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Laura Zwicker chairs Greenberg Glusker's Private Client Services Group, advising individuals and families on international and domestic tax and estate planning issues and business succession planning.

Laura's practice focuses primarily on counseling high net worth individuals and their families in connection with domestic and international estate and tax planning issues and business succession planning; advising financial institutions with regard to fiduciary and custodial issues; forming, advising and dissolving non-profit organizations; and probate and post-death trust administration.

Laura has received many accolades, including being ranked in Chambers and Partners USA and Chambers and Partners Global High Net Worth Guide (2016-2021) for Private Wealth Law; as a "Top Woman Lawyer" by the *Daily Journal* (2016); as a "Trust & Estate Trailblazers" by the *National Law Journal* (2016-2017); *The Best Lawyers in America* (2013-2021); *Los Angeles Business Journal's* "Who's Who In L.A. Law" (2009); Southern California Super Lawyers for Estate Planning & Probate (2010-2021); and she is rated "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5," by Martindale Hubbell.

She frequently provides media commentary, including "Prince Died Without A Will. What Happens Next To His \$150 Million-Plus Estate?," *Forbes*, April 27, 2016, and "Robin Williams Posthumously Blocks a New Aladdin Sequel Featuring His Voice," *Vanity Fair*, November 2015.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Executive and Planning Committees, 2013-2021, USC Gould School of Law Tax Institute
- Member, STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners)

Awards

- [Chambers High Net Worth Guide](#), Leading Lawyer in Private Wealth Law, 2016- 2021
- Trust & Estate Trailblazers, *National Law Journal*, 2016- 2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2013- 2022
- Southern California *Super Lawyers*, Estate Planning & Probate, 2010- 2021

- Top Women Lawyers, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, 2016
- *Los Angeles Business Journal's* "Who's Who In L.A. Law" list, 2009
- Rated, "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5," Martindale Hubbell

Bar Admissions

- California

Education

- Indiana University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1991)
 - Order of the Coif
- Washington University in St. Louis (B.A., *cum laude*, 1988)
 - History

Estate Planning Experience

- Counsels high net worth families regarding the creation of estate planning structures that not only minimize transfer taxes but that also reflect the values of the family with respect to education, charitable giving and community involvement
- Provides United States transfer tax planning for multinational families, including pre-immigration planning, lifetime planning with domestic securities, life insurance and real property, and planning, preparation and establishment of offshore and onshore multi-generational trust and corporate structures
- Provides counseling to families with closely held business interests regarding business succession planning, estate tax planning and tax planning prior to the sale or public offering of the closely held business
- Counsels hedge fund managers on advanced planning techniques for carried interests
- Represent founders of popular tech startups in pre-liquidity GRAT planning
- Represent leading dairy farm families in structuring ownership and planning business succession
- Counsels multi-branched extended families on unified family business management and wealth transfer structures
- Counsels A-list celebrities on US-UK tax planning structures
- Counsels A-list celebrities on estate planning and tax implications of structured divorce settlements

Insights

August 19, 2021

39 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2022 Best Lawyers® List

July 22, 2021

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

Chambers and Partners

April 27, 2021

America's Ultra-Rich Fear Biden Will Close Their Favorite Tax Loopholes

Bloomberg Wealth

March 26, 2021

U.S. Senate Introduces Legislation for Higher Taxes on Wealth

January 21, 2021

26 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2021 Southern California Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers

December 21, 2020

Rich Americans Who Fear Higher Taxes Hurry to Move Money Now

Bloomberg Wealth

November 13, 2020

Proposition 19 Set to Limit Ability to Transfer California Real Property Between Parents and Children Without Property Tax Reassessment

November 5, 2020

Richest Americans Win With a Divided U.S. Government

Bloomberg

October 20, 2020

Inside the 'frenzy' among ultrawealthy Americans to update their wills, as the rich hand estate planners out million-dollar inheritances years early and overwhelm elite

Business Insider

August 28, 2020

Calif. Wealth Tax Proposal Likely Faces Constitutional Challenges

Law360 Tax Authority

August 20, 2020

36 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2021 Best Lawyers® List

August 17, 2020

Does the Golden State Want Your Gold? California Legislature Resumes Discussions Of New Annual Wealth Tax

July 9, 2020

Two Greenberg Glusker Partners Recognized in Chambers High Net Worth Guide for 2020

April 10, 2020

Important Tax Updates – COVID-19 Edition

April 10, 2020

IRS Issues Notice Providing for the Delay of Federal Tax Filings and Federal Tax Payments

January 15, 2020

23 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2020 Southern California Super Lawyers

August 15, 2019

29 Greenberg Glusker LLP Lawyers Named to 2020 Best Lawyers® List

July 12, 2019

Greenberg Glusker's Private Client Services Group Recognized in Chambers and Partners 2019 High Net Worth Guide

Chambers and Partners

March 29, 2019

Bill Proposed In California Legislature Would Tax Transfer Of Wealth Over \$3.5 Million

Greenberg Glusker Client Alert

January 31, 2019

24 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2019 Southern California Super Lawyers

October 6, 2018

Roy Orbison hologram concert in L.A. invites awe and debate

Los Angeles Times

September 2, 2018

Aretha's lack of a will could make things rocky for heirs

Associated Press

August 15, 2018

26 Greenberg Glusker attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers® list

June 29, 2018

As Marvel movies soar, Stan Lee sees his private life crumble, with allegations of elder abuse

