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Practice Areas

- Trusts and Estates
- Tax
- Business and Corporate

Overview

Ms. Pace is a partner and long time former co-chair of the firm's Trusts and Estates Practice Group, chair of the firm's Tax Practice Group, and a member and Business and Corporate Transactions Practice Group. She focuses her practice on [estate planning law](#), estate and trust administration, as well as taxation. Ms. Pace advises clients in sophisticated estate planning matters on strategies for minimizing estate and gift tax liabilities. She assists clients with formation of entities including corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, business trusts and family limited partnerships. Ms. Pace advises family-owned businesses on business succession planning strategies and provides wealth transfer planning services for high net worth families and individuals. She represents business and individual clients before the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, State Board of Equalization and other taxing authorities. Ms. Pace also handles a wide variety of probate and trust administration matters.

Speaking and Teaching Experience

- How Critical Changes in the Law Impact Your Legacy, RINA and FABLaw, Berkeley, June 7, 2012
- Portability: What You Need to Know, East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers, Oakland, January 11, 2012
- Estate and Fiduciary Income Taxes, Trust Administration Boot Camp, East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers, Oakland, November 15, 2011
- The End As You Know It—Death or Retirement, Alameda County Bar Association, Oakland, September 27, 2011

- Estate Planning for Second Marriages and Blended Families, Strafford Publications Webinar, August 31, 2011
- Estate Planning for the Blended Family, East Bay Community Foundation, Oakland, June 14, 2011
- Co-Panelist, “The End as You Know It — Death or Retirement”, American Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys, 35th Annual Symposium, Sonoma, California, May 13, 2011
- Estate Planning in 2010 and Beyond: The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same, Financial Planning Association of San Francisco, San Francisco, October 5, 2010
- Estate Planning for the Blended Family, California Continuing Education of the Bar, (Sacramento, 2008 and San Francisco, 2008, 2010) and East Bay Community Foundation, (Oakland, 2009, 2011)
- Wealth for Good, Wealth for Generations, May 31, 2007
- How to Grow Your Business Safely and Avoid Litigation, February 22, 2006
- Understanding and Complying with the Nonprofit Integrity Act, December 7, 2004
- Best Practices for Accepting and Administering Philanthropic Gifts, November 4, 2004
- How to Avoid Litigation, September 17, 2004

Professional & Community Affiliations

- Executive Board, Children’s Health Council, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital, Oakland, CA, 2014-present
- National Board of Directors, Girl’s Inc., 2015-present
- Board President, Alameda County, Girl’s Inc., 2009-2014
- Board Member, Alameda County, Girl’s Inc., 2006-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay, 2005-present
- Board Member, East Bay Estate Planning Council, 2010-present
- Member, Estates and Trusts Section, Alameda County Bar Association, 1989-present
- Member, Tax Practice, and Estates and Trusts Section, State Bar of California, 1989-present

Recognition

- Awarded, AV® Preeminent™ Attorney - Judicial Edition, *Martindale-Hubbell™*, 2017
- Named, Best Lawyers in America© - Tax Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2016-2022
- Awarded, AV® Preeminent™ (5.0 out of 5) peer-review rated, *Martindale-Hubbell™*
- Named, Northern California Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers*, 2007-2022

Bar Admissions

- California

Education

- **LL.M.**, New York University, 1989
- **J.D.**, University of San Francisco School of Law, 1988
- **B.A.**, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, 1985

Recent Articles/News

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America*, 2023 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2022 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® 2022 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America*, 2022 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2021 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2021 “Best Law Firms”](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America*, 2021 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2020 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2020 “Best Law Firms”](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® 2020 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America*, 2020 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2019 Super Lawyers](#)

Past Articles/News

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2019 “Best Law Firms”](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® 2019 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America*, 2019 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2018 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2018 “Best Law Firms”](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America© 2018 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America©*, 2018 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America© 2016 Edition](#)