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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**GILLPIERSON, LLP**, Los Angeles, California: 2013-present

**ELIZABETH T. PIERSON, P.C.**, Santa Monica, California: 2009-2013

**HOFFMAN SABBAN & WATENMAKER, LLC**, Los Angeles, California: 2000-2008

**ANGLEA & BANNON, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**, Pasadena, California: 1988- 2000

**Trusts and Estates Attorney.** Fellow, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, 1995 to present. Representation in all aspects of pre-mortem and post-mortem estate planning, probate and trust administration, estate and gift tax return preparation, audit representation, and tax court petitions. Preparation of revocable and irrevocable trusts, including gift trusts, insurance trusts, charitable trusts, title confidentiality trusts, and foundations. Wealth transfer return preparation and audit and representation before IRS Appeals and in requests for private letter rulings. Advice to fiduciaries and beneficiaries seeking instructions and construction or modification of documents. Representation of litigants in actions to remove fiduciaries, contest documents, and to determine title. Designated Southern California Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.

**EDUCATION:**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, Los Angeles, California  
**Juris Doctor**, May, 1988

**EMMANUEL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**, Cambridge, England  
International Law Studies, Summer, 1986

**DUKE UNIVERSITY**, Durham, North Carolina  
**Bachelor of Arts**, Economics, May, 1985

**ADMISSIONS:**

State Bar of California, California Supreme Court, United States Courts of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit, United States District Court, Central District of California, December, 1988  
United States Tax Court, May, 1992

**BAR AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

California Editor, Lawgic LLP, Estate Planning software for lawyers, 2012-present  
Executive Editor, California Trusts & Estates Quarterly, 2014-present  
Managing Editor, California Trusts & Estates Quarterly, 2013-2014  
Contributing Author: California Trusts & Estates Quarterly, Volume 18, Issue 4, 2013  
California State Bar Association Trusts & Estates Section, Executive Committee, 2012 - present  
Contributing Author: The California Tax Lawyer, Winter, 2011  
California State Bar Association Taxation Section Executive Committee: 2008-2011  
California State Bar, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Advisory Commission: 2006-2008  
Los Angeles County Bar Association Taxation Section: Chair, 2004-2005; Estate and Gift Committee, Chair, 1998-1999; Executive Committee, 1998-2006  
Contributing Author: California Decedent Estate Practice 3 - California Continuing Education of the Bar  
Contributing Author: UCLA/CEB 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Estate Planning Institute - California Continuing Education of the Bar  
Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), Planned Giving Committee, 2011-present  
Duke University Alumni Club of Southern California: President, 2002-2007; Board of Directors, 2000-2007