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Akane Suzuki's practice focuses on all facets of the estate planning process, from basic planning for families with children to international estate planning, complex trusts, gifting strategies, family business succession planning, and charitable giving including family foundations. In addition, she handles probate and trust administration. She is fluent in Japanese and is very active in the local Japanese community. She is a frequent speaker for community groups and professional groups.

Ms. Suzuki is the Chair of the Estate Planning, Probate, and Estate Litigation Group of Garvey Schubert Barer, and currently serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Services

- ▶ Estate Planning and Probate
- ▶ Tax
- ▶ Federal Tax
- ▶ Charitable and Tax-Exempt Organizations

Education

- ▶ New York University School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 2000
- ▶ University of Washington School of Law, J.D., with honors, 1999
 - ▶ Executive Editor of Notes and Comments, *Washington Law Review*
- ▶ Lewis & Clark College, B.A., East Asian Studies, with honors, 1995

Admissions

- ▶ Washington, 2000

Professional Recognition

- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Review Rated
- ▶ Named in Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, 2012
- ▶ Named by peers to *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Trusts and Estates, 2011-2012
- ▶ Named by peers as a "Super Lawyer" in *Washington Law & Politics* magazine, 2010-2011
- ▶ Named by peers as one of the "Rising Stars" of Washington law in *Washington Law & Politics* magazine, 2003-2006 and 2009
- ▶ Selected as one of *Puget Sound Business Journal's* "Forty Under 40" for professional accomplishments and community involvement, 2009

Languages

- ▶ Japanese

Professional Activities

- ▶ Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- ▶ Officer and Co-Founder of the Seattle Chapter, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- ▶ Member, Washington Women in Tax
- ▶ Executive Committee Member, Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section
- ▶ Member, Washington State Bar Association Tax Section
- ▶ Member, King County Bar Association
- ▶ Member, King County Bar Association Probate and Policy Manual Committee
- ▶ Member, Asian Bar Association of Washington

Community Activities

- ▶ Former Board Member, Japan Business Association of Seattle
- ▶ Founding Board Member, Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle (MAMAS)
- ▶ Member, Japan-America Society of the State of Washington
- ▶ Member, Nichibei Women's Network
- ▶ Volunteer Speaker, Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS)

Events

- ▶ "Planning for Clients with Non-U.S. Assets," Real Property Probate & Trust Section, Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA, June 8-10, 2012
- ▶ "Using Income and Estate Tax Treaties," 5th Annual Pacific Rim Conference, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Santa Monica, CA, May 3-4, 2012
- ▶ "Exploring the Canadian/U.S. Tax Implications of Gifting," National Conference, The Canadian Association of Gift Planners, Victoria, B.C., Canada, April 18-20, 2012
- ▶ 2011 Estate Planning Seminar: What is the Legislature Doing to Your Estate Plan?, Garvey Schubert Barer, Seattle, WA, November 9, 2011
- ▶ "Japanese Gift and Inheritance Laws," Seattle Chapter, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Seattle,

WA, June 2011

- ▶ "U.S. - Canada Estate and Gift Tax Issues," University of Washington Law School Tax LL.M. Program , Seattle, WA, May 24, 2011
- ▶ "Washington State Estate Tax Update," Washington Women in Tax Seminar, Seattle, WA, May 18, 2011
- ▶ "Make Your Charitable Giving Wishes Come True," The Seattle Public Library Foundation, Seattle, WA, March 22, 2011
- ▶ "Perspectives on 'Bombproofing' the Estate Plan," 55th Annual Estate Planning Seminar, Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle, WA, November 1-2, 2010
- ▶ 2010 Estate Planning Seminar: Who Can Fill Your Shoes?, Garvey Schubert Barer, October 21, 2010
- ▶ 2010 Estate Planning Seminar: Who Can Fill Your Shoes?, Garvey Schubert Barer, October 19, 2010
- ▶ "Ethical Considerations in Estate Administration," 7th Annual Trust and Estate Litigation Seminar, Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section CLE, Red Lion Hotel, Seattle, WA, March 12, 2010
- ▶ "Post-Mortem Trust Planning," Sophisticated Probate Strategies, National Business Institute, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, WA, December 17, 2009
- ▶ "Dealing with Out-of-state and International Property," Washington State Bar Association Advanced Probate CLE, Seattle, WA, December 8, 2009
- ▶ "Civil Dispute Management," King County Bar Association and Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA, December 4, 2009
- ▶ "Estate Planning for Japanese Nationals Living in the U.S.," Japan Business Association, Seattle, WA, November 20, 2009
- ▶ "Ethical Considerations When Dealing with Family Members and/or Fiduciaries of an Elderly Client," Advising Estate Planning and Probate Clients, Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, WA, November 18, 2009
- ▶ Aging Well: Planning for Common Aging Issues, Garvey Schubert Barer, Seattle, WA, November 4, 2009
- ▶ "Trust and Estate Ethics," Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Mid-Year Meeting and Seminar, Seattle, WA, June 12-14, 2009
- ▶ "Working with Financial, Tax, and Legal Advisors," Nichibei Women's Network, Issaquah, WA, June 14, 2008
- ▶ "Aging in America," Nikkei Concerns, Seattle, WA, June 7, 2008
- ▶ "Advanced LLC Issues," National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, December 18, 2007

Publications

- ▶ "Form 1099 Reporting: Two Burdensome Rules Repealed, But Some Traps Remain," Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update, May 2011.
- ▶ "Summary of Changes in Federal Estate and Gift Taxes," Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update, January 26, 2011.
- ▶ "IRS Approves Income-Splitting for Registered Domestic Partners Subject to Community Property Laws," Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update, June 10, 2010.
- ▶ "2010 Estate Tax and Related Tax Law Changes," Garvey Schubert Barer Legal Update, January 29, 2010.
- ▶ "Can You Inherit Debt?," *You Maga*, November 2009.
- ▶ "Basic Estate Planning and Probate Japanese-language Column," *Junglecitey.com*,

2004-2005; 2009.

- ▶ "Trust and Estate Ethics," Paper presented at Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Midyear Meeting and Seminar, Seattle, Wash., June 12-14, 2009.
- ▶ "Estate Planning Practice Alert," *WSBA Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Newsletter*, Winter 2007/2008.