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Mary Nguyen's practice focuses on estate planning, probate, and trust administration. She has over a decade of experience in drafting both basic and sophisticated estate plans, including revocable and irrevocable trusts, wills, advance health care directives, powers of attorney, and other estate planning documents. In addition, she has represented trustees, executors, administrators, and beneficiaries in numerous probate and trust administrations throughout California.

Mary earned her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law (now known as University of California College of the Law, San Francisco), where she was awarded the CALI and Witkin Awards for earning the highest grade in her Estate Drafting course. She also earned her LL.M. in taxation with highest distinction from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, where she was a merit scholarship recipient. Mary was born and raised in Contra Costa County and is licensed to practice law in California and New York.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Seyfarth Shaw LLP**, Remote (November 2022–January 2025)
Drafted estate planning, probate, and trust administration documents. Researched and wrote various petitions, objections, and responses in contested trust and estate matters.
- **Berliner Cohen, LLP**, San Jose, CA (May 2020–November 2022)
Drafted estate planning and trust administration documents, probate petitions, and settlement agreements.
- **Royse Law Firm, PC (acquired by Haynes & Boone, LLP)**, Menlo Park, CA (April 2019–April 2020)
Prepared revocable and irrevocable trusts, including CRUTs, GRATs, IDGTs, ILITs, QPRTs, and NINGs, as well as wills, advance health care directives, powers of attorney, and related documents.
- **Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc.**, San Jose, CA (August 2017–March 2019)
Drafted simple to complex estate plans for middle to high-net-worth clients. Advised trustees, executors, administrators, and beneficiaries about their duties, liabilities, and rights in numerous administration matters, including probates and post death trust administrations. Researched and wrote various petitions.
- **Corey, Luzaich, de Ghetaldi & Riddle LLP**, Millbrae, CA (December 2014–August 2017)
Drafted estate planning and corporate formation documents. Handled numerous probate and trust administration matters from start to finish with minimal supervision. Researched and wrote petitions, including *Heggstad* petitions, petitions to approve accountings, and a petition to appoint a successor trustee.

EDUCATION

- **LL.M., Taxation, Loyola Law School**, Los Angeles, CA
 - Merit Scholarship Recipient
- **J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly U.C. Hastings)**, San Francisco, CA
 - CALI and Witkin Awards for highest grade in Estate Drafting
 - Pro Bono Society recognition for volunteer work with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
 - *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*, Executive Development Editor and Staff Editor
 - Moot Court, Honorable Mention for Written Advocacy
- **B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA
 - Regents Scholarship Recipient

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California
- New York State Unified Court System

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
 - Former JIOP Alumni Mentor and Interviewer, Law School Tax Challenge Finalist, Business Law Section Diversity Law Clerk at Delaware Court of Chancery, and Section of Litigation Judicial Intern at Alameda County Superior Court
- Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area
 - Former Education Committee Co-Chair
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley
 - Former Board Member, Social and Community Committee Co-Chair, Women in Law Committee Co-Chair, and Women in Law Committee Co-Secretary
- Silicon Valley Bar Association
 - Former Executive Committee Secretary