



## Debra L. Kasper

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Family Wealth Planning, Taxation

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## Overview

Ms. Kasper practices in the areas of estate tax and gift tax planning and develops sophisticated strategies for family wealth transfer planning, including advice concerning business succession, international estate and gift tax and succession planning, and related property tax, income tax, and community property considerations. Ms. Kasper advises trustees, executors, and other fiduciaries, as well as beneficiaries, in connection with trust and estate administrations and probate law, including representation in court proceedings as necessary. Ms. Kasper is experienced with philanthropic planning using charitable trusts and other structures; she also assists with the formation of tax-exempt charitable organizations such as private foundations, and advises charitable organizations concerning compliance with federal and state regulations and proper governance.

Ms. Kasper was a trusts and estates partner in the firm Stephenson Kasper & King, LLP for 20 years before joining Shartsis Friese, LLP, and prior to that, Ms. Kasper was a partner in the law firm of Jackson Tufts Cole & Black, LLP, initially as a litigator and later as a trust and estates attorney. Before entering private practice, Ms. Kasper served as a Trial Attorney in the Commercial Litigation Branch, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, and as a law clerk in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Ms. Kasper also previously served as a legislative assistant to two Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## Professional Activities

### Memberships & Affiliations

Ms. Kasper is a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco and its Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Section (Past Chair) and a member of the American Bar Association and its Real Property, Probate and Trust Section. She has served as a member of the Planned Giving Committees of the San Francisco Symphony and the Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco, and as a member of The Friends of the Bancroft Library of the University of the California at Berkeley.

## Education

B.A. Duke University, *magna cum laude*

J.D. Georgetown University, *cum laude*

## Admissions

California State Bar

District of Columbia Bar

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