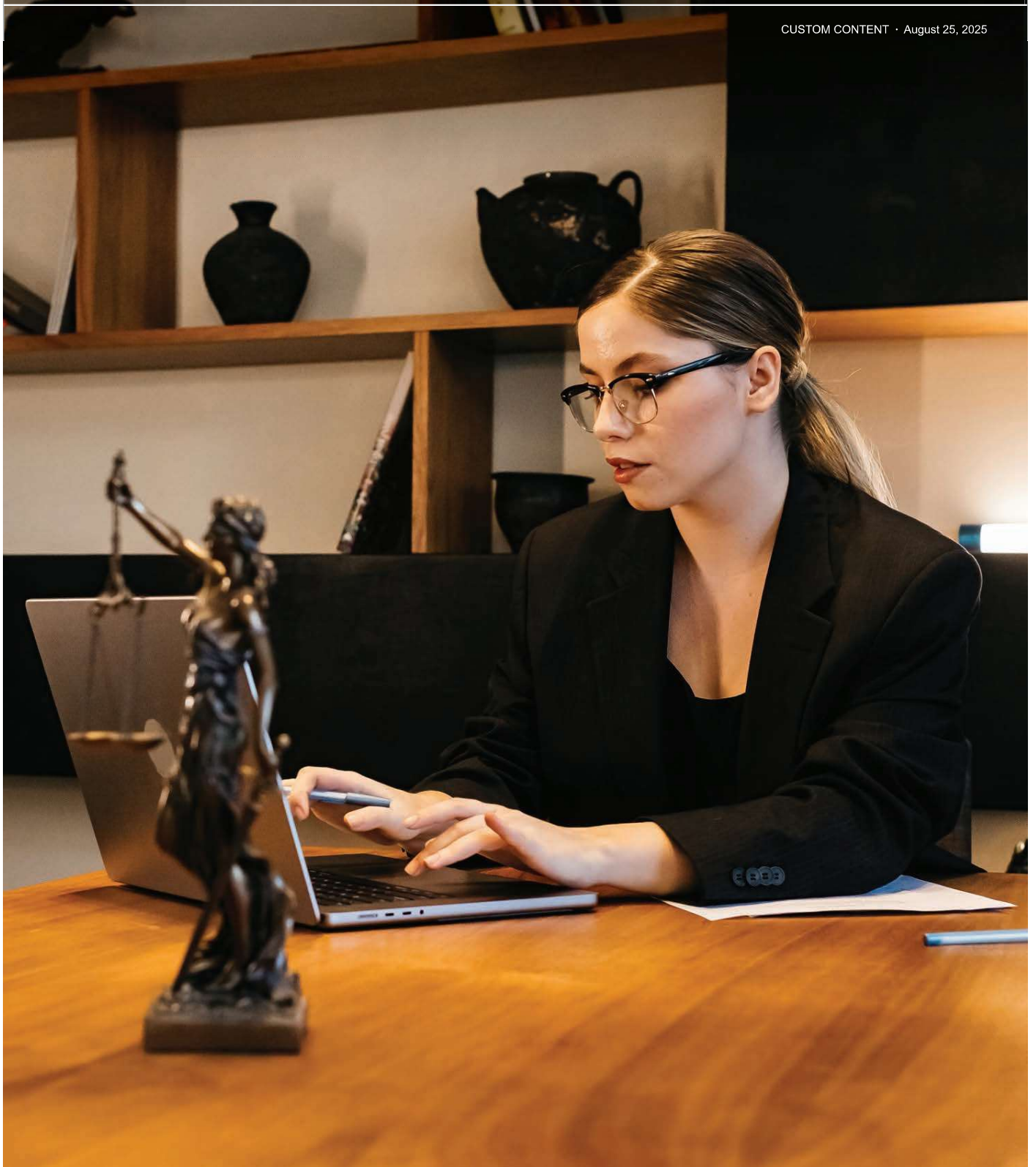


LEADERS OF INFLUENCE WOMEN IN LAW

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Celebrating FBT's Orange County Women Attorneys

FBT actively supports leadership development, mentorship, and career advancement for women attorneys—creating a workplace where diverse perspectives drive innovation, results, and impact.



