



Benazeer "Benny" Roshan

Partner

BRoshan@ggfirm.com

Ph. 310-785-6822

Fax 310-553-0687

Benny Roshan chairs Greenberg Glusker's Trust and Probate Litigation Group. Benny's practice encompasses all aspects of litigation involving substantial trusts and estates, including guardianship and conservatorships.

For nearly twenty years, Benny has successfully represented a wide range of fiduciaries and beneficiaries in disputes involving trusts, fiduciary appointments, accountings, removal, and surcharge. Benny is recognized by *Chambers and Partners* in their High Net Worth Guide for 2021 - 2023. In 2018, the *Daily Journal* named Benny one of the Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 in the State of California.

Benny has written and spoken on topics pertaining to her practice. Benny has authored several articles including "Best Practices Guide for Fiduciaries and Their Representatives" and "View from the Bench" with the Honorable Reva Goetz, both published by the American Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Litigation Committee, and "Surviving Trial Crunch Time," published in *The Recorder*.

Benny has served as a pro bono attorney for various local non-profit organizations including Los Angeles County Bar Association's Domestic Violence Project and as counsel to women and children refugees seeking asylum in America under the Convention Against Torture Act.

Awards

- *Chambers and Partners High Net Worth Guide*, Leading Lawyer in Private Wealth Disputes (2021–2023)
- *Los Angeles Business Journal* (LABJ), "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys" List (2023)
- *Los Angeles Business Journal* (LABJ), "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys" List (2022)
- *Lawyers of Color*, "Law Firm Leaders" (2022)
- *Daily Journal*, "Top 40 Lawyers Under 40" list (2018)
- *Southern California Super Lawyers*, Trusts and Estates Litigation (2011–2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2018–2024)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- All state and federal courts in California

Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2004)
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., *with honors*, 2001)

Representative Matters

- Represented a group of contingent remainder beneficiaries of a trust in appellate litigation before the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. The key issue on appeal was the bankruptcy estate's entitlement to future trust distributions that would have otherwise been distributed to the contingent remainder beneficiaries following the debtor's death.
- Represented a trust beneficiary in her efforts to suspend and remove the trustee of her family trust on the grounds that the trustee breached fiduciary duties including the duties to account, marshal trust assets and avoid conflicts of interest.
- Represented a beneficiary in an appeal of a ruling on a petition for construction of a trust instrument. The key question on appeal was whether the trial court erred in excluding extrinsic evidence of the settlor's intent, or whether the plain language of the trust precluded extrinsic evidence.
- Represented a trust beneficiary in an action contesting an amendment to the beneficiary's family trust. The core issues at trial were the decedent's cognitive capacity to execute the trust amendment and the decedent's vulnerability to undue influence. The case also involved claims of financial elder abuse and wrongful taking under Probate Code section 850.
- Represented a charitable residuary beneficiary in a dispute involving the allocation of estate taxes associated with specific monetary gifts bequeathed in a trust. The core issue at trial was whether the estate taxes should be borne by the residue or the recipients of the specific gifts.
- Represented a designated successor trustee in appellate litigation involving her petition for appointment as successor trustee. The core issue on appeal was whether the trial court's removal of three former co-trustees triggered the trust's vacancy provision such that the removed co-trustees were "unable" or "unwilling" to continue serving.
- Defended a trustee against a beneficiary's claims of breach of fiduciary duty. The core issue at trial was whether the trustee, who was also a beneficiary of his family trust, had administered the trust free from any conflicts of interest and treated the beneficiary impartially.
- Defended a trustee against claims of undue influence and fraud in connection with the decedent's trust which was executed at his hospital bed a few months prior to his passing. The core issue at trial was whether the trustee, who was the primary beneficiary of the decedent's trust, had exerted undue pressure on the decedent to the detriment of the decedent's other friends.

- Defended a trustee against an oral pledge claim brought by a charitable entity. The core issue at trial was whether the decedent made a binding oral promise to the charity to fund the building of a religious school.
- Represented a prominent local Los Angeles museum in litigation involving the museum's remainder interest in a family trust. The core issue at trial was whether the trustee breached his fiduciary duty to the remainder beneficiary and violated the Prudent Investor Rule by focusing primarily on generating sufficient income for the income beneficiary.
- Represented a plaintiff in a fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claim in civil court. The core issue in the three-week jury trial was whether the seller of car business (replica gullwing Mercedes) defrauded the buyer by selling cars on the side. Benny's notable role in this case included co-chairing a trial as a third-year lawyer and selecting the twelve jurors who returned an \$18-million-dollar verdict for Benny's client.

