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Sussan H. Shore designs and implements multi-generational estate plans for high net worth clients, and oversees the administration of estates and trusts. For over 35 years, she has helped clients fulfill their goals to care for their families, meet charitable giving objectives and reduce estate taxes. Sussan quickly earns her clients' trust through her patient approach, practical advice and straightforward communication. She resolves the unique needs of clients in complex alternative and blended family structures as readily as those in traditional families.

Sussan's practice spans the continuum from establishing an estate plan to the administration of estates and trusts. She represents fiduciaries, beneficiaries and court-supervised conservatorships and has a strong track record challenging tax authorities. When disputes arise among family members concerning estates and trusts, Sussan helps guide the parties toward resolution by focusing on the drivers behind the controversies.

- Estate Planning
- Wealth Transfer Planning
- Estate and Trust Administration
- Charitable Planning and Family Foundations

#### Education

- J.D., Loyola Law School, 1976
- B.A., History, University of California, Los Angeles, 1973—Honors: *cum laude*
- Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, California Board of Legal Specialization

#### Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California, 1976
- U.S. District Court Central District of California, 1977
- U.S. Tax Court, 1977
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1991

#### Teaching Positions & Notable Speaking Engagements

- *Estate Planning*, UCLA Extension, 1981 – Present
- "Dealing with the Personal and Legal Issues of Incapacity," Los Angeles Estate Planning Council, April 2011
- USC Annual Probate and Trust Conference
- UCLA-CEB Annual Estate Planning Institute
- NYU Annual Institute on Federal Taxation

#### Published Decisions

- *In re Estate of Lewis*, 184 Cal. App. 4th 507, 108 Cal. Rptr. 3d 800 (2010).
- *Johnson v. Kotyck*, 76 Cal. App. 4th 83, 90 Cal. Rptr. 2d 99 (1999)

#### Certification

- Certified Specialist – Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law, The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

#### Professional Associations

- American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, 1996 – Present
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
  - » Trusts & Estate Section, Chairperson, 1994-1995
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
  - » Probate, Trust & Estate Planning Section, Chairperson, 1985-1986
- Jewish Community Foundation
  - » Legal Advisory Committee Member
- USC Trust and Estate Conference, Planning Committee

#### Honors and Awards

- "The Best Lawyers in America®," **Best Lawyers**, 1995-2015
- "AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 / 5.0" Peer Review Rated and Client Rating, **Martindale-Hubbell**
- "Southern California Super Lawyers," **Super Lawyers®**, 2004 – 2014
- "Top 50 Women Southern California Super Lawyers," **Super Lawyers®**, 2005-2014
- "Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers," **Super Lawyers®**, 2009-2014
- "Distinguished Instructor," UCLA Extension, 2008