Pictured: Claudia Coleman (Senior Associate), Jillyn Hess-Verdon (Partner), Barbara Tang (Partner)
Not Pictured: Holly Gilani (Partner), Nadeen Farra (Associate), Minh Hieu Vu (Associate)

California Growth. National Strength.

With continued expansion in California, Frost Brown Todd (FBT) reinforces its long-term commitment to the region, offering innovative legal strategies and a stronger national presence. Our team works hard to build trusted relationships with our clients and community — honoring that trust through responsive service, legal practice discipline, and a client-first mindset.



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2025 WOMEN IN LAW PROFILES



FBT Wealth Planning & Family Office: Tailored Solutions for Generational Success

Frost Brown Todd (FBT) delivers more than legal services—the firm offers a full-spectrum partnership for high-net-worth individuals and closely held business owners. With more than three decades of experience in estate and business planning, Jillyn Hess-Verdon leads FBT's nationwide Family Office Practice with strategic vision, unique insight, and a personal commitment to excellent service.

The FBT team has earned a reputation for guiding high net worth families and individuals through the wide-ranging complexities of generational wealth. Hess-Verdon's ability to coordinate seamlessly across disciplines—including tax, real estate, and general business matters—ensures that every client receives holistic, forward-thinking solutions and benefits from the collective knowledge spread across other firm practice groups and offices.

Celebrating differences, championing equitable opportunities, and maintaining an inclusive environment are a part of the fabric of FBT and things the firm views as essential to driving great results and delivering exceptional client value. Beyond her legal acumen, Hess-Verdon is a passionate advocate for women in law, mentoring rising professionals, and fostering a culture of empowerment and inclusion across the firm. FBT actively supports leadership development, mentorship, and career advancement for women attorneys—creating a workplace where diverse perspectives drive innovation, results, and impact.

FBT's Family Office Practice's core service offerings are designed to meet the evolving priorities and strategic goals of business owners and families with complex financial and legal needs.

Estate & Succession Planning

FBT crafts sophisticated estate plans using tools such as living trusts, dynasty trusts, and family partnerships. For business owners, the firm provides succession planning that ensures leadership transitions are smooth, tax-efficient, and aligned



with long-term goals. Probate and trust administration services are delivered with empathy and precision—helping families navigate legal complexities during emotionally challenging times. The team also assists with postmortem tax planning and court filings, ensuring every detail is handled with care.

Outside General Counsel Services

FBT's Outside General Counsel (OGC) Practice offers a flexible alternative to in-house counsel. The OGC team advises on contracts, compliance, intellectual property, HR, litigation, and more—empowering business owners to focus on growth while FBT handles legal complexities. This model allows clients to access high-level legal guidance tailored to their specific needs, backed by a team that understands their business inside and out.

Mergers & Acquisitions

FBT's M&A team advises clients on wide-ranging transactions, from exit planning to acquisitions. The firm coordinates tax planning, QSBS structuring, and wealth transfer strategies—ensuring every deal supports the client's vision and values. The team brings a meticulous, business-oriented approach with a wealth of valuable experience to every transaction.

Real Estate & Charitable Planning

FBT supports clients in managing and expanding their property portfolios through acquisitions, financing, leasing, 1031 exchanges, and intergenerational transfers. The firm delivers strategies that help sophisticated developers and families inheriting investment real estate preserve wealth and minimize tax exposure. FBT also advises on charitable giving strategies, including foundations and charitable trusts, helping clients align philanthropy with personal values and long-term financial goals.

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Accustomed to high-stakes litigation, our accountants regularly testify as expert witnesses, lending credibility to financial claims. We understand courtroom dynamics and the importance of conveying complex financial matters in a clear and convincing manner, especially while under cross-examination.

CONCLUSION

For litigators handling complex financial cases, partnering with an experienced forensic accountant is paramount. By leveraging their expertise, litigators can strengthen their arguments, protect their clients' interests, and enhance their chances of success.