Insights

April 9, 2024

Conservatorships with Benazeer "Benny" Roshan

Bad With Money With Gabe Dunn

March 29, 2024

Benny Roshan Featured in MarketWatch's The Moneyist Discussing Prenup Related Challenges

MarketWatch

March 29, 2024

Author Kouri Richins set to lose \$2m and book rights after friend of husband she 'killed' pushes law change, expert says

The U.S. Sun

February 29, 2024

Wendy Williams' financial guardianship raises 'red flags' after adviser attempted to block documentary

Fox Business

January 10, 2024

31 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2024 Southern California Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers

December 18, 2023

Benny Roshan Featured in MarketWatch's The Moneyist Discussing Deathbed Changes to an Estate Plan

MarketWatch

November 8, 2023

Woman Accused of Poisoning Boyfriend Over Inheritance

WealthManagement.com

September 6, 2023

Probate, Trusts & Estates Litigation Chair Benny Roshan Recognized in Daily Journal's Top 100 Lawyers 2023 List

Daily Journal

August 23, 2023

Dianne Feinstein's Trust Drama Intensifies

WealthManagement.com

August 17, 2023

52 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2024 Best Lawyers® and Ones to Watch® Lists

July 20, 2023

Three Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Recognized in Chambers and Partners High Net Worth Guide for 2023

Chambers and Partners

June 28, 2023

Woman Accused of Murdering Her Husband Sues His Estate

WealthManagement.com

May 23, 2023

Settlement Reached in Dispute Over Lisa Marie Presley's Estate

WealthManagement.com

May 16, 2023

Priscilla Presley agrees to settlement in dispute over Lisa Marie Presley estate

Los Angeles Times

April 27, 2023

Guest Column: Lisa Marie Presley's Estate Battle Gets Messier

The Hollywood Reporter

March 27, 2023

The Elvis Estate Has Trust Issues

Vulture

February 22, 2023

How Long Will the Legal Battle for Lisa Marie Presley's Estate Last?

People

February 4, 2023

Priscilla Presley has strong case in dispute over control of daughter's estate

L.A. Times

February 2, 2023

Lisa Marie Presley leaves behind a music fortune and a family dispute

CNN

February 2, 2023

Priscilla Presley Has 'Good' Chance in Lisa Marie Trust Battle but Case May 'Drag for Years': Experts

People

January 23, 2023

Ryan Iwasaka and Benny Roshan Selected to Los Angeles Business Journal's "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys" List

Los Angeles Business Journal

January 19, 2023

Guest Column: Lisa Marie Presley's Death Highlights Estate Challenges of Multigenerational Fame

The Hollywood Reporter

January 17, 2023

Celebrity Estates: Anne Heche and the Roles of Trustees and Administrators

WealthManagement.com

January 14, 2023

Lisa Marie Presley leaves behind a lucrative Graceland — and a complicated financial legacy

Los Angeles Times

January 10, 2023

35 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers

November 28, 2022

Four Partners Recognized in Lawyers of Color's "Law Firm Leaders 2022"

Lawyers of Color

November 15, 2022

Aaron Carter's Death Renews Focus on Mismanagement of Funds

WealthManagement.com

August 18, 2022

38 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2023 Best Lawyers® List

July 18, 2022

Two Greenberg Glusker Partners Selected to LBJ's "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys" List

Los Angeles Business Journal

July 14, 2022

Two Greenberg Glusker Partners Recognized in Chambers and Partners High Net Worth Guide for 2022
Chambers and Partners

April 27, 2022

'Buxom Barmaid's' Image Sparks Legal Brawl
WealthManagement.com

February 23, 2022

Landlord vs. Descendants: Who Has Right to Artist's Estate?
WealthManagement.com

January 20, 2022

26 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2022 Southern California Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers

January 12, 2022

Robert Durst's 'Jinxed' Estate
WealthManagement.com

December 22, 2021

Nearly 15 Years Later, James Brown Estate Sells for Estimated \$90 Million
WealthManagement.com

November 17, 2021

Britney Spears Is Free, But the Legal Fight Isn't Over
The Hollywood Reporter

November 13, 2021

Freeing Britney Spears: What to Expect Now That Her Conservatorship Has Ended
E! News

