

Carol A. Johnston

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Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth

Business Succession Planning

Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and
Nonprofit Organizations

Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation

Industries

Private Client Services

Education

JD, The University of Chicago Law School

BA, Middlebury College, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

California

Community Involvements

Los Angeles County Bar Association,
Probate and Trust Law Section

Hollenbeck Palms, Inc., Chair, Board of
Trustees

Carol Johnston works with individual clients to develop sophisticated planning techniques for the preservation and protection of family wealth. Her advice covers an array of estate and tax planning issues, and she represents fiduciaries and handles administration of estates and trusts. Widely recognized in legal industry publications as a leading lawyer for trusts and estates, Carol is praised by peers as "knowledgeable" and someone who "works well with others."

“A fine lawyer” and a leader in trusts and estates law

Carol is recognized as a leading trusts and estates lawyer by the *Chambers High Net Worth* guide. One interview told *Chambers*: "[Carol] is amazing. She has a great bedside manner – she is very, very smart and is able to translate clients' rambling ideas into tight plans. I refer clients to her often because she is such a fine lawyer." Carol has been certified as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

Carol's experience includes planning and drafting revocable and irrevocable trusts including dynasty trusts, life insurance planning, premarital planning, and charitable gift planning, including both charitable trusts and the formation of private foundations and public charities. Carol also has extensive experience in the administration of high value estates with complex assets, estate tax return preparation, estate tax audits, and all aspects of trust administration and probate procedures.

Carol serves as chair of the board of trustees for Hollenbeck Palms, Inc., a nonprofit public benefit corporation that provides assisted living and skilled nursing care to seniors.

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- Chambers HNW 2018
(Nationwide, Private Wealth Law: Western Region) survey response

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Trusts and Estates, 2005–2024
- *Chambers High Net Worth*
 - USA - Private Wealth Law: Western Region, 2014–2023
 - Southern California: Private Wealth Law, 2016–2023
- *Citywealth*
 - Leaderslist, 2015–2016
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Southern California, 2004–2023

News

- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Distinctions in *Chambers High Net Worth 2023* Guide (July 20, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers List (January 11, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Score High in *Chambers High Net Worth 2022* Guide (July 14, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (January 27, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for *Chambers High Net Worth 2021* Guide (July 22, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2021 Southern California Super Lawyers List (January 21, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best*

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