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Philip Barbaro, Jr. is a partner in the law firm of Barbaro, Chinen, Pitzer & Duke, LLP. Certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate law, he brings more than 30 years of experience and wisdom to the resolution of disputes that arise in the administration and litigation of probate, trust and conservatorship cases, including will and trust contests and matters involving elder abuse, undue influence and capacity issues. With a deep understanding of their sensitivities and concerns, he provides the parties a voice in the system. Parties are comforted by his decades of knowledge and solutions-oriented approach to navigating the often complex and thorny issues which arise in such matters. Ranked as a Super Lawyer since 2006, Mr. Barbaro is an active participant in the legal community as a member of multiple bar associations and has served on numerous boards of civic and non-profit organizations. In addition, his practice includes real estate related matters in the areas of purchase and sale transactions; residential and commercial leases; seller non-disclosure; quiet title actions, cancelation of instruments; fraud and fiduciary based claims arising from purchase and sale of real estate; partition actions; easements and covenants; boundary disputes; trespass and nuisance claims and equitable remedies such as constructive trust and liens.

Practice Areas

Probate, trust, conservatorships, elder abuse, undue influence, will and trust contests, estate planning and real estate, and business-related matters.

Experience

Mr. Barbaro is an experienced litigator. He applies his years of experience in safeguarding his clients' rights through the probate court system and to the resolution of contested disputes through the mediation process. He approaches each matter with compassion and the ability to understand family dynamics, including the pain often experienced by the parties in the litigation process.

Organizations & Achievements

Mr. Barbaro has given numerous presentations to the Professional Fiduciary Association of California, (PFAC), and other organizations. Topics include:

- "Capacity and Undue Influence, What's the Difference"
- "Financial Elder Abuse. What's involved and is it worth the time and expense?"
- "The Interrelationship of the Professional Fiduciary with Court Appointed Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem"
- "Probate – The Obscure but Essential Rules and Tools Every Executor/Administrator Needs to Know"
- "Financial Elder Abuse. What's involved and is it worth the time and expense?"
- "A Fiduciary's New Weapon When Faced with a Foreclosure Deeds, Priorities and Foreclosure"
- "The Sale of Property in Probate, Trust and Conservatorship proceedings"
- "Basic Real Estate Concepts Every Fiduciary Should Know"
- "How to Avoid Surprises Before Listing and Selling Real Property"

Mr. Barbaro has served on numerous boards and commissions, including:

- Pasadena Bar Association President and Chair/ member of Board of Directors; Chairman, Real Estate Section
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, member, Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Dialogues on Freedom Program
- Woodbury University, former Adjunct Faculty Member teaching courses in Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Finance and Social and Political Environment of Business
- Pasadena Community College, former Adjunct Faculty Member teaching courses in Legal Aspects of Real Estate and Business Law
- Prior Chairman, Real Estate Section of PASADENA BAR ASSOCIATION
- Former PLANNING COMMISSIONER, City of Los Angeles, Area Planning Commission, Appointed by Los Angeles Mayor as Planning Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles, East Area Planning Commission and served as Vice President of the Commission.
- Former Member and Vice Chairman of the NORTHEAST COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Member by appointment of Los Angeles City Council to the Northeast Community Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC).

Education & Training

- J.D., Western State University, College of Law
- B.S., University of California, Irvine

Mr. Barbaro is available throughout California.

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