Pasadena Magazine*, 2010, 2014–2016, 2021–2025

Recognized in "Women of Influence," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2023, 2025–2026

Selected to Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars List, 2009–2010

“Look for opportunities to be kind.”

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Community Involvement

Professional Organizations

American Bar Association

Member, 2003–present

American Bar Foundation

Fellow

Los Angeles County Bar Association: Probate and Trust Law Section

Member

Los Angeles County Bar Association: Tax Section

Member

Pasadena Bar Association

Member, 2009–present

Charitable Organizations

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA

Board of Directors, 2011–2016; 2017–present

Sierra Madre Elementary School: School Site Council

Member, 2016–2018

