

Kira S. Masteller, Attorney

Kira S. Masteller is a California trust and estate planning attorney and Shareholder at Lewitt Hackman Shapiro Marshall & Harlan, a Law Corporation.

Her practice focus includes Federal estate and gift tax planning, estate planning, business succession planning, trusts, wills, powers of attorney, post-death trust administration, and probate and trust litigation.

With over 24 years of dedicated work in these areas as an Attorney, and more than 10 years as a paralegal in this field prior to becoming an Attorney, Ms. Masteller also has experience working with senior clients who are victims of adult children attempting to control family assets, as well as setting up specialized trusts including charitable trusts, protective trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts and supplemental needs trusts.

Ms. Masteller's deep commitment to providing clients with the highest caliber service is reflected in her being named a **Best Lawyer Southern California** by *Best Lawyers Magazine*; a **Southern California Rising Star** and **Super Lawyer** each year since 2010, as published by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. She was also designated one of the **Top Women Lawyers in Southern California** in *Los Angeles Magazine's Business Edition*.

Ms. Masteller founded the women's networking group "Women In Network" (WIN); is a **past Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Trust & Estates Executive Committee**, and past **President of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association**.

Ms. Masteller was **appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** to serve a four year term (resulting in more than 5 years of service) as a member of the **Board of the California Prison Industry Authority** in 2010 focusing on giving prisoners an education and work experience leading to productive lives upon release and decreasing recidivism.

Ms. Masteller is presently a Settlement Officer for the San Fernando Valley Probate Settlement Conference Program which she has been working to settle cases for more than 20 years (starting in Van Nuys probate court and continuing downtown).

Ms. Masteller participates in Mandatory Settlement Conferences, private Mediations and Voluntary Settlement Conferences as an advocate for her clients.

Ms. Masteller has been a Continuing Education presenter for the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the South Bay Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, CAL CPA and numerous other private organizations over the past 3 decades.