



ROLAND H. ACHTEL

Roland Achtel is a Trust and Estate Litigator.

Mr. Achtel's practice is highly specialized and is entirely devoted to trust and estate litigation. This area of practice includes: trust contests, will contests, trust & estate accounting disputes, conservatorships and related elder abuse claims. In his practice, Mr. Achtel prioritizes establishing clear expectations with his clients and maintaining close contact with them throughout each case.

Mr. Achtel is the current head of litigation at HFM. He is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law, as designated by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. His accolades also include:

- "AV Preeminent" rating since 2012 by Martindale Hubbell™ – earning the highest possible rating for both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards as judged by his peers;
- "Top Attorney" in Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust by the San Diego Daily Transcript;
- Recognized by "Best Lawyers® in America" 2020-2026, selected by his peers & for his professional achievement;
- "Top Lawyer" in San Diego from 2013 to 2025;
- San Diego Super Lawyer®, an honor limited to no more than five percent of attorneys within California;
- America's Most Honored Lawyers, Top 1% from 2016-2025;
- San Diego Business Journal, Leader of Influence in Law 2024.

PRACTICE AREAS

- ▶ Trusts & Estates

CERTIFICATIONS

- ▶ Certified Specialist, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- ▶ California
- ▶ U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- ▶ U.S. District Court, Central District of California

AFFILIATIONS

- ▶ State Bar of California
- ▶ San Diego County Bar Association
Trusts & Estates Section
Litigation Section

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Mr. Achtel is passionate about giving back to his community, previously serving as a volunteer advocate for elder rights with San Diego Elder Law Advocacy, and by serving on the Board of Trustees for the San Diego Law Library, the Board of Directors for the San Diego Justice Foundation, the Board of Directors for the Del Mar Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Legislative Affairs for the Del Mar Chamber of Commerce, and also serving as a volunteer mediator with the San Diego Municipal Court.

In addition, he formerly served as a Court Appointed Attorney and Guardian ad Litem for the San Diego Superior Court, Probate Division. Mr. Achtel also formerly served on the Congregation Beth Am Board of Directors.

Currently, Mr. Achtel's community service includes serving as a Judge Pro Tem for San Diego Superior Court, Probate Division.