October 20, 2021

In Britney Spears' Conservatorship, Who Holds Attorney-Client Privilege Is Key
The Hollywood Reporter

September 10, 2021

Lawyer: Here's the unanswered question of Britney Spears' conservatorship fight
Yahoo! Finance

September 8, 2021

Britney Spears' Conservatorship: An End Is in Sight, But Maybe Not Soon
The Hollywood Reporter

August 19, 2021

37 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2022 Best Lawyers® List

July 30, 2021

Britney Spears' latest conservatorship move keeps 'prison sentence'

Yahoo! Finance

July 22, 2021

Three Greenberg Glusker Partners Recognized in Chambers High Net Worth Guide for 2021

Chambers and Partners

July 15, 2021

'TheWrap-Up' Podcast: Legal Experts Break Down the Britney Spears Conservatorship

TheWrap

July 13, 2021

Britney Spears: Will Wednesday's Hearing Spell the Beginning of the End of Her Conservatorship?

TheWrap, Yahoo! Entertainment

July 6, 2021

Britney Spears' Conservatorship Lawyers to Resign

The Hollywood Reporter

June 30, 2021

How Will #FreeBritney Deal With a "Ruthless" Probate System? Law Experts Assess

The Hollywood Reporter

June 28, 2021

Britney Spears' conservatorship: Why 'people are figuring this out as they go'

Yahoo! Finance

June 28, 2021

#FreeBritney? Conservatorship Drama Sheds Light on Complicated System

WealthManagement.com

June 28, 2021

Whine Down With Jana Kramer: Close Encounters

Apple Podcasts

January 21, 2021

26 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2021 Southern California Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers

August 20, 2020

36 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2021 Best Lawyers® List

January 15, 2020

23 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2020 Southern California Super Lawyers

November 4, 2019

Benny Roshan Joins Greenberg Glusker

Forces of Nature

March 22, 2024

FORCES OF NATURE: Kameelah Hakeem

Name: Kameelah Hakeem Profession: Administrative Director at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP Twenty years ago, I was a newly-minted, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed litigation associate at a firm called Jenkins and Gilchrist (R.I.P.). As luck would have it, I was assigned an amazing legal assistant...

January 23, 2024

FORCES OF NATURE: Sheenika Gandhi

Name: Sheenika Gandhi Profession: Chief Marketing Officer at Greenberg Glusker Kicking off 2024 with a self-made Force who chose a road less traveled. In 2011, Sheenika made the difficult (and scary) decision not to pursue a conventional legal career...

October 9, 2023

FORCES OF NATURE: Hon. Reva Goetz

Name: Hon. Reva Goetz (retired) Profession: JAMS Mediator/Neutral Evaluator Throughout her career, Judge Goetz has worn many professional hats including, accountant and financial analyst, district attorney, and distinguished judge. While in law school, Judge Goetz initially envisioned a career in corporate...

August 23, 2023

FORCES OF NATURE: Pantea Yashar

Name: Pantea Yashar Profession: Associate Professor of Law (Southwestern Law School) & Counsel (Ervin Cohen & Jessup) It is rare when I meet an attorney who, after 20 years in the business, feels inspired to take on an additional...

July 24, 2023

FORCES OF NATURE: Lisa McCurdy

Name: Lisa McCurdy Profession: Shareholder – Greenberg Traurig I don't often hear attorneys, especially litigators, described as a "class act." And yet, that's the term that comes to mind when I think of Lisa. For me to introduce her to...

June 29, 2023

FORCES OF NATURE: Hon. Judge Barbara Johnson

Name: Hon. Judge Barbara Johnson (retired) Profession: ADR Services Neutral In my tenure as a probate litigator, I have met many skilled judges on the bench. One such gem of a judge is former Los Angeles Superior Court judge...

May 30, 2023

FORCES OF NATURE: Sima Mostafavi

Name: Sima Mostafavi Profession: Founder, Pistache Skincare It is not at all surprising that this radiant beauty is in the beauty business. First things first, I am happy to report, that Sima gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who...

May 8, 2023

FORCES OF NATURE: Jane Abby Mintz Schwab

Name: Jane Abby Mintz Schwab Profession: Retired LAUSD teacher Jane educated legions of Angelenos during her 35-year tenure as a teacher. As a person, Jane oozes grace and humility while simultaneously possessing a no-nonsense attitude of a skilled army sergeant. Her...