

# Sacks Glazier Franklin & Lodise LLP

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Welcome to the [Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise](#) newsletter. We are committed to keeping our clients apprised of the latest industry happenings. We welcome your questions and comments. Please contact us at [info@trustlitigation.la](mailto:info@trustlitigation.la).

### ◆ A Will to Love: Tracing My Family History

By: [Terrence M. Franklin](#)



In the past year I've taken a long journey, nearly 170 years in the making, to discover my family's heritage. The key to my ancestry was contained in one simple document: a will. My family's story is made all the more interesting to me because of my line of work, and it involves many of the legal issues relevant to trust and estate law today.

Growing up in Chicago, I knew that my family had settled in Illinois in the 1840s. My great-great-great-great-grandfather, John Sutton, had been a white farmer near present-day Jacksonville, FL. He died in 1846, leaving a will designating that his personal property- livestock, horses, farming tools and household furniture-all be sold to fund the relocation of his slaves to a free state. He assigned a trustee, William Adams, to ensure that his "mulatto slave Lucie," her eight children and six grandchildren, would be moved "to



the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, or a foreign country where they and their children could live free forever."

My family knew that we were descendants of a white farmer and his slave. What we did not know was whether John and Lucie's family was born out of genuine love or something more sinister.

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## ◆ Sacks Glazier Franklin & Lodise Welcomes New Attorneys Douglas E. Lawson and Eunice Y. Lim



Sacks Glazier Franklin & Lodise LLP is pleased to announce the addition of two attorneys, [Douglas E. Lawson](#) and [Eunice Y. Lim](#).



"We are proud to welcome Douglas and Eunice," says Managing Partner [Matthew W. McMurtrey](#). "These fine attorneys bring the ability and knowledge to contribute to the firm's continued success representing clients in trust, estate and conservatorship litigation."

## ◆ Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise Ranked on the 2016 "Best Law Firms" List by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*®

*U.S. News - Best Lawyers*® ranked Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise on the 2016 "Best Law Firms" list in the National Tier 2 Ranking for Trusts & Estates Law. The firm was also listed in the Metropolitan Tier 1 Ranking in Los Angeles for their work in Trusts & Estates Litigation and Trusts & Estates Law.

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◆ **Margaret Lodise Teaches at Loyola Law School**



Partner **Margaret G. Lodise** is teaching "Probate and Estate Litigation" during the Fall semester at Loyola Law School to both J.D. and LLM candidates.

The course covers practical and theoretical aspects of litigation in probate, including conservatorships, trusts, estates and related litigation.

◆ **Terrence Franklin and Margaret Lodise to Speak at 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Trust and Estate Conference**

Partners **Terrence M. Franklin** and **Margaret G. Lodise** are presenting at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual University of Southern California Gould School of Law's Trust and Estate Conference on November 20, 2015.

Mr. Franklin will present on his family history of a slavery emancipation by will, and related will contest in the Antebellum South, and Ms. Lodise will address litigation issues related to diminished capacity and undue influence in California.

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