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## Education

University of Miami  
School of Law, LL.M. 2008

Suffolk University Law  
School, JD 2007

University of  
Connecticut, BA summa  
cum laude, 2003

Certified Specialist,  
Estate Planning, Trust &  
Probate Law from State  
Bar of California Board of  
Legal Specialization

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## Memberships

### BAR ADMISSIONS

California  
Florida (inactive)

### MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California  
Santa Barbara County  
Bar Association  
United States Tax Court

Brooke McDermott specializes in complex estate and trust planning, estate and trust matters, and estate and gift tax controversy matters. Brooke works with individuals and families to achieve their financial, family and charitable goals by guiding them step-by-step through the estate planning process, using a variety of wealth planning strategies aimed at accomplishing both tax and family-generational planning. She also advises individuals, families, beneficiaries, trustees and executors with regard to probate, estate and trust administration matters, including preparation of estate tax returns, IRS audits and allocation and distribution of bequests to beneficiaries. **ACCOLADES** Pacific Coast Business Times "Top 50 Women in Business - Class of 2018" Pacific Coast Business Times "40 Under 40 - Class of 2016"

## Community Involvement

Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation,  
board member, treasurer (2017 – present)  
Santa Barbara Estate Planning Council, board  
member (2019 – present)  
Santa Barbara County Bar Association, Chair of  
the Probate Section (2012 – 2014)

## Practice Areas

- Estate Planning
- Gift Tax Controversy
- Family-Generational Planning
- Complex Estate and Trust Planning
- Probate, Estate and Trust Administration