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Golnar Yazdi is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. With more than 30 years of experience, Golnar's practice focuses on sophisticated estate planning and wealth transfer strategies for high net worth individuals and families, including technology founders and entrepreneurs. She helps clients achieve their personal and business wealth transfer objectives while minimizing the impact of estate, gift, income, and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

Her practice includes intergenerational and dynastic planning, charitable planning, and estate and gift tax planning, as well as planning for clients with overseas holdings and related cross-border issues, using a full range of trust and entity-based strategies. Trust and estate administration is another significant part of Golnar's practice. She advises individual and corporate fiduciaries, prepares gift and estate tax returns, and represents clients in gift and estate tax audits.

Golnar is recognized as a leading lawyer by the Chambers High Net Worth Guide in the Private Wealth Law – Northern California category, where a client notes, *"Golnar's experience and reach within the tech entrepreneur world is particularly great. There is no topic she doesn't know about and she is also great at breaking things down into layman's terms."* Another adds, *"Golnar Yazdi is an incredible resource and adviser. We trust her judgement, discretion, expertise and business acumen."* She has also been selected to the Northern California Super Lawyers list since 2009, including recognition among the Top 100 lawyers (2014-2016) and Top 50 Women lawyers (2012-2016).

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Golnar earned her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1992, where she participated in the Geneva/Strasbourg Program in International Law. She earned her B.A., with honors, from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1988. She received a diploma in French Studies from the University of Haute-Bretagne in Rennes, France in 1984.

Golnar is fluent in Farsi.

Honors & Awards

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