



## Laura A. Zwicker

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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 Global High Net Worth Guide* (2016-2022) for Private Wealth Law and named to *The Hollywood Reporter's* Troubleshooters, an elite list of 35 power lawyers. She has also been recognized in the *Daily Journal*, *National Law Journal*, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Super Lawyers*.

She frequently provides media commentary and has been featured in *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Business Insider*, *Financial Planning*, *Wealth Management*, *Bloomberg Tax*, *Bloomberg Law Podcast*, and *Law360*.

### 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

- [Private Client Global Elite Directory 2023](#)
- THR's Troubleshooters (one of 35 elite lawyers), *The Hollywood Reporter*, 2022
- [Chambers High Net Worth Guide](#), Leading Lawyer in Private Wealth Law, 2016- 2022
- Trust & Estate Trailblazers, *National Law Journal*, 2016- 2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2013- 2023
- Southern California *Super Lawyers*, Estate Planning & Probate, 2010- 2023

- 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

January 24, 2023

**Supreme Court Punt in Tax Fine Case Leaves Uncertainty in Wake**

*Bloomberg Tax*

January 10, 2023

**35 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers**

*Super Lawyers*

December 16, 2022

**Laura Zwicker, Private Client Services Chair, Included in ALM's Private Client Global Elite Directory 2023**

*ALM | Law.com*

November 22, 2022

**Chair of Private Client Services, Laura Zwicker, Named to THR's Power Lawyers: Troubleshooters List**

*The Hollywood Reporter*

August 18, 2022

**38 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2023 Best Lawyers® List**

July 14, 2022

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

*Chambers and Partners*

May 4, 2022

**Battered stocks fuel 'GRAT lifestyle' tax perks for rich investors with trusts**

*Financial Planning*

February 24, 2022

**Stalled Biden Agenda Leaves Planned Tax Hikes in Limbo**

*Bloomberg Law - Talking Tax Podcast*

January 24, 2022

**Wealthy tax return filer? Silver lining graces challenging IRS season**

*Financial Planning*

January 20, 2022

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

*Super Lawyers*

December 28, 2021

**Laura Zwicker Named as One of 22 Who Will Transform Wealth Management in 2022**

*Financial Planning*

December 20, 2021

**Super-Rich Americans Feel Relief as Tax Hikes Are Canceled for Now**

*Bloomberg Law*

December 10, 2021

**IRS Announces 2022 Inflation Adjusted Amounts For Transfer Taxes**

*Greenberg Glusker Client Alert*

August 19, 2021

**37 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**

*zap2it*

## 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.