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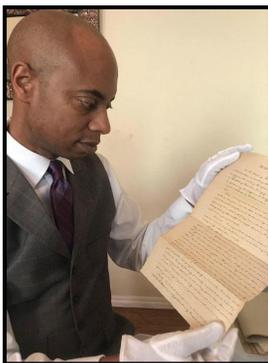
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FEATURED ARTICLE

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LAST WILL, NEW TESTAMENT

The search for the story behind the will that set Terry Franklin's ancestors free.



Terry Franklin holding the will that set his ancestors free.

Partner [Terry Franklin](#) was featured in *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine discussing his search for the story behind the relationship between his fourth great-grandfather and his "mulatto" slave Lucy, and the will that set his ancestors free. Mr. Franklin describes his journey to obtain a digital copy of the handwritten will, including an inventory, an appraisal, court documents and proof that it was, in fact, a contested will. During this process, Mr. Franklin began writing the novel *The Last Will of Lucy Sutton* and is also collaborating on a script for a proposed three-part miniseries about Lucy.

[Read "Last Will, New Testament"](#)

FIRM NEWS

All SGFL Partners Selected as 2018 Southern California

Super Lawyers

Meg Lodise named to "Top 50 Women" list for 8th consecutive year



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Partners [Matt McMurtrey](#), [Terry Franklin](#), [Ken Glazier](#), [Meg Lodise](#), [Bob Sacks](#) and [Jessica Uzcategui](#) have been selected for inclusion on the 2018 Southern California Super Lawyers list for their work in the areas of Estate and Trust Litigation. Ms. Lodise has also been selected for inclusion on the "Top 50 Women" list for the eighth consecutive year.

This marks Matt's fourth consecutive year, Terry's fourteenth consecutive year, Ken's thirteenth year, Meg's fourteenth consecutive year, Bob's fifteenth consecutive year and Jessica's first year of being named to *Southern California Super Lawyers*.

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

Terry Franklin Ranked by *Chambers and Partners* High Net Worth 2017 for Private Wealth Law



Partner [Terry Franklin](#) has been ranked by *Chambers and Partners* High Net Worth in the Private Wealth Law category for 2017. Mr. Franklin was recognized for his work representing high net worth individuals in trusts and estates litigation in Los Angeles. The guide covers private wealth management work and related specialists in key jurisdictions around the world, featuring in-depth editorial about the leading lawyers and law firms for wealthy individuals and families. *Chambers* ranks individual lawyers in their practice area(s) on the basis of their legal knowledge and experience, their ability, their effectiveness and their client service.

Bob Sacks & Katherine McKeon Obtain Noteworthy Trial Results



During the second half of 2017, [Bob Sacks](#) and [Katherine McKeon](#) had two significant trial results: In one trial, they successfully obtained a preliminary injunction against a trustee, which prohibited him from making any distributions or paying any legal fees from the Trust while litigation concerning a possible reformation of the Trust continued.

In a second trial defending a contest of a will, after two days of trial the contesting parties asked to reopen settlement discussions and the case settled during trial on very favorable terms.



Terry Franklin Named Co-President of Outfest Board of Directors



Partner [Terry Franklin](#) was voted in as Co-President of the Board of Directors for Outfest, the leading organization that promotes LGBT equality by creating, sharing and protecting LGBT stories on the screen. Mr. Franklin will serve a two-year term beginning in 2018. He previously served as Secretary.

Founded by UCLA students in 1982, Outfest builds community by connecting diverse populations to discover, discuss and celebrate stories of LGBT lives. Over the past three decades, Outfest has showcased thousands of films from around the world, educated and mentored hundreds of emerging filmmakers and protected more than 20,000 LGBT films and videos.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



Meg Lodise Teaches "Probate and Estate Litigation" at Loyola Law School

Partner [Meg Lodise](#) is again teaching "Probate and Estate Litigation" during the spring semester at Loyola Law School to both J.D. and LL.M. candidates. The course covers practical and theoretical aspects of litigation in probate, including conservatorships, trusts, estates and related litigation.



HECKERLING INSTITUTE
ON ESTATE PLANNING

Terry Franklin Speaks at 52nd Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning

Partner [Terry Franklin](#) presented "The 1846 Last Will of John Sutton - What's Not So New in Will Drafting and Contests" at the 52nd Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning. His talk examined will drafting, the role of the attorney as counselor and witness, and the presentation of facts in a will contest trial. Mr. Franklin addressed this topic on the eve of the anniversary of the signing of the last will and testament of his ancestor, a Florida slave owner whose will emancipated the mother of his children and their offspring.

Mr. Franklin also participated on the panel "Trust Asset Protection Through a Tri-Focal Lens" examining the asset protection afforded beneficiaries through trusts from perspectives of the drafting attorney, trustees and other fiduciaries administering the trust, and those creditors seeking to reach the trust assets; and the panel "Ethics and Negotiations" discussing ethical and strategic implications in negotiating with counsel, clients, and advisors.

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