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BIO FOR MICHELE MATSUMURA



Michele’s practice focuses on the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration. Because Michele also has a Masters in Taxation (LL.M.), and she coordinates her estate planning guidance with tax minimization strategies. This tax background provides an added benefit to her clients who seek “basic” estate planning, as well as those with advanced estate planning opportunities, such as charitable remainder trusts, life insurance trusts and trusts for the benefit of children.

Before starting her own practice, Michele was an associate attorney with a “boutique” estate planning practice for a number of years, preparing estate plans, tax returns and tax projections for high net worth clients. She is a current member of the Taxation Section and Trusts and Estates Section of the California State Bar, Eastern Alameda County Bar Association, Alameda County Bar Association (Business Section Member and Trusts/Estates Section Member), and Contra Costa Bar Association (Women’s Section Member/Estates Section Member). She is also a member of the Diablo Valley Estate Planning Council and a current board member (Public Relations) of the Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council. She is member of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation.

Michele graduated cum laude from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, where she also played NCAA Div. I-A tennis. She received her law degree from King Hall School of Law at the University of California at Davis in 1993. She received her LL.M. in taxation with honors from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California in 1998.

Michele resides in Pleasanton, with her husband, Mike, and in her non-work hours, she supports the California Golden Bears football in their quest to return to the Rose Bowl. She also is a fan of Pacific athletics, University of California basketball, the San Francisco Giants and the Sacramento Kings.

She would be pleased to speak with you over the telephone without obligation or provide a complementary initial consultation on your specific estate planning needs or questions. She also would be happy to review your existing living trust or other estate planning documents for update purposes or to “refresh” your memory regarding its contents. Michele’s goal is to *simplify* estate planning for her clients. It is important to her that her clients understand and be comfortable with their estate planning documents.

