



BUYNAK LAW FIRM

Lana J. Clark

With 30 years of legal experience in business, corporate and real estate transactions, estate planning and litigation, Lana Clark's dedication, persistence and strategic organization are well known to her clients and throughout the legal community.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- California Bar Association
- Santa Barbara County Bar Association
- Santa Barbara County Women Lawyers
- William L. Gordon Inns of Court

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- President, Solvang Chamber of Commerce
- Atterdag Village of Solvang, Board of Directors
- Solvang Political Action Committee, Founding Member
- UCSB Economic Forecast Board of Directors
- UCSB Advisory Committee, Paralegal Studies Program

EDUCATION

- Santa Barbara College of Law, J.D.
- U.C. Santa Barbara

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Document Drafting. Extensive experience drafting wills, trusts, real estate, corporate and business documents.
- Estate Planning. Extensive experience in drafting estate plans for small estates to those in excess of \$50 million.
- Trust Administration. Handle post-death administration for quick resolution and implementation of trust actions, trust administration petitions and litigation; obtained ex parte property title order transferring non-funded trust assets to trust allowing \$15 million in pending escrows to proceed without delay due to settlor's death.
- Estate and Trust Litigation. Prepare motions, briefs, pleadings, and strategies for will contest trials, trust administration petitions and trustee fiduciary duty challenges
- Conservatorships and Guardianships. Establish/terminate conservatorships and guardianships plus annual required accountings. Seminar instructor on 2007 conservatorship law changes to Santa Barbara County attorneys, judges and staff.
- Breach of Trustee Fiduciary Duty. Successful representation of trust beneficiaries for breach of trustee fiduciary duty in managing trust funds, resulting in recovery in excess of \$150,000 from trustee's personal assets.
- Probates and Summary Probate Proceedings. Probate proceedings, Spousal Property Transfers & Small Probate Affidavits
- Prepare Specialty Trusts. Special Needs Trusts for Disabled Minors, Grandchildren's Educational Trusts, Charitable and Qualified Personal Residence Trusts.
- Santa Barbara Superior Court Research Department. Internship to review filed motions and prepare memos to judges with recommended rulings.
- Legal Instructor. Course instructor at Santa Barbara College of Law and in UC-Extension Paralegal Program (1990-2007).
- Published Author & Guest Speaker. Thirty-two articles published in legal journals on substantive and procedural topics; guest speaker at numerous legal seminars for attorneys, judges, accountants, paralegals and business professionals at various California locations.
- Author. *Study Guide for California Advanced Paralegal Specialist Examination.*