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8:45 AM Welcome and Introductions

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Conference Chair Of Counsel Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker

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Conference Executive Director Assistant Dean Continuing Legal Education USC Gould School of Law

8:50 AM

Annual Update: Recent Developments in Probate and Trust and their Practical Applications

Join noted Professor Jack Barcal, former CEB author Jeffrey Dennis-Strathmeyer and long-time favorite David Lane as they review critical recent California legislation and case law and Federal tax law. Encompassing developments in wills, trusts, and estate and gift taxation, both new and experienced practitioners will benefit from their useful information and insights.

Jack Barcal, Esq.

Associate Professor of Accounting USC Leventhal School of Accounting USC Marshall School of Business

Jeffrey A. Dennis-Strathmeyer Attorney at Law Lafayette, CA

David Lane

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Networking Break 10:20 AM



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10:35 AM

The Elephant in the Room: Conflicts of Interest in Estate Planning

As recent cases have shown, lurking in seemingly benign estate planning projects are often hazardous potential conflicts of interest. It can be easy for the attorney to overlook the danger signs in these situations and leave them unaddressed. The expert speakers will look at several common conflict situations and discuss which are tolerable and, for those that are not, the options open to the attorney.

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Robert Barton
Holland & Knight LLP

Arnold D. KahnHolland & Knight LLP

11:35 AM

Relationships between Trustees and Beneficiaries: How to Avoid Conflicts

Many factors impact the relationship dynamics between a trustee and beneficiary. The exercise of discretion (or perceived abuse of discretion) over distributions and asset management are often fertile grounds for potential fiduciary conflict. Using hypothetical fact patterns, these frontline speakers will explore the pro and cons of various planning options and provide recommendations to ease potential tensions between trustees and beneficiaries.

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12:35 PM Luncheon Presentation A Family History of Wills in the Antebellum South

Terry Franklin went looking for evidence that would answer the question whether there was love in the relationship between his great-great-greatgreat grandfather, John, a white slaveholder in the Antebellum South, and his great-great-great-great grandmother, Lucy, who was John's "mulatto slave" and the mother of John's children. The 1846 will Terry found helped answer that question, but his search also revealed a fascinating discovery, perfect for a trust and estate litigator.

Terrence M. Franklin

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1:45 PM

The Post-Nuclear Family: Defining Spouses and Descendants in the 21st Century

As social norms continue to evolve and reproductive technology continues to advance, our clients' definitions of "family" continue to expand. To avoid accidentally disinheriting children or spouses, the definitions that we use in estate planning documents must keep up with this expansion. In this brave new world, attorneys must not only draft for the family relationships of today, but also for future generations of a client's family. Formulating definitions that encompass all of the permutations of family can be a challenge. This session will help drafters adapt their definitions for terms such as "child" or "spouse" beyond the traditional notions of a family.

Nicole M. Pearl

McDermott Will & Emery

2:45 PM Networking Ice Cream Break

Hosted by Jack Barcal, Esq.

3:00 PM

The "No Contest Clause" in California:

Fact or Fiction?

In 2010, California's long standing no contest law was replaced by new Probate Code Sections 21310-21315. These new sections raise serious questions as to the continued viability of no contest clauses.

Very few published decisions have attempted to provide answers. The expert panelists will examine the current state of the law, the questions that remain unanswered, and the alternatives available to the drafter responsible for ensuring that a client's wishes are carried out.

4:00 PM

My Client Has Issues! Dealing with Diminished Capacity and Undue Influence

Given the state of the law and ethics opinions in California, what are the best practices in the face of diminished capacity or undue influence? The in-the-know panelists will discuss current developments in the law and factors that estate planners, drafters of certificates of independent review, PVP counsel, and litigators should consider.

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5:00 PM adjournment <<<

CONFERENCE CULTY



JACK BARCAL, ESQ. is an associate professor of accounting at the USC Leventhal School of Accounting, where he teaches courses in Estate and Gift Taxation, Family Wealth Preservation, Advanced Estate Planning and Tax Theory. Professor Barcal assisted in writing the text Willis on Partnership Taxation and has acted as an expert witness in tax, malpractice and related matters. Professor Barcal is certified as a specialist in Taxation Law and Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Previously, he was a partner at Willis, Butler, Scheifly, Leydorf & Grant. His current practice focuses on estate planning and taxation. He is also a member of the planning committee of this Conference.

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He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Minnesota Law School.



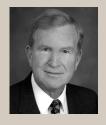
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JEFFREY A. DENNIS-STRATHMEYER practices law in Lafayette, California. From 1984 through 2011 he was the primary author and "publisher editor" of the CEB Estate Planning and California Probate Reporter, then edited by Professor Edward C. Halbach, Jr. He has authored more than 60 published articles on estate planning topics and authored and co-authored numerous chapters of various CEB estate planning books. He is certified as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

He is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of California, Davis School of Law, King Hall.



TERRENCE M. FRANKLIN is a partner at Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise LLP with more than two decades of experience handling trust and estate litigation, disputes and appeals, and probate and estate administration. He has extensive trial and appellate experience, including successful published appeals and the landmark *Moeller* case, which was brought before the California Supreme Court.

An active member of the trusts and estates legal community, Mr. Franklin serves on the Diversity Task Force for ACTEC, is working with ACTEC to develop strategies to make the trusts and estates practice area more attractive to minority law students and young attorneys, and was instrumental in developing a diversity mission statement for ACTEC. He has been named to the list of Southern California Super Lawyers every year since 2005, and has been included on the list of the Best Lawyers in America every year since 2011. He is also a member of the planning committee for this Conference.

He is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School.



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Mr. Kahn handles the estates of deceased clients and others, focusing on tax issues, including valuation of estate assets and IRS estate tax audits. He has represented family members in disputes over estate assets and the interpretation of wills, trusts or other estate plan documents. Mr. Kahn is also involved in the drafting of basic estate planning documents, including revocable trusts, wills, powers of attorney and advance healthcare directives.

He is also a member of the planning committee for this Conference.

He is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



DAVID LANE is retired from the private practice of law. His practice emphasized estate planning and trust law. Mr. Lane is the author of several articles dealing with economic analysis of law and evaluating deposit insurance premiums. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the USC Gould School of Law where he teaches courses in gifts, wills and trusts, and estate planning. He previously taught at the University of California, Berkeley, and was a Senior Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economics Research at Stanford University and at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C.

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Ms. Lodise graduated *cum laude* from Pomona College, received her J.D. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and received her LL.M. in Taxation from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.



STEPHEN C. MINANA brings more than 30 years of experience in administering estates and complex trusts to his current role as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of First American Trust. He manages the legal affairs of the company, plays an integral advisory role at First American Trust board meetings, and manages client service teams that oversee all administrative trusts and estates for First American Trust

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Ms. Pearl is a fellow of ACTEC. She has been named a Southern California Rising Star in estate planning and probate by Law & Politics Super Lawyers eight years in a row (2006-13), as a Southern California Super Lawyer (2014-15), by The Best Lawyers in America as a leading lawyer in the practice area of Trusts and Estates, and by Los Angeles Magazine in their Top Women Attorneys – Southern California's Outstanding Young Lawyers issue. She is also a member of the planning committee of this Conference.

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