Los Angeles Times

December 29, 2017

Hollywood Individuals Likely Won't Cash In on Tax Cuts

The Hollywood Reporter

December 20, 2017

Doubling Down: Gift, Estate and GST Tax Changes Under the Tax Cut and Jobs Act

Greenberg Glusker Client Alert

August 15, 2017

21 Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers® list
Best Lawyers

February 15, 2017

Valuing The Man In The Mirror
Palisades Hudson

February 7, 2017

Michael Jackson was on verge of bankruptcy before death, banker testifies in court
New York Daily News

January 19, 2017

With No Will, Prince Estate at Risk
Bloomberg

September 2, 2016

Transfers of Family-Controlled Business Entities to Family Members Could Get More Expensive
Greenberg Glusker Client Alert

August 25, 2016

Duke University Makes Claim on Estate of Aubrey McClendon
The Wall Street Journal

June 24, 2016

Greenberg Glusker's Private Client Services Group Recognized in Chambers and Partners Inaugural High Net Worth Guide
Greenberg Glusker Media Mention

June 16, 2016

'Heirs' to Prince's millions are multiplying
USA Today

June 10, 2016

Chambers USA 2016 Rankings Recognizes Greenberg Glusker and Six Partners
Chambers

April 28, 2016

Questions Persist Around Settling Prince's Estate
LifeHealth Pro

April 27, 2016

Prince Died Without A Will. What Happens Next To His \$150 Million-Plus Estate?
Forbes

April 21, 2016

Prince Knew Law Firms Just Wanted His 'Extra Time'

Bloomberg BNA

January 22, 2016

23 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers 2016

Super Lawyers

November 9, 2015

Robin Williams Posthumously Blocks a New Aladdin Sequel Featuring His Voice

Vanity Fair

October 27, 2015

Why Robin Williams Won't Be Making Millions Beyond The Grave

Forbes

September 30, 2015

Law & Order: Divorce Court — Inside the 12-Year Battle Over Dick Wolf's Fortune

The Hollywood Reporter

September 15, 2015

The Actress, The 80-Year Old and The \$800 Million Estate

American Lawyer

August 15, 2015

Choosing The Right Team Is Crucial To Managing Finances For Athletes

HubPages

June 26, 2015

Client Alert: Obergefell v. Hodges decision

Greenberg Glusker Client Alert

May 26, 2015

California Powerhouse: Greenberg Glusker

Law360

March, 2015

So You Want to Join the Big Leagues?

Sports Litigation Alert

February 18, 2015

'American Sniper': Chris Kyle's Widow at Center of Quiet Furor Over Profits

The Hollywood Reporter

February 6, 2015

Sterling Attorney Thinks Heirs of Tom Benson Can Win Lawsuit to Keep Saints', Pelicans' Shares

Forbes

September 10, 2014

Celebrities' Hacked Private Photos Won't Hurt Their Careers, Experts Say

Variety

August 12, 2014

Sterling Family Trust Completes \$2 Billion Sale of Los Angeles Clippers to Steve Ballmer

Greenberg Glusker Press Release

July 28, 2014

Judge Approves \$2 Billion Sale of Los Angeles Clippers; Allows Sale to be Completed Regardless of Appeal

Business Wire

June 3, 2014

Quartet of firms handles \$2 Billion LA Clippers sale to former Microsoft CEO

Los Angeles Daily Journal

April 21, 2014

Wealth Management Roundtable

Los Angeles Business Journal

December 21, 2013

Exhibit A: Reality TV Footage Becomes a Legal Tool

Associated Press

July 24, 2013

Smart Kiddies Duck Tax

Forbes

July 9, 2013

Wade Robson's Michael Jackson long-shot lawsuit obsession

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Table | Talk Events



Welcome to Table Talk!

Over the last year, we have all spent more time at home than we planned. One of the highlights of the time at home has been the conversations that happen around gatherings in the kitchen. Our monthly series, Table Talk, brings these conversations to you in your home or office on a variety of estate planning topics.

Sit down with us at our virtual table during our scheduled monthly talks, which can be found [here](#), or gather a small group of guests and [contact us](#) to schedule a private Table Talk on one of the below topics.

- Alphabet Soup: Just the Right Mix of GRATs, QPRTs, CLATs (and All Those Other Acronym Trusts)
- From Low Simmer to Rapid Boil — Anticipating and Managing Beneficiary Challenges
- Taking Stock and Making Gravy – Planning with S Corp Stock (And Other Closely Held Entities)
- The Secret’s in the Trust: Using Privacy Trusts and Other Structures to Protect Beneficiaries
- Adding Some Spice – How International Ties Flavor Your Planning
- Sugar and Spice, Maybe a Little Too Nice – Gifts to Caregivers, Unexpected Companions and Other Issues of Undue Influence
- Making Lemonade from Lemons: Planning Mistakes and the Opportunities that Can Arise from Them
- Stirring the Gift Pot – Why Gifting Equally Is Not Always Fair, and Gifting Fairly Is Not Always Equal
- A Good Vintage Goes a Long Way – Opening Up a Trust with Decanting
- A Must Have Ingredient in Every Kitchen– Understanding and Using Grantor Trusts
- Making the Cake and Eating It Too - When Tasting the Benefits of Your Own Planning Ruins the Dish
- Don’t Spoil Their Appetite- How to Give Thoughtfully to Your Kids
- From Plastic Fork to Silver Spoon - Understanding the Tax Benefits of Planning Early
- 2 Cups + 2 Tbsp, Divided - Planning After Divorce or a New Marriage

- If You Can't Stand the Heat... Tax Planning in an Election Year

We look forward to welcoming you at our table.