

# MATSUMURA LAW FIRM

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## BIO FOR MICHELE MATSUMURA



Michele’s practice focuses exclusively on the areas of estate planning, trusts and probate. She is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate, certified by the State Bar of California, California Board of Legal Specialization®. Michele also holds a Masters in Taxation (LL.M.), and she coordinates her estate planning guidance with tax minimization strategies. This tax background provides an added benefit to her clients who seek “basic” estate planning, as well as those with advanced estate planning opportunities, such as charitable remainder trusts, life insurance trusts and trusts for the benefit of children.

Before starting her own practice, Michele was an associate attorney with a “boutique” estate planning practice for a number of years, preparing estate plans, tax returns and tax projections for high net worth clients. She is a current member of the Taxation Section and Trusts and Estates Section of the California State Bar, Eastern Alameda County Bar Association, and Contra Costa Bar Association (Women’s Section Member/Estates Section Member). She is also a member of the Diablo Valley Estate Planning Council and was on the board for many years with the Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council. She is also a member of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and a 2010 graduate of the Leadership Pleasanton program.

In 1990, Michele graduated cum laude from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, where she also played NCAA Div. I-A tennis. She received her law degree from King Hall School of Law at the University of California at Davis in 1993. She received her LL.M. in taxation with honors from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California in 1998.

Michele resides in Pleasanton, with her husband, Mike, and in her non-work hours, she supports the California Golden Bears football in their quest to return to the Rose Bowl. She also is a fan of Pacific athletics, University of California basketball, and the San Francisco Giants.

She would be pleased to speak with you about your specific estate planning needs or estate planning questions. She also would be happy to review your existing living trust or other estate planning documents for update purposes or to “refresh” your memory regarding its contents. Michele’s goal is to *simplify* estate planning for her clients. It is important to her that her clients understand and be comfortable with their estate planning documents.

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