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Tax, Benefits and Estate Planning; Corporate Law



Stephanie S. Downer is a member of the Tax, Benefits, & Estate Planning practice group in Buchalter's San Diego office. She primarily focuses her practice on estate planning, wealth transfer planning, trust administration, and probate law. Ms. Downer has more than 13 years of experience representing families and business owners in all aspects of estate planning including revocable living trust plans, gift and estate tax planning with irrevocable trusts, charitable gift planning, property tax planning, and trust administration.

Ms. Downer is a certified specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Approximately five percent of California's attorneys are certified as specialists by the State Bar of California. She is also on the Estates and Trusts Council for the Rady Children's Hospital Foundation and a member of the North County Estate Planning Council and Lawyers Club of San Diego.

Publications

- Beware of Proposition 19 Property Tax Increases—Planning Opportunities Still Exist for a Brief Window, *Buchalter Client Alert*, November 17, 2020
- SECURE Act and CARES Act Impact Retirement Benefits for 2020 and Beyond, *The Daily Journal*, October 8, 2020

Education

Ms. Downer received her J.D. and LL.M. in taxation from the University of San Diego and her B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Additionally, she spent nearly three years studying applied mathematics and computer science at New York University.

Bar Admissions

- California