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Blake Rummel is a litigator focused exclusively in the areas of probate, conservatorship, trust and estate litigation. She has been successfully resolving disputes for over 20 years, both in and out of the courtroom. Blake is highly respected by her peers, assisting them when client matters turn from administration to litigation. Although she is aggressive in representing the best interests of her clients, she treats every client with compassion and discretion, sensitive to the emotions that often cloud the parties' ability to amicably reach agreement.

Through her representation of both fiduciaries and beneficiaries, Blake has tremendous insight into the concerns typical to all parties to a matter. In representing fiduciaries, she collaborates with the trust departments of financial institutions and other clients to ensure compliance with all statutory and fiduciary obligations. In representing beneficiaries, she advocates for their best interests and receipt of bequests as intended by the benefactor. In addition to individuals, she frequently represents charities, thereby helping clients fulfill their intended philanthropic goals.

While every matter has unique nuances, Blake believes that she is able to achieve the best possible outcome for each client as a result of the firm's depth in estate planning and administration. Among the firm's attorneys are experts in virtually every aspect of the estate planning and administration process. This leads to efficiency as well as being economically beneficial for clients.

A frequent speaker, Blake often presents on a variety of subjects for Continuing Education of the Bar, the State Bar of California, the USC Trust and Estate Conference, the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Probate Volunteer Panel (PVP) training program and various others bar associations and organizations. She finds great fulfillment in educating others on the nuances of resolving trust and estate related disputes, and in volunteering for the PVP.

- Estate and Trust Litigation

Education

- J.D., S.C.A.L.E. program, Southwestern School of Law, Los Angeles, 1990
 - » Honors: Dean's List
- B.A., Political Science with Specialization in Law & Society, University of California, Los Angeles, 1987

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California, 1990
- U.S. District Court Central District of California, 1991
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2004

Honors & Awards

- "Southern California Super Lawyers,"
Super Lawyers®, 2005 – 2016

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
 - » Litigation Section
 - » Trusts and Estates Section
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
 - » Trusts and Estates Section

Published Decisions

- *In re Estate of Lewis*, 184 Cal. App. 4th 507, 108 Cal. Rptr. 3d 800 (2010).

Notable Speaking Engagements

- State Bar of California
- USC Trust and Estate Conference
- Los Angeles County Superior Court's Probate Volunteer Panel Training Program