

MINA SIRKIN

Probate Attorney | Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Los Angeles probate attorney and Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of California. Practice includes probate, wills, trusts, estate planning, conservatorship litigation, trial and mediation, and consultation with other attorneys regarding probate, trust, estate law, and conservatorship matters.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Living Trust Formation & Estate Planning
- Trust Litigation
- Probate Law
- Special Needs Trust Planning
- Structured Settlement Litigation
- Guardianship
- Conservatorship
- Entity Formation
- Family Limited Partnerships
- Asset Protection & Probate Practice Sales
- Elder Law and Medi-Cal Planning

COURT ADMISSIONS

- All California courts
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California, Trust & Estates Section
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section
- Beverly Hills Bar Association, Trust & Estates Section
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Trust & Estate Section
- PFAC Affiliate Member
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)

EDUCATION

Golden Gate University School of Law — LL.M. (Taxation), 1998

Whittier School of Law — J.D., 1991

University of California, Los Angeles — B.A., 1988

Beverly Hills High School — 1984

HONORS & CREDENTIALS

- Board Certified Specialist, State Bar of California: Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law
- Super Lawyer, 2010-2026
- California Tax Bar Scholarship, 1997
- American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law, 1990

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Presenter, **LA Law Library**, *Drafting a Living Trust*, MCLE, 2023.
- Presenter, **Professional Fiduciary Association of California**, *How to Protect Your Estate/Conservatorship in the Real Estate Sale Now that the Probate Purchase Agreement Has Been Eliminated*, 2022.

- Speaker / Trainer, **Los Angeles County Bar Association Probate Court-Appointed Attorney Training (CAC Training)**, 2019. Mina Sirkin is identified as a speaker and CAC trainer for the Los Angeles County Bar probate court-appointed attorney training.
- Instructor, **Elder Conservatorships**, Conservatorships Seminars Los Angeles, 2018.
- Instructor, **Limited Conservatorships for Special Needs Persons**, Conservatorships Seminars Los Angeles, 2018.
- Speaker, **Malibu Association of Realtors**, *Probate & Conservatorships for Real Estate Agents*, 2018.
- Instructor/Speaker, **Probate, Trust & Conservatorship Programs for Real Estate Professionals**, Malibu Association of Realtors, Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors, and Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS®, 2017.
- Speaker, **National University / Los Angeles Paralegal Association**, *What Happens to a Probate Estate and Solo Practice When an Attorney Dies or Is Incapacitated?*, MCLE Program, 2017.
- **Speaker, Living Trust Seminar**, *Protecting Your Children and Your Parents*, 2017.
- • **Presenter, Estate Planning for Attorneys (Elder Law)**, 2017.
- Presenter, **LA Law Library**, *Elder Law: Capacity and Undue Influence*.
- Instructor/Speaker, **Lorman Education Services**, *Financial Elder Abuse / Elder Abuse Litigation*, 2014.
- Speaker, **Los Angeles Paralegal Association 38th Annual Meeting**, *Advanced Probate and Financial Elder Abuse*, 2014.
- Lecturer, **UCLA**, *Autism and the Law*, 2011.
- Speaker, **Los Angeles Paralegal Association 35th Annual Conference**, *Elder Financial Fraud / Elder Abuse Litigation*, 2011.
- Lecturer, **UCLA**, *Autism and Trust Law for Parents*, 2010.
- Presenter/Co-Author, **National Business Institute**, *Estate and Tax Planning: Qualified Retirement Plans and IRAs*, 2009.
- Speaker, **National Business Institute**, *Estate, Financial and Health Care Planning for Elder Clients*, 2008.
- Featured Speaker, **Peter Port Productions**, *What Law Schools Don't Teach You About the Science of Marketing*, 2008.
- Co-Instructor, **Estate & Trust Education Resource**, *Preparation Course for the Certified Specialist Examination in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate*, Los Angeles and San Jose, 2007.
- Instructor and Co-Author, **National Business Institute**, *Probate Start to Finish*, 2006.
- Instructor, **Los Angeles County Bar Association**, *DPCDA and Conservatorships*.
- Frequent presenter on **probate, conservatorship, living trusts, estate planning, elder law, and probate issues affecting real estate professionals**, including programs for the Malibu Association of Realtors, Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors, and Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS®.

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Selected Media, Legal Commentary & Appearances

CBS 2 / KCAL-9 TV — Legal Expert and Commentator; prime-time news coverage of the Anna Nicole Smith case.

CNN — Legal Expert on the Estate of Michael Jackson.

CNBCUNI / EOnline.com — Estate of Bobbie Brown.

CNN Money.com and Fortune Small Business — January 10, 2008 — “What to do before you launch.”

The New York Times — March 18, 2008 — “Breaking the Silence.”

Health Care Risk Management — August 2008 — “Know what to do when faced with suit.”

CreditCards.com — February 2009 — “What to do if your retail credit card issuer goes bankrupt.”

MSNBC — March 9, 2009 — “When a celebrity endorsement sours.”

MSN Money — March 2009 — “The Making of Ivanka Trump.”

Bankrate.com — October 2009 — “9 Key Estate Planning Tools.”

NPR News Marketplace — August 2013 — Legal expert regarding the Conservatorship of Amanda Bynes.

RollingStone.com — April 2013 — Legal media expert regarding Jackson v. AEG.

KABC, Larry Elder Show — November 2013 — Guest speaker regarding the Conservatorship of Casey Kasem.

EOnline! — 2014 — Media expert regarding the Guardianship of Meadow Walker and the Trust / Estate of Paul Walker.

EOnline! — 2014 — Media expert regarding the Conservatorship of Amanda Bynes.

EOnline! — 2015 — Media expert regarding the Estate of Bobbi Brown.

CBS MoneyWatch / MoneyWatch.com — 2016 entitled “My Mother Refuses to Appoint an Executor of Her Will.”

CNN Transcript: <https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/cnr/date/2021-07-14/segment/10>

KPCC / LAist, Take Two, Interview regarding Britney Spears, conservatorship law, and the legal framework governing conservatorships. Interviewed by **A Martinez**, May 6, 2016.

LAist / Take Two: <https://laist.com/shows/take-two/freebritney-the-law-and-reasoning-of-conservatorships>

US Weekly, Legal Expert Interview regarding the procedure for terminating Britney Spears’ conservatorship following her June 2021 court testimony. Interviewed by **Erin Crabtree**, June 25, 2021.

Us Weekly: <https://www.usmagazine.com/celebrity-news/news/britney-spears-conservatorship-hearing-what-happens-next/>

US Weekly, Legal Commentary regarding the resignation of Britney Spears’ court-appointed attorney Samuel Ingham III and the legal consequences for the conservatorship. Interviewed/quoted by **Meredith Nardino**, July 6, 2021.

Us Weekly: <https://www.usmagazine.com/celebrity-news/news/britney-spears-lawyer-samuel-ingham-resigns-after-court-hearing/>

US Weekly, Legal Expert Interview regarding the effect of Britney Spears’ conservatorship on marriage and a prenuptial agreement with Sam Asghari. Interviewed/quoted by **Meredith Nardino**, September 15, 2021.

Probate Weekly, August 30, 2026, Guest on Bill Gross's Probate Weekly in an episode titled "Real Estate Title Problems | with Mina Sirkin." Apple Podcasts describes her as a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. Apple Podcasts.

KGCI: Real Estate on Air / Probate Weekly, Guest Expert — *Navigating Probate Litigation and Authority*, Sept. 2026.