

# Fearless Firepower in Estate, Trust, and Probate Cases

**Beti Tsai Bergman is a pit bull in the courtroom,  
with the tender heart of a mother.**

## Peninsula Law

In-depth knowledge of the challenging fields of estate, trust, and probate law. An uncommon level of personal empathy. The ability to smell a con a mile away. These are the qualities that make Beti Tsai Bergman, founder and principal shareholder of Peninsula Law, the

litigator of choice for people embattled in estate and trust disputes and the counsel of choice for estate planning and administration.

“One of the largest intergenerational transfers of wealth in history is taking place as the World War II generation grows older and passes away,” says Bergman. “Litigation to resolve disputes related to inheritances, conservatorships, elder rights, elder abuse, and more are on the rise.”

Bergman has dedicated her practice exclusively to representing conservators, trustees, and executors, as well as heirs and beneficiaries, in uncontested and contested trust and estate matters. She is among a select few litigators who are both skillful as negotiators and masters of persuasion in the courtroom.

“We are in court confronting witnesses and dealing with judges on a daily basis,” says Bergman, who is admitted to practice before the California Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court (Central District of California), the U.S. Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit), and the U.S. Supreme Court.

This willingness to take cases to trial colors everything she does. As soon as Bergman accepts a case, she works with the client to assess the risk and make a judgement on the wisest move forward. If it’s in the client’s best interest to litigate, she’ll say so. If a negotiated settlement is

best, she begins working toward that goal from day one.

Peninsula Law’s reputation for successful litigation gives clients a tremendous advantage in negotiations. “Opposing lawyers know we will see a case through to judgment after trial. That’s powerful bargaining leverage during pretrial negotiations,” says Bergman.

As a mother, Bergman is also sensitive to the emotional and financial impact of these cases. Every call is returned, and every client receives caring, personal attention. With the agility of a smaller, elite, boutique firm, Peninsula Law provides more efficient services without compromising quality.

“My team,” adds Bergman, “is committed to righting wrongs and doing all we can to make sure the interests and wishes of the older adult are not lost.”

## Broad Background

A former business litigator and city attorney, Bergman is among the most respected lawyers in Southern California. For two consecutive years, she has been named a Super Lawyer® in the area of estate and trust law, an honor given to the top 5 percent in the state. Avvo legal directory awarded her its highest score of 10.

Bergman also holds a Master Advocate Designation from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and is a faculty instructor for the Institute’s annual Building Trial Skills program at Loyola Law School. A California State Bar-certified legal specialist, she is a frequent speaker at corporate meetings and professional seminars. A past president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association and the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance, she serves in leadership positions and sits on the board of various other professional organizations.



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