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8:25 – 8:30 AM
Welcome and Opening Remarks

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8:30 – 10:00 AM
Annual Update:
Recent Developments in Probate and Trust and their Practical Applications
Join our popular experts, as they review critical recent California legislation and case law and Federal tax law. Encompassing developments in wills, trusts and estate, and gift taxation, both new and experienced practitioners will benefit from their useful information and insights.

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10:00 – 10:10 AM
Break Time
Sponsored by the Professional Fiduciary Association of California
10:10 – 11:10 AM
Avoiding Traps of 529 Plans
Even though 529 plans have been around for a while, there are many traps for unwary. Join us to learn about how to educate your clients who may be unaware about the consequences of death during the five-year pre-funding period, rules for changing beneficiaries, permissible tax-free distributions, and whether it makes sense to pay for education personally given taxable distributions from the plans.

11:20 – 12:20 PM
Pre-Death Administration: Supporting and Safeguarding Our Elders and Their Legacy
Discussion of best practices and tools for lawyers involving the transfer of information with respect to pre-death administration: Where are the bank accounts and passwords? What kind of information do you need and who has rights to this information?

12:30 – 1:15 PM
Keynote Presentation
Sponsored by Signature Resolution
Understanding Cognitive Biases for Advancing Culture Change
Developing cultural competencies is critical for limiting implicit bias and its negative impact across organizations. Join respected speaker, Dr. Douglas Haynes, for his perspectives on minimizing implicit bias. He will share his efforts to mobilize forces to establish the Black Thriving Initiative at University of California at Irvine and how that has created a more inclusive environment.

.5 hour of MCLE elimination of bias credit available.

1:30 – 2:30 PM
Post-Death Administration
Join our panelists as they discuss typical post-death administration matters: What steps should be taken to secure or marshal a decedent’s home or tangible personal property? What steps are taken to secure or marshal real property? How is contact initiated with heirs or beneficiaries? What information should be communicated to heirs or beneficiaries? How to handle disposal of estate or Trust assets? What are the steps to take to mitigate potential liability?

2:30 – 2:45 PM
Break Time
Sponsored by Jack Barcal, Esq.
Litigation Issues of Tangible Personal Property and Other Distributions

“But Grandma said that I get the blue ceramic pig!”

Fiduciaries are often put in a position where they are duty-bound to marshal, value, sell, and/or distribute tangible personal property. Unfortunately, either due to the unique circumstances of the property itself or the obstacles or contention created by the governing instrument or family dynamics, executors and trustees can find themselves needing to resolve disputes or, worse yet, to defend their actions or inaction in court proceedings. This presentation explores risk and litigation issues that arise and will also provide tips on how to potentially avoid litigation and liability.

Addressing Remote Work and Multi-State Issues

Practicing law across state lines may have legal and ethical implications. Do you know the considerations for clients who own assets in multiple jurisdictions? We are also forced to consider the income tax and employment aspects of remote working (i.e. if you want to work from your house in Jackson Hole for part of the year or if your secretary/employee/etc. wants to work remotely). Join the panelists for an engaging discussion!

BONUS WEBINAR
Fiduciary and Trust & Estate Banking:
Is Your Bank Providing the Products and Services You Need?
The program will discuss banking solutions to help you and the Trustee reduce and eliminate uncertainties over the administration of the Trust or estate. Topics include increasing the value of the estate by reducing expenses, maximizing FDIC insurance coverage, and how to effectively partner with a specialized trust and estate banker to avoid delays and unforeseen pitfalls. What you don’t know can hinder your efforts!
Dr. Douglas M. Haynes is the inaugural Chief Diversity Officer and Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the University of California, Irvine. In this role he provides executive leadership to empower students and employees to maximize their potential in an affirmative learning and working environment at UCI. Through the Office of Inclusive Excellence (OIE) he leads a team of inclusive excellence champions to advance institutional transformation. To this end, OIE drives accountability through data-driven metrics; mounts a suite of capacity building courses and training modules; engages in research and evidence-based best practices to promote a thriving organization; and leverages external partnerships to accelerate change at UCI and throughout the University of California. In 2021, UCI received the SeaChange Bronze Institutional Award from American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) based on an unprecedented institutional self-assessment and action plan to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. Douglas M. Haynes is a Professor of Modern European History and African American Studies. His research advances understanding about the knowledge, authority, and power of modern medicine, science, and technology in terms of the fault-lines of race, gender, and class in society. This framework animates of two single authored books entitled The Conquest of Tropical Disease and Fit to Practice. In 2014, Haynes also led the establishment of the Center for Medical Humanities and served as the inaugural director for 5 years. The center represents an unprecedented collaboration among deans and faculty in three schools: arts, humanities, and medicine. Central to this collaboration is an enduring commitment to the multi-disciplinary understanding of health, healing, and well-being. A native of San Francisco, Douglas Haynes graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, California. Returning to the Bay Area, he completed his Ph.D. in Modern European History at the University of California, Berkeley. He was a Fulbright Scholar and a recipient of the University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship.
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