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Rita Diaz focuses her practice on estate planning and advising trustees and beneficiaries through trust and probate administrations, especially those that are, or could be, contentious. She represents clients in various trusts and estate litigation matters, including breach of fiduciary disputes and trust contests. Rita takes a comprehensive and result-driven approach to disputes. Her experience in estate planning, administration and litigation gives her a global perspective critical to avoiding, abating and resolving disputes.

Rita also counsels employers on a variety of matters, including discrimination, leaves of absence, policies, and wage and hour issues.

Related Capabilities

Employment

Litigation

Trust Litigation

Trusts & Estates

Experience

Speaking Engagements

Co-Presenter, "Creating a Lasting Legacy: Thoughtful Estate Planning for Your Family," Braille Institute, September 2026

Presenter, "From burden to benefit: How strategic trust termination protects value and reduces risk," Wealth & Trust 360, American Bankers Association, February 2026

Co-Presenter, “Knives Out: Divorce, Death, and Disinheritance,” American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Southern California Chapter's 34th Annual Institute of Trial Advocacy, January 2026

Credentials

Admissions

California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Education

University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. (*cum laude*)

Languages

Spanish

Honors & Awards

Recognized in "Top 100 Lawyers," Los Angeles Business Journal, 2026

Named in "500 Leading Litigators in America," Lawdragon, 2026

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

Recognized in "Thriving in Their 40s," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2023

Featured in "Leaders of Influence: Labor & Employment Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2022

Selected to "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2022

Recognized in "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2022

Featured in "Women of Influence: Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2021, 2025

Recognized in "Women of Distinction," *Pasadena Magazine*, 2021

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

"Each client and each case is unique. We all have different goals, perspectives, and experiences. I approach matters creatively and work with my clients to find solutions that are right for them."

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Community Involvement

Professional Organizations

American Bar Association
Member

American Bar Association: Young Lawyers Division
Leadership Advisory Board, 2004–2007
Co-Coordinator Public Service Project, 2006–2007
National Conference Team, 2005–2006
Affiliate Association Team, 2003–2005
Member Service Project, 2002–2003
Vice Chair, Minorities in the Profession Committee, 2001–2002

Los Angeles County Bar Association: Executive Committee of Barristers Section
Member

Los Angeles County Bar Association: Trusts and Estates Section
Member

Pasadena Bar Association
Former Trustee
Member