



JUDITH Y. TANG

Judith is a Director and the Co-Vice Chair of the Trusts and Estates Practice group at Fennemore. She has over 25 years' experience and breadth of knowledge providing comprehensive personalized estate planning and trust and estate administration services. She is one of very few Certified Specialists in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization who speaks fluent Cantonese. She also speaks conversational Mandarin.

Judith counsels and assists clients in estate planning matters to protect loved ones and minimize tax consequences. She prepares wills, trusts, life insurance trusts, durable powers of attorney, Advance Health Care Directives, and related documents. She also represents trustees, executors, administrators, and beneficiaries in estate and trust administration. She is experienced in implementing estate plans, resolving creditor and tax issues, and administering the estate in accordance with the decedent's wishes.

Judith was appointed to the Executive Committee of the California Lawyers Association's Trusts and Estates section. She is an author and speaks on estate planning topics for the State Bar of California and the Continuing Education of the Bar. Judith is active in the Bay Area Chinese community and has been featured on Chinese radio and on TVB's "Financial Magazine" television program. She was a board member of the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce for nine years.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly known as Hastings College of the Law)
- B.S., University of California, Berkeley, *high honors*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Trusts & Estates
- Estate Planning
- Tax Law

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, 2005-present
- *Northern California Super Lawyers®*, 2010-2025
- *Northern California Super Lawyers®*, Top Women Attorneys, 2010-2024
- American Jurisprudence Award
- Judicial Extern to Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "AB 2016 Expedited Transfer Procedure for a Decedent's Primary Residence," Professional Fiduciary Association of California, August 14, 2025
- Presenter, "Non-Probate Transfer of Decedent's Principal Residence," Berkeley Albany Bar Association, May 20, 2025
- Presenter, "AB-2016 – Non Probate Transfer of Decedent's Principal Residence," Continuing Education of the Bar, May 14, 2025
- Presenter, "AB 2016 – Non Probate Transfer of Decedent's Principal Residence," East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers, April 9, 2025
- Author, "[California Proposition 19's Impact on Estate Planning and Gifting of Real Property](#)," Fennemore Blog, February 17, 2025
- Presenter, "Trusts and Estates Career Panel and Lunch at UC Law San Francisco," California Lawyers Association, Trusts and Estates Executive Committee, February 25, 2025 and March 27, 2024
- Presenter, "Trusts and Estates Career Panel and Lunch at Berkeley Law," California Lawyers Association, Trusts and Estates Executive Committee, March 22, 2023
- Update Author, "Drafting California Revocable Trusts, Chapter 21 – Funding the Trust," Continuing Education of the Bar, 2020-2025
- Contributing Author, "California Basic Practice Handbook," Continuing Education of the Bar, 2012-2025
- Presenter, "Transferring Real Property," Continuing Education of the Bar, December 5, 2017
- Presenter, "Tax Talk—Income and Estate Tax Issues Your Clients Need to Know," East Bay Trusts & Estates Lawyers, September 15, 2017
- Presenter, "Real Property Essentials for Estate Planning," Continuing Education of the Bar, May 4, 2017
- Presenter, "Estate Planning and Wealth Transfers," Sierra Pacific Financial Advisors, December 6, 2012
- Presenter, "Real Estate Basics for Estate Planners," Continuing Education of the Bar, November 9, 2012
- Presenter, "Culturally Competent Trusts and Estates Practice," State Bar's Trust and Estates Section, October 13, 2012 and September 14, 2012
- Presenter, "Wealth Transfer for Real Estate Investors," Chinese-American Real Estate Association (CAREA), April 19, 2012

- Presenter, "Gifting and Estate Planning Opportunities in 2012," Charles Schwab, Berkeley, January 11, 2012
- Presenter, "Estate Planning for Owners of Real Estate," Red Oak Realty Client Program, November 7, 2011
- Presenter, "Wills and Trusts," Community Outreach Health Fair, Asian Cultural Center, October 6, 2011
- Presenter, "Estate Planning Strategies for Passing on Real Estate," Asian Real Estate Association of the East Bay, September 22, 2011
- Presenter, "Opportunities in Gifting and Real Estate," Chinese American Real Estate Association, March 31, 2011
- Author, "Do I Need a Will?" Chinese Translation," State Bar of California, 2003, 2010
- Author, "Do I Need Estate Planning?" Chinese Translation, State Bar of California, 2003, 2011
- Author, "Do I Need a Living Trust?" Chinese Translation, State Bar of California, 2003, 2011

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, Executive Committee, Trusts and Estates Section, California Lawyers Association
 - Chair, Estate Planning Committee, 2025-2026
 - Vice Chair, Estate Planning Committee, 2024-2025
- Chair, Ethics Committee, 2023-2025
- Chair, Uniform Laws Committee, 2024-2025
- Vice Chair, Taxation Committee, 2023-2024
- Member, East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers
- Member, Asian American Bar Association
- Member, Alameda County Bar Association
- President, Ariosso Homeowner's Association
- Former Board of Director, Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
- Volunteer Docent, Easy Bay Regional Parks District

ADMISSIONS

- California

LANGUAGES

- Cantonese Chinese (Fluent)
- Mandarin Chinese (Conversational)