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CURRICULUM VITAE April M. Lavigne, Attorney at Law

ADMITTED

State Bar of California, June 2012

EDUCATION

Santa Barbara College of Law, Santa Barbara, California. Juris Doctor attained December 2011. Specialization in Business Law; Deans List 2008-2009; Recognition for Excellence in Legal Research; Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity (officer 2009-2011).

University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California. Paralegal Certification, 2006; Specialization in Estate Planning.

University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California. Bachelor of Arts in English, 2003; graduating with distinction in the major; emphasis in Early Modern English Studies.

EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICES OF APRIL M. LAVIGNE, Santa Barbara, California. Attorney at Law, March 4, 2020- present. Practice focuses on Estate Planning and Estate Administration; Real Property Law; and Business and Corporate Law.

Estate Planning & Administration: Prepare comprehensive estate plans including Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Health Care Directives; Review and analysis of existing estate plans; Trust Restatements; Amendments to Trusts; Advise clients regarding beneficiary designations, life insurance, and long term care issues in coordination with other advisors; Direct and oversee trust administrations varying in value from \$100,000 to \$30 million; Advise Trustees regarding sub-trust funding and estate tax return preparation in consultation with accountants; Advise Trustees, Executors and other fiduciaries regarding administration; Prepare Distribution and Release Agreements; Prepare simple fiduciary Accountings; Review and coordinate complex fiduciary Accountings; Testate and Intestate Probate proceedings; Petitions for Instructions; Ex Parte Petitions for Trust Modifications; Heggstad Petitions.

Property Law: Grant Deeds; Quitclaim Deeds; Interspousal Transfers; Purchase and Sale Agreements; Title research and review; Property Tax Reassessment Issues; Proposition 19; Proposition 13; Parent-Child Exclusions; Grandparent-Grandchild Exclusions; Basis

Transfer Claims; Non-Profit Welfare Exemption Applications and Maintenance; Business Property Statements; Zoning Enforcement; Leases and Rental Agreements; Unlawful Detainers; Termination of Tenancies.

Business and Corporate Law: Form Corporations, Limited Liability Companies (LLCs), and Limited Partnerships; Assist clients with entity record maintenance including minutes and Statement of Information filings; Qualification of non-profits for 501(c)(3) status; Due Diligence work related to \$12 million stock sale to publicly traded company; Preparation of Membership Interest Purchase Agreements; Private Stock Issuances; Stock Sales; Asset Sales; Prepare and process California Securities Exemptions/Filings; Reg. D Filings; Prepare Private Placement Memoranda; Copyright and Trademark Filings and Maintenance; Preparation of Independent Contractor Agreements.

LAW OFFICES OF REETZ, FOX & BARTLETT LLP, Santa Barbara, California.

- Associate Attorney, June 2012-March 3, 2020. Estate Planning and Estate Administration; Business Law; and Property Law.
- Paralegal, 2007 – October 2011 and March 2012-June 2012. Estate Planning and Estate Administration; Business Law; and Property Law.
- Reception / Courier, February 2005- 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

Santa Barbara Estate Planning Council (2019-)
Adult Protective Services Multi-Disciplinary Team (2017-2020)
Trusts and Estates Section, California Bar (2012-)
Santa Barbara County Bar Association (2012-)
Santa Barbara Barristers (2012-)
Santa Barbara Rental Property Association (2021-)
Pro-Visors (2014-)
Junior League of Santa Barbara (2016-2019)
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce (2017-2018)
Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, (officer 2009-2011)
Gamma Phi Beta

SPEAKING EXPERIENCE

“Proposition 19” (2021, 2022)
“Property Issues in Estate Planning” (4/2019)
“Estate Planning, you are in Control” (1/2019)
“Trusts are a Fiduciary Relationship” (8/2017)
“Wills, Trusts, and Probate” (11/2017, 3/2018, and 4/2018)
“Preparing your Estate Plan” (4/2015)
“Why you Need an Estate Plan” (4/2015)
“Estate Planning: A Plan in Place” (1/2015, 4/2015)