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Main Bio

Sarah Roa is a private client services associate in the Orange County office who focuses her practice on estate planning, assisting clients through the utilization of complex techniques, trust administration and California probate. Sarah also has experience advising clients on federal, state and local tax matters.

Education

- University San Diego School of Law (LL.M. in Taxation)
 - RJS Tax Law Scholarship
 - Dean's Tax Scholar Award for the highest cumulative GPA in the LLM Program
- University San Diego School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Dean's Honor Scholarship
 - Qualcomm Intellectual Property Scholarship
 - CALI Award in Civil Procedure and Evidence
 - Intramural Mock Trial Tournament, First Place
 - Law Achievement Scholarship
 - Alumni Torts Moot Court Tournament, Finalist
 - San Diego Law Review, Comments Editor Executive Member
 - Moot Court, Associate Member
 - Intellectual Property Law Association, 1L Representative & Social Chair
 - Student Bar Association, Honor Code Committee
 - Merit Scholarship
 - Student Leadership Scholarship
 - Aberle Family Scholarship
- University of California, San Diego (M.S., Chemistry)
- Loyola Marymount University (B.S., Biochemistry, *magna cum laude*)
 - LMU Arrupe Scholarship; Dean's List
 - RAINS Undergraduate Research Grant
 - Associated Students of LMU

- Gender Sexuality Alliance

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
 - Trusts and Estates Section
 - Tax Section

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Designing Children: Tort Liability for Medical Providers in the Era of CRISPR/Cas-9 Genetic Editing](#)," Author, Mitchell Hamline Law Review Volume 47 (2021)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Snell & Wilmer Pro Bono Award (2023)
- [2022 Top Champion of DEI in the Law of OC](#), Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law (2022)

Community Involvement

- Public Law Center
 - U-Visa Program for Victims of Serious Crimes, Pro Bono Attorney (2022-Present)

Previous Professional Experience

- Dentons, Extern
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, Judicial Extern for the Honorable William V. Gallo
- University of San Diego School of Law, Teaching Fellow for Lawrence Alexander, LLB
- University of San Diego School of Law, Research Assistant for Dov Fox, Ph.D., JD, LL.M.
- University of California, San Diego, Teaching Assistant
- University of California, San Diego, Graduate Research Fellow for Dr. Jerry Yang, Ph.D.
- Loyola Marymount University, Teaching Assistant
- Loyola Marymount University, Undergraduate Research Fellow for Dr. Jeremy McCallum, Ph.D.

Bar Admissions

- California