

Program 3: How to Navigate and Manage Ethical Traps While Representing the Successor Trustee

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Ms. Bomse is co-chair of the Attorney Liability and Conduct practice group, and a member of the Complex Commercial Litigation practice group. She is also adjunct faculty at the Berkeley School of Law where she teaches legal ethics and the law of lawyering. Her practice focuses on the law of lawyering. She represents lawyer, law firms and clients in a wide variety of disputes involving professional negligence, fiduciary duties and breach of contract. She also counsels and

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Ms. Bomse represents lawyers, law firms and clients in a wide variety of litigation matters including professional liability, state bar disciplinary matters, fee disputes, disqualification motions, attorney-client privilege and related privileges, sanctions, attorney mobility and lateral issues. Her expertise in this area is enhanced by her experience in complex commercial litigation including jury trials involving a wide variety of industries and legal claims.

Ms. Bomse also counsels law firms and corporations on legal ethics and risk management. She also serves as the firm's assistant general counsel.

She lectures and writes on legal ethics and professional responsibility. She is an adjunct professor at the Berkeley School of Law where she teaches a course on the legal profession. She was chair of the State Bar Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct and served on the committee for six years.

From the start of her legal career, Ms. Bomse has maintained an active pro bono practice. In 2019 she was co-lead counsel in a six-week jury trial in the Northern District of California on behalf of Planned Parenthood Federation of America which resulted in a \$2 million judgment in favor of her client and was recently affirmed by the Ninth Circuit.

Other pro bono clients have included the Equal Justice Society, and the City of San Francisco (marriage equality cases).

She is also active in the legal community as a member of the board of Legal Aid at Work and former member of the BASF Justice & Diversity Center.



Kathryn S. Korn, Founding Partner, Korn Law Group

As founding partner, Kathryn established Korn Law Group in 1997 and focused the practice on issues surrounding the elderly and the disabled after facing several legal obstacles surrounding her father's battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Kathryn has over two decades of experience in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, advising estate fiduciaries, conservatorships, special needs trusts, elder law issues, decedent estates, probate matters, and Medi-Cal planning for catastrophic medical events.

In addition, she serves as an advanced mediator in the areas of estate, trust, conservatorship and probate law. Kathryn has served for several years as a court-appointed attorney for conservatorships in Contra Costa County and has worked as a pro bono attorney for Senior Legal Services of Contra Costa County.