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PRACTICE GROUPS

- Trusts & Estates
- Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Southern California School of Law,
J.D., 2009

Pepperdine University, B.A., *summa cum laude*,
2006

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

When advising high net worth individuals and families on the planning and administration of multimillion-dollar trusts and estates, Gabriel R. Duarte provides strategic counsel to preserve clients' legacies and honor their wishes on transferring wealth to the next generation.

Appreciated as a clear communicator who easily connects across multiple generations, Gabriel is particularly effective with the administration of sophisticated trusts, including those involving family offices and those invested heavily in real estate.

Gabriel's dual strengths in estate planning and post-death trust administration inform his counsel to trustees, prominent entrepreneurs and families. Additionally, Gabriel represents corporate fiduciaries in administering complex trusts.

Many of Gabriel's clients have intricate real property assets, ranging from residences and multifamily apartment complexes to shopping centers and office buildings. Gabriel works closely with trustees and professional teams to manage purchases, sales, leasing, loan transactions and related

environmental, tax and investment concerns.

Skilled in all estate planning tax-minimization techniques that clients require, Gabriel draws upon firmwide resources in real estate, environmental law, tax, insurance and other areas to address all his clients' related issues. He prides himself on taking the necessary time to ensure that his clients truly understand how their trusts operate and the steps involved in a successful trust administration. Should controversies, estate disputes or lawsuits arise, Gabriel is skilled at guiding his clients towards a successful resolution of the conflict, whether through litigation or settlement.

Gabriel has been working in trust and estate law his entire career — he began while still in law school. This formative experience helped him develop a visceral understanding of the psychological and emotional factors that often become intertwined with succession planning and the transfer of wealth. His empathetic manner and close counsel to generations of families have resulted in long-lasting and trusted client relationships. Many of Gabriel's clients seek his counsel beyond their estate plans for situations when they need insightful, responsive and individualized legal guidance.

For his counsel to many of Southern California's high net worth families, Gabriel has earned recognition as a trusted advisor, including as attorney of the year, from the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, and he has repeatedly been named a Super Lawyers' Rising Star. A self-described family man, Gabriel serves on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark and Simi Valley.

RECOGNITION

Gabriel was selected as a Rising Star for 2014 through 2021 by Super Lawyers Magazine, Southern California Edition. The San Fernando Valley Business Journal has awarded Gabriel the 2017 Trusted Advisor Attorney of the Year, 2018 Trusted Advisor and 2019 Trusted Advisor awards. Gabriel has been recognized as a 2021 Visionary in *Business of Law: Trends, Updates & Visionaries*, a special feature published this week by *L.A. Times* B2B Publishing.

COMMUNITY

- Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark and Simi Valley

NEWS

- Musick Peeler Elevates Four Partners to Equity Positions 03.09.2023
- Musick Peeler's Kristine Kwong and Gabriel Duarte Named Minority Leaders of Influence 01.27.2023
- Musick Peeler Attorneys Named 2022 Southern California Rising Stars 06.08.2022
- Musick Peeler Partners Nathan O'Malley and Gabriel Duarte Named Legal Visionaries 09.07.2021
- Four Musick Peeler Attorneys Named to 2021 Southern California Rising Stars 06.17.2021
- Gabriel Duarte and Candice Liao named as new Partners January 2020

- The San Fernando Valley Business Journal has named Gabriel Duarte as a 2018 Trusted Advisor. 08.09.2018
- Congratulations to Gabriel Duarte for being selected as a Rising Star for 2018 by Super Lawyers Magazine. 06.07.2018
- The San Fernando Valley Business Journal has awarded Gabriel Duarte with the 2017 Trusted Advisor Attorney of the Year. 08.11.2017

EVENT

- Musick Peeler Attorneys Selected As 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars 06.25.2020

ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar California