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Jessica A. Uzcategui focuses her practice exclusively on probate litigation, with a particular emphasis on trusts and estates. Since joining the firm in 2004, she has tried numerous cases on behalf of individuals, financial institutions, corporate fiduciaries, and nonprofit organizations.

Ms. Uzcategui's recent trial experience includes successfully representing a charitable foundation in a multi-million dollar conservatorship case, successfully defending the accounting of a national trust company against a beneficiary's objections and recovering more than \$1 million in attorney's fees, and successfully obtaining out-of-pocket attorneys' fees for an individual trustee incurred in removing his

co-trustee. Ms. Uzcategui has also obtained favorable settlement results for her clients, including dismissal of claims for breach of fiduciary duty, undue influence, and elder abuse.

Ms. Uzcategui's expertise makes her a sought-after speaker. She is a frequent panelist at the ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Symposium and has also presented to the National Conference of Probate Judges, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the State Bar of California, the Western Regional Planned Giving Conference, and the USC Gould School of Law Trust and Estate Conference.

She serves as the co-chair of the Ethics and Malpractice Committee of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law section of the ABA, and was recently selected to participate in the inaugural Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy, a joint program among five national sponsoring bar organizations. The program sought to enhance motivation and foster leadership skills among people of color who are prominent in the legal community. She is also a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Latina Lawyers Bar Association and the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

Dedicated to serving low income communities, she currently chairs the Board of Directors for the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, an organization that provides comprehensive family law services to low income families in Los Angeles County. She has also volunteered for the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Barristers Pro Bono Domestic Violence Project, which recognized her contribution with the Benjamin Aranda III Outstanding Public Service Award.

She obtained her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her B.S. from Duke University, where she graduated magna cum laude. Prior to joining Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise, she practiced as an associate attorney in the Los Angeles office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP.

## Year Joined Firm

2004

## Areas of Practice

Trust and Estate Litigation  
Conservatorship Litigation

## Bar Admissions

California, 2002

## Education

**Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

J.D. - 2002

**Duke University, Durham, North Carolina**B.S. *magna cum laude* - 1997**Classes/Seminars**

Speaker, "Fees and Formalities: Litigating Trust Fee Petitions and the Harmless Error Doctrine", Woodland Hills Tax & Estate Planning Council, 2015

Panelist, "An Overview of Capacity and Undue Influence Issues in Estate Planning", Continuing Education of the Bar, 2014

Co-Speaker, "Evolving Issues in Trust and Estate Litigation: Practice Tips from the Front Line", Southern California Tax & Estate Planning Forum, 2014

Co-Speaker, "Don't Learn the Hard Way! Practice Tips from the Front Lines", San Fernando Valley Estate Planning Council, 2014

Panelist, "Identifying and Managing Dismissive and Bullying Opposing Counsel", ABA Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, 2014

Co-Speaker, "Don't Learn the Hard Way! Practice Tips from the Front Lines", Beverly Hills Bar Association, Trust & Estates Section, 2014

Panelist, "Ethics in Estate and Trust Disputes (a/k/a Tales from the Crypt)", 48th Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, 2014

Co-Speaker, "Ethics and Malpractice Issues: Protection Tips for Estate and Trusts Attorneys", Continuing Education of the Bar, 2013

Co-Speaker, "Who Decides? Ethical Challenges in End-of-Life Decision Making", Beverly Hills Bar Association Trusts & Estates Section, 2013

Panelist, "Ethics and Estate Litigation", ABA Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Spring Symposium, 2013

Co-Speaker, "Hot Topics in Trust and Estate Litigation", National College of Probate Judges, Fall Conference, 2012

Co-Speaker, "Discovery Best Practices", USC Gould School of Law, Trust and Estate Conference, 2012

Co-Speaker, "Marital Agreements and Related Family Law Issues in Estate Planning and Litigation", Estate Planning Council of Seattle, Estate Planning Seminar, 2012

Co-Speaker, "Capacity, Undue Influence, and Substituted Judgment Issues in Planned Giving Considerations", Western Regional Planned Giving Conference, 2012

Panelist, "The Clash Between Estate Planning and Family Law", ABA Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Spring Symposium, 2012

Panelist, "Preparation of Joint Trial Statements", LACBA Trust and Estate Section, Brown Bag Lunch Presentation, 2012

Co-Speaker, "When Boilerplate Leads to Disaster", California State Bar Trust and Estate Section, Webinar, 2011

Panelist, "Pre-Mortem Probate Disputes in the Context of Guardianships, Conservatorships, Powers of Attorney, and Family Business Entities", ABA Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Spring Symposium, 2008

Co-Speaker, "Notice Provisions", LACBA Trust and Estate Section, Spring Roundup, 2005

## Honors and Awards

The Best Lawyers in America, 2014 - Present

Southern California Super Lawyers - Rising Stars 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2015

Benjamin Aranda III Outstanding Public Service Award - Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2008

## Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Co-Chair, Ethics and Malpractice Committee, 2011 - Present

American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Diversity Committee, 2013 - Present

American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Corporate Sponsorship Committee, 2011 - 2013

American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Vice-Chair, Ethics and Malpractice Committee, 2011 - 2012

American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section, Vice-Chair, Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Committee, 2007 - 2011

Hispanic National Bar Association

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles

Latina Lawyers Bar Association

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trust and Estate Section

Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, Chair, 2012 - Present

Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, Board of Directors, 2008 - Present

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow

## Past Employment Positions

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, Los Angeles, Associate

## Pro Bono Activities

Volunteer, Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Barristers Pro Bono Domestic Violence Project



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