

JENNIFER LEFTON, ESQ.

SUMMARY

Experienced attorney in complex and contested litigation cases in areas of probate, trust, conservator, financial elder abuse and mental/legal capacity. Certified and experienced Mediator. Consults with families on real world issues re older adults from independence to assistance.

EXPERIENCE

Lefton Law, Corp., Solo Practitioner | 8/2016 - Current

- Practice focuses on complex contested probate, trust, conservatorship, financial elder abuse and mental/legal capacity litigation for trustees, representatives, conservators, beneficiaries and interested persons;
- Often brought in as second or third attorney to correct problems and resolve issues; Meet with clients, analyze cases and determine appropriate courses of action; Advocate for clients and make court appearances; Draft discovery, pleadings, briefs and motions at both the trial and appellate court level; Conduct Mediation and Consulting on real world family issues in arena.

Contract Attorney | 2012-2016

- Drafted over 500 estate plans, made court appearances, legal research and drafted pleadings.

Paine Webber | 1999-2000

- Licensed Financial Advisor & Insurance Agent

EDUCATION, LICENSE & CERTIFICATION

- Masters in Legal and Forensic Psychology (MLFP) University of California at Irvine 2018; MLFP thesis project on history, review, analysis and assessments of the law and forensic psychology in arena of legal/mental capacity and undue influence under probate and civil law;
- Juris Doctorate (JD) University of Denver Sturm College of Law 1997;
- California Bar Licensed Attorney 1999 through current (SBN # 201477);
- Certified Mediator (2016).

VOLUNTEER

- Consultant Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) with COASC 2012- current;
- Board of Director Agewell Senior Services (Meal on Wheels S. Orange County) 2015-2018;
- Board of Director Founding for Ageless Alliance nonprofit against elder abuse 2014-2015;
- CASA Education Representative 2012-2016.

SPECIFICS

- Expert in Mental/Legal Capacity under Probate and Civil Law, per Masters Degree MLFP, and among few (less than twenty (20)) CA Licensed Attorneys with said Dual Degree;
- Extraordinarily high success rate informally resolving litigation and at trial in probate court related actions;
- Most if not all clients appreciate my kindness and compassion in handling their issues/cases and remain in touch and/or continue to thank me for such years later.
- Created and provided several continuing education, education and information seminars for attorneys, financial advisors, licensed professional fiduciaries on estate planning, financial elder abuse, fiduciary duties and mental/legal capacity;
- Created and have given multiple educational and informational talks to individuals, older adults and families regarding: financial elder abuse prevention and local resources; mental/legal capacity; assistance to others as trustee, power of attorney and fiduciary; will and trust contests; about activities of daily living and assistance therewith; legal requirements related to employment of caregivers; family collaboration; and everyday issues faced by the sandwich generation.