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Angel Saunders represents high net worth clients on sophisticated estate plans, generational wealth transfers, tax planning, and trust and probate administration.

Angel is an advocate for her clients and offers highly technical and strategic tax-planning skills to preserve her clients' wealth. She has advised individuals, families, and business owners on the preparation of their estate plans and has guided clients through difficult topics surrounding end-of-life decisions and planning.

Angel is a U.S. Army Reserve veteran. Prior to joining Coblentz, Angel was counsel with Lathrop GPM.

Angel is a member of the Asian American Bar Association, the San Mateo County Bar Association, and the San Francisco Estate Planning Council. She is also a member of the Silicon Valley Bar Association, where she serves as a court liaison of the Superior Court of California County of San Mateo Probate Department. Angel also served as board secretary for the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce and is a former board member of the Rotary Club of San Mateo.

Angel earned her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in 2013. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2010.

Honors & Awards

Angel is recognized in the 2024, 2025, and 2026 editions of the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Trusts and Estates, and she is also recognized as a Northern California Rising Star by Super Lawyers in the Trust & Estate Law category. She received the "Mover and Shaker Award" by the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce in 2020.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Angel is a former Adjunct Business Law Professor for the San Mateo County Community College District. She also served as a guest lecturer and speaker for Menlo College and the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce. Her recent speaking engagements include:
 - “Principles of Estate Planning and Tax-Sensitive Strategies,” Continuing Education of the Bar (April 22, 2026)
 - “Fundamentals of Estate Planning and Probate,” EntreArchitect Network (April 1, 2026)
 - “Crossover Between Partition Actions and Estate Planning,” Silicon Valley Bar Association (May 10, 2023)
 - “Proposition 19 and Its Legal Impact on Families,” Business Essentials Series, San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce (January 2021)
 - “Popular Myths about Estate Plans and Probate,” Business Essentials Series, San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce (June 2020)
 - “The Importance of Having An Estate Plan,” Business Essentials Series, San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce (May 2020)

Education

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