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The 2021 Mortimer H. Hess Memorial Lecture: "It's a Thriller! Lessons Learned from the Estate of Michael Jackson and the potential impact of New York's new Post-Mortem Right of Publicity"

Monday, September 13, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Speaker Bios

MODERATOR AND SPEAKER:

Sharon L. Klein, President, Family Wealth, Eastern U.S. Region, Wilmington Trust, N.A., New York, New York.

Sharon is responsible for overseeing the delivery of all Wealth Management Services by teams of professionals, including planning, trust, investment management, family governance and education, family office, and private banking services. Sharon also heads Wilmington Trust's National Divorce Advisory Practice. Forbes features Sharon as a top Advisor in 2021 in two separate categories: One of the Top 100 Women Wealth Advisors in America, and a Best-In-New York Wealth Advisor. Crain's named Sharon to its 2020 inaugural list of the Most Notable Women in Financial Advice. In 2018, she was honored by the UJA-Federation of New York Lawyers Division for her contributions to the Trusts & Estates community and the community at large. Sharon is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and has received the Accredited Estate Planner Designation from the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils. Sharon will be inducted into the Estate Planning Hall of Fame in 2021. Sharon delivered the 2018 Mortimer H. Hess Memorial Lecture.

SPEAKERS:

Thomas W. Abendroth, Partner, Schiff Hardin LLP, Chicago, Illinois

Tom is a partner and the practice group leader of the firm's Private Clients, Trusts and Estates Group. He concentrates his practice in the fields of estate planning, federal taxation, and business succession planning. He is a 1984 graduate of Northwestern University

School of Law, and received his undergraduate degree from Ripon College, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees. Tom has contributed numerous articles to industry publications, and is a frequent speaker on tax and estate planning topics at banks and professional organizations. In addition, he is a co-presenter of a monthly teleconference series on estate planning issues presented by the American Bankers Association. Tom has taught at the American Bankers Association National Graduate Trust School since 1990. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Jeryll S. Cohen, Partner, Freeman Freeman & Smiley, LLP, Century City, California

Jeryll S. Cohen is a partner and Co-Chair of the firm's Trust and Estate Litigation Department. Her practice focuses on complex trust and estate administration and estate planning as well as dispute resolution with regard to trusts and estates, conservatorships and guardianships. She has particular expertise in issues arising from careers in the music and film industries, including the valuation and post-mortem administration and distribution of intellectual property rights. Among Jeryll's representative matters is the probate administration of the Estate of Michael Jackson. Jeryll has been named in the Best Lawyers in America® in the fields of Trusts and Estates, and Trusts and Estates Litigation for twelve consecutive years (2010-2021). She has also been named to the Southern California Super Lawyers list for thirteen consecutive years (2009-2021).

Mark Roesler, Founder, CMG Worldwide, Inc., West Hollywood, California

Mark Roesler is the founder of CMG Worldwide, Inc., one of the most prominent and well known entertainment agencies in the world. In a CBS 60 MINUTES episode about CMG & Roesler, television journalist Steve Kroft said, "No other agent in the world represents more famous people than Mark Roesler. Stroll down Hollywood Boulevard with him, and he'll point out 62 of his clients who are immortalized with their own stars on the 'Walk of Fame,' stars such as Errol Flynn, Gloria Swanson and Ginger Rogers." During his 40 year career, Mark has represented and worked with over 1,700 of the most famous celebrities and/or their estates, including icons Elvis Presley, Norman Rockwell, Sophia Loren, Michael Jackson, Hugh Hefner and Marilyn Monroe. He is credited with almost single handedly establishing the rights for deceased celebrities, and is recognized around the world for his groundbreaking efforts in establishing those rights.