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### ADMISSIONS

- » All courts of the State of California

### LANGUAGES

- » Ms. Chiu is fluent in Mandarin.

Ms. Chiu is an estate planning attorney who serves the needs of individuals, families, and small business owners throughout California. She has advised clients in different stages of life to address the issues that are specific to their circumstances (e.g., singles and couples accumulating wealth, young families with minor children, retirees on a fixed income). Ms. Chiu has also worked with clients of varying degrees of wealth to maximize their legacy left to their heirs. Ms. Chiu also has experience in trust and probate administration.

Ms. Chiu currently serves as outside general counsel to an actuarial services firm that provides retirement planning and administration to small businesses. Ms. Chiu's uses her experience there to provide clients with advice on tax saving strategies by way of retirement planning.

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Chiu was a tax and joint ventures attorney in one of California's premiere law firms. There, she advised clients on the tax implications of major business restructuring, which included contemporaneous distributions to individual trusts. Ms. Chiu provided counsel regarding generational transfers and drafted related estate planning documents. In addition, Ms. Chiu drafted documents related to formation, financing, reorganization, conversion and dissolution of joint ventures, partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. Ms. Chiu leverages her background in tax planning to alert clients of possible tax consequences when considering transfers within their estate plan.

### EDUCATION

- » Ms. Chiu graduated cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles.
- » She received a full scholarship as a Dean's Scholar to Loyola Law School in Los Angeles where she served as an editor of the Entertainment Law Review.

### COMMUNITY

Ms. Chiu is an active member of the legal community and has served in the chambers of the Honorable James V. Selna (United States District Court, Orange County), is certified with the State Bar of California, and a member of the Orange County Bar Association (Trusts & Estates Section). She also serves at her local church as a teacher in the kindergarten class.

### SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

- » Ms. Chiu has written several articles including the following:
  - » "The Art of the Buy-Sell" *Western Real Estate Business*, November 2009.
  - » "Salvaging an Upside-Down Real Estate Partnership" *Real Estate Southern California*, September/October 2009
- » Ms. Chiu frequently speaks on matters related to trusts and estates at various events throughout the year, including at UCI Extension's Financial Planning program.