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# Bruce S. Ross, Esq.

## *Mediator & Arbitrator*

Bruce Ross is a nationally recognized trial lawyer with over 40 years' experience litigating trust, estate, and conservatorship matters. Mr. Ross is co-chair of global law firm Holland & Knight's national Private Wealth Services Dispute Resolution Team. He has been involved in numerous high-profile cases, including acting as lead counsel and self-appointed mediator in probate proceedings for the \$30 million "Empty Mansions" Estate of Huguette Clark. He was instrumental in settling that case two days into a potential six- to eight-week trial.

### Practice Areas

Private Wealth Services, Wealth Planning and Preservation, Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organizations, Trusts, Estates and Fiduciary Dispute Resolution.

### Conflict Resolution Experience

Mr. Ross has appeared pro hac vice in several states to handle trust, estate and conservatorship litigation and has consulted with colleagues overseas on cases involving international succession matters, including, in particular, Switzerland, Israel, Nicaragua, Greece and Australia. He is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law (California Board of Legal Specialization). Mr. Ross is a consultant to, and expert witness for, plaintiffs and defense attorneys, accountants, and malpractice insurance carriers in the areas of estate planning, probate, fiduciary litigation, and professional responsibility.

### Honors & Awards

- The *Best Lawyers in America* guide, Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 1993-2013; Non-Profit/Charities Law, 2013
- *Chambers USA – America's Leading Business Lawyers* guide, Wealth Management: Western Region, 2008-2012
- *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine, 2004-2012
- *Who's Who in Law, Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2009

- *Chambers USA* – Ranked #1 in Wealth Management: Western Region - National
- Top 100 Attorney, *Worth Magazine*, 2006, 2007

### Memberships

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Past President (2006-2007) and Regent Emeritus
- California Board of Legal Specialization, Certified Specialist, Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Law
- International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, Academician and Past Executive Council Member

### Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Mr. Ross has published numerous articles on probate, trust and estates and other issues in legal publications and practice guides.
- Mr. Ross is a prolific speaker and has presented on a wide range of topics to bar associations and other organizations throughout the US and abroad.

### Education & Training

- J.D., University of California at Berkeley
- A.B., Oberlin University

*Mr. Ross is available internationally.*