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### Education

The College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D., Cum Laude, 2014  
University of California, Santa Barbara, M.Ed., Education, 2001  
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### Memberships

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

California

#### MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California  
Santa Barbara County Bar Association  
William Gordon Inns of Court

Brett is a Partner in the Estate Planning Group. Brett transitioned into the practice of law from a teaching career. Prior to joining Mullen & Henzell in 2014, he taught Advanced Placement European History, Advanced Placement American Government, and World History and coached Mock Trial at Santa Ynez High School. He also co-authored a series of social studies books and lesson plans through ABC-CLIO Publishers and conducted teacher training workshops at national and state teaching conferences. After teaching for ten years, Brett attended The College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law for his degree in law, competing on the Moot Court team, serving as Senior Notes Editor on the Bill of Rights Journal, and serving as Editor for the Election Law Society. He also performed three plays with the William & Mary Law Revue acting group. **Publications** *Election Evidence: The Promises and Realities of California's Citizens Commission*, 22 Wm. & Mary Bill of Rts. J. 211 (2013) Co-authored the *Triumph and Tragedy* book series (2006) and the *Conflict and Compromise* (2007) book series (ABC-CLIO) Co-authored *35 Defining Moments* (2009) lessons (ABC-CLIO)

### Practice Areas

- Estate Planning
- Charitable Gift Planning
- Estate & Trust Litigation
- Succession Planning
- Trust Administration