



Rebecca A. Gardner, Esq.

Experience

Attorney and Partner

HMS Law Group LLP | June 2012 - Present

Maintain a holistic estate planning practice focused on foundational estate planning for large and small sized estates; advanced estate planning, including special needs trusts, business succession planning and asset protection; trust and probate administration; contested administration matters; and art law. Participate regularly in presentations to professional organizations and client groups on matters of law. Coordinate business development opportunities and take a lead role in firm operations as one-half owner of company.

Adjunct Faculty

California State University, Sacramento | Aug. 2012 - Present

Adjunct faculty member in the Communications Studies Department, teaching semester-long courses on Freedom of Speech, Argumentation, Media Law, and Journalism Law & Ethics 153. Participate in other faculty duties as requested.

Associate Attorney

The Burton Law Firm; McDonough Holland & Allen PC; Hanson Bridgett Marcus Vlahos & Rudy, LLP; Generations | Sept. 2003 - May 2012

Assisted clients in drafting wills, trusts, and other estate planning documents to meet their goals for wealth transfer and tax protection. Focused on estate planning, trust and estate litigation, and entity formation and operation. Implemented advanced planning techniques for a variety of high-net worth clients, including business owners with estates meeting and exceeding \$50 million. Developed a niche practice for assisting clients with substantial art collections. Supervised summer associates and coordinated various marketing ventures for estate planning team, alongside a lead role in billing and accounts receivable.

Legal Intern

Office of the California Attorney General, Public Rights Division | Sept. 2002 - May 2003

Researched state escheat procedures and prepared a comprehensive report for the California State Controller's Office. Drafted complaints and assisted with enforcement of judgment. Researched vehicle emissions and other matters with goal of proposing legislation.

Legal Intern

Legislative Counsel Bureau of California | June 2002 – Aug. 2002

Drafted amendments to pending legislation affecting numerous codes, including Penal, Civil Procedure, Business and Professions, Tax, and Transportation. Drafted Senior Legislature resolutions and proposals. Researched judicial appeal bonds, illegal gaming, and the effectiveness of urgency clauses.

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Education

University of California, Davis School of Law; JD, May 2003

Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy;
Editor, Teaching Assistant, Legal
Research and Legal Writing; King
Hall Pro Bono Certificate.

Irish Centre for Human Rights/National University of Ireland, Galway; Summer 2001

Scholar, New England School of
Law Summer Program on Intern'l
and Comparative Human Rights
Law

California State University, Sacramento; B.A., Summa Cum Laude, December 1999

Government-Journalism and
Humanities; Earl Warren Scholar;
Reporter, The State Hornet; Rookie
Sports Reporter of the Year.

**Legal Research Aide
Assembly Republican Caucus Office of Redistricting |
June and Aug. 2001**

Compiled extensive summary of redistricting litigation. Prepared memoranda to Assemblymembers and staff regarding recent court decisions and residency requirements. Researched vote deferral in anticipation of litigation. Designed presentations summarizing the Voting Rights Act for use with constituents.

Presentations and Publications

with the Following Organizations

- Association of Fundraising Professionals
 - California State University, Sacramento Alumni Association
 - California Trusts and Estates Quarterly
 - Crocker Art Museum
 - Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association
 - Sacramento Region Community Foundation Philanthropic Advisor's Forum
 - Sacramento Valley Rental Housing Magazine
 - South Placer Estate Planning Council
 - The Marin Lawyer
 - UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy
 - UC Davis, King Hall School of Law
 - UCP of Sacramento and Northern California
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Community Interests

- Broadway Sacramento Foundation, Current Director
- Crocker Art Museum Association Planned Giving Committee, Former Member
- Girl Scouts of the USA, Lifetime Member
- Sacramento Area Special Needs Trust Study Group, Member
- Sacramento Estate Planning Council Current Member, Former Director,
- Sacramento State University Alumni Association Board, Former Director and 2011-2012 President
- Sutter Roseville Medical Center Foundation Board, Current Director
- UCP of Northern California Planned Giving Committee Foundation Board, Current Member