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Terrence M. Franklin is a seasoned attorney with nearly a quarter century of experience handling trust and estates and probate litigation, disputes and appeals. His breadth of experience underscores the firm's long-standing reputation and the reason clients turn to the firm for complex cases involving significant dollar amounts.

Mr. Franklin has extensive trial and appellate experience, including successful published appeals and the landmark Moeller case, which was brought before the California Supreme Court. 16 Cal. 4th 1124.

An active member of the trusts and estates legal community, he serves on the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), where he is committed to improving the level of membership and engagement among diverse and minority lawyers. He is working with ACTEC to develop strategies to make the trust and estates practice area more attractive to minority law students and young attorneys, and was instrumental in developing a diversity and inclusivity mission statement for ACTEC, and a fellowship to support potential future fellows in the college. In addition, Mr. Franklin serves on the Board of Regents of ACTEC, the California Membership Committee, and the Fiduciary Litigation Committee.

Mr. Franklin is a member of the Diversity Committee of the American Bar Association (ABA) Real Property, Trust and Estate Section; former Council Member and Supervisory Council Member for the Litigation, Ethics and Malpractice Group; Former Vice Chair of the Practice Group Management; and Former Chair of the Ethics and Malpractice Committee.

Mr. Franklin is frequently called upon as a speaker to national, state and local estate planning, trust, and probate groups, such as ACTEC, ABA Real Property Trust and Estate Law Section, and USC Probate and Trust Conference, where he is also a long-standing Planning Committee member.

Mr. Franklin has been named to the list of Southern California Super Lawyers every year since 2005, and has been included on the list of the Best Lawyers in America every year since 2011. He was also named Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" in 2016 for Trusts & Estates Litigation, Los Angeles.

Admitted to practice in California, Mr. Franklin is a graduate of Harvard Law School and obtained his Bachelors of Science from Northwestern University. Prior to Sacks Glazier Franklin & Lodise, he practiced with the Los Angeles office of Morrison & Foerster and as a partner at Ross, Sacks & Glazier, LLP.

## Areas of Practice

- Trust and Estate Litigation
- Conservatorship Litigation

## Bar Admissions

- California, 1989

## Education

- Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
J.D. - 1989

- Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA**

B.S. - 1984

## Classes/Seminars

"Speaker, Diversity and Elimination of Bias", USC Gould School of Law's 40th Anniversary Trust and Estate Conference

Presenter, "Planning for Flexibility," ACTEC Continuing Legal Education Program: The Anatomy and Life Cycle of a Trust, Philadelphia, June 2013

Presenter, "The Trustee's Exercise of Discretion," ACTEC Continuing Legal Education Program: The Anatomy and Life Cycle of a Trust, Philadelphia, June 2016

Moderator, "Is Your Spouse a Trust Beneficiary? State Law Holds the Key for Same Sex Spouses," ABA Real Property Trust and Estates Symposium, Washington, D.C., May 2013

Coordinator, "Thy Will Be Done, By Will or By Deed: Discrimination in Real Property Trust and Estate Law," ABA Real Property Trust and Estates Symposium, Washington, D.C., May 2013

Lecturer, ABA-RPTE Paralegal eLearning Program

Lecturer, USC Probate and Trust Conference

Lecturer, Southern California Tax & Estate Planning Forum

Lecturer, Matthew Bender & Co.

Lecturer, Practicing Law Institute, New York & California

Lecturer, American Colleges of Trust and Estate Counsel

Lecturer, American Bar Association, Real Property & Trust Law Section

Lecturer, California Continuing Education of the Bar

"Testamentary Intent and Social Change. The Story of How a Last Will Allowed the Sutton Family to Be Free," ABA RPTE Spring Symposium, Boston, MA, May 2016

"Hot Topics in Estate, Trust and Conservatorship Litigation; Contests after Death, Pre-Death Contests, and Intentional Interference with Expected Inheritance (Among Other Things)," ALI-CLE Educational Session, Estate Planning in Depth, Madison, WI, June 2016

"The Will Contest of John Sutton," Texas Bar CLE 22nd Annual Course, Advanced Estate Planning Strategies, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 2016

"What's New and Not So New In Will Contests," Estate Planning Council of New York City, April 2016

"A Family History of Wills in the Antebellum South" USC Gould School of Law 41st Annual Trust and Estate Conference, Los Angeles, California, November 2015

## Honors and Awards

Southern California Super Lawyers, 2005 - present

The Best Lawyers in America®, 2011 - present

"Lawyer of the Year" Litigation – Trust & Estates, Los Angeles - Best Lawyers 2016

## Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Former Council Member

American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Supervisory Council Member, Litigation, Ethics and Malpractice Group

American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Former Vice Chair, Practice Group Management

American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Former Chair, Ethics and Malpractice Committee

American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Former Chair, Attorneys Partnering with Nonlawyers Committee

American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Former Member, National Conference of Lawyers and Corporate Fiduciaries

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Member, Diversity and Inclusivity Committee

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Member, California Membership Committee

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Member, Fiduciary Litigation Committee

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Former Member, Program Committee

ACTEC Foundation, Member, Board of Directors

State Bar of California, Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Section, Former Member, Litigation Sub-Committee

University of Southern California Probate & Trust Conference, Member, Planning Committee

California Board of Legal Specialization, Former Member, Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Advisory Committee

American Bar Association Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Former Member

## Past Employment Positions

Morrison & Foerster, Los Angeles, CA

Ross, Sacks & Glazier, Partner

Diversity Task Force, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)

# Languages

French



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