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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 trust administration matters.

Professional & Community Affiliations

- Board of Trustees, Berkeley Rep, 2025
- Board Member, Make-A-Wish® Greater Bay Area, 2022-present
- Former Executive Board, Children's Health Council, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland, CA, 2014-2018
- Board Member and Board President, Alameda County, Girl's Inc., 2006-2014; 2009-2014
- National Board of Directors, Girl's Inc., 2015-2021

- Member, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay, 2005-2007
- Member, Oakland 100 Club
- Member, East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers, 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

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

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 as AV Preeminent on Martindale-Hubbell®](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® 2026 Edition](#), *Best Lawyers in America*, 2026 Edition
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2025 Super Lawyers](#)
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Past Articles/News

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- [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](#)
- [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