

# Karl I. Swaidan

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Karl Swaidan advises private foundations and charitable organizations and assists closely held family businesses with tax planning. His practice focuses on business, estate and property tax planning. As a Certified Taxation Law Specialist by The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization and a Certified Public Accountant, Karl counsels his clients to preserve and protect their assets in compliance with tax laws.

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## Related Capabilities

Business

Real Estate

Trust & Estates

## Experience

### Speaking Engagements

Panelist, "I Fought the Law and the Law Won: Private Foundation Planning," USC Gould School of Law 49th Annual Trust and Estate Conference, 2023

## Credentials

### Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

### Education

University of Southern California Law Center, J.D. (Order of the Coif)

University of Southern California, M.B.T. (*summa cum laude*)

University of Southern California, B.S. (*summa cum laude*)

### Certifications

Certified Specialist in Taxation, The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, 1991

Certified Public Accountant, 1986

### Honors & Awards

Selected to Southern California Super Lawyers List, 2007–2024

Recognized by Best Lawyers® for Trusts and Estates, 2006–2024

“My approach in working with clients has always been to treat them with respect and understanding; being an excellent technician is not enough. You must actively listen and empathize to develop a sound and appropriate solution to a client’s needs.”

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## Community Involvement

### Professional Organizations

State Bar of California

*Member*

American Bar Association

*Member*

Los Angeles County Bar Association

*Member*

Pasadena Bar Association

President, 2017

*Member*

California Society of Certified Public Accountants

*Member*

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

*Member*

### Charitable Organizations

Flintridge Preparatory School

Board of Trustees, 2011–2020

*Chair, 2016–2018*

Descanso Gardens Foundation

*Board of Directors, 2021–present*