



Gabriel R. Duarte

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Overview

Gabriel R. Duarte counsels high-net-worth individuals, families, entrepreneurs, and corporate fiduciaries on all aspects of estate planning and the administration of sophisticated trusts with a focus on tax minimization, asset preservation, and the secure transfer of wealth while upholding clients' reputations and specific wishes.

Regularly working with multimillion-dollar trusts and estates, Gabriel is well-versed in administering trusts of families with significant real estate investments, including real property assets. In coordination with trustees and other professionals, he manages all types of complex real estate transactions and related environmental, tax, and investment concerns applicable to clients' residences, multi-family apartment complexes, shopping centers, and / or office buildings.

Gabriel's practice operates at the unique intersection of complex real estate, environmental, tax, and insurance law while also remaining attuned to the highly sensitive, interpersonal nature of his industry. His transparent, step-by-step communication and empathetic decision-making have allowed him to forge strong, long-term relationships with clients across generations whose trust is reinforced by his track record of successful planning and administration. When disputes do arise, he is fully equipped to resolve conflicts through settlement or litigation, carefully explaining advantages and disadvantages of each legal pathway so clients have a clear picture of anticipated outcomes.

Because of his multidisciplinary strengths, clients also frequently call on Gabriel for insightful legal advice unrelated to trusts and estates.

Education

- University of Southern California Law School (J.D.)
- Pepperdine University (B.A.), *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- California

Community Involvement

- Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association of Ventura County, California, Board of Directors
- Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark and Simi Valley, Board of Directors

Distinctions

- *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Top Minority Leader, 2024; Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys, 2025
- *Southern California Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, Estate Planning & Probate; Estate & Trust Litigation; Tax, 2014-2024