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# Year-End Tax and Estate Planning

*(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit\*)*

## Get answers to YOUR questions:

- Estate Planning in a down economy – the “step down” in basis
  - Post-election Tax Planning
  - Tax steps to take before year-end
  - New tax issues for 2009
  - Current status of the repeal of the Federal Estate Tax
  - What estate planning will be needed if the Federal Estate Tax is repealed
  - Common tax traps to be avoided
- ... And more



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## SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, November 12, 2008**
- **8:00 am – 9:00 am**
- **Seminar will be held at our office**  
16633 Ventura Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Encino, CA 91436
- Light breakfast will be served
- Parking validated
- This is the next in a series of seminars presented by Lewitt Hackman

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### Some Recent Professional and Community Activities of Our Lawyers

- **Tal Grinblat** and **David Gurnick** were certified by the State Bar of California as legal specialists in Franchise and Distribution Law. Tal and David are currently the only certified specialists in Southern California in this field and are among only seven such specialists in the entire State of California.
- **Sue Bendavid** completed a one year term as President of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. At the annual dinner, **Lewitt Hackman** received an award in recognition of the firm's outstanding support for the Bar Association.
- **Andrew L. Shapiro** obtained a six figure settlement for a client who was injured in a car accident. The client is a high school football coach. The settlement compensates him partly for not being able to do his job as he did before the accident.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted a client in negotiating a letter of intent to sell a family business and assisted a client in negotiating and finalizing terms of a long term lease.
- **Stephen T. Holzer** was installed as President of the Valley Community Legal Foundation of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. The Foundation raises money for children's projects.
- As chair of the Family Law Section of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, **Michele Robins** has been involved in efforts to pass legislation on attorneys being able to access client records in paternity cases. The Legislature recently passed the legislation and the new law takes effect in 2009.
- The Executive Committee of the State Bar of California's Business Law Section approved **Tal Grinblat's** appointment as Chair of the Franchise Law Committee. Tal's term as chair started September 28, 2008.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** was lead counsel for a local, non-profit client in its issuance of a \$20,000,000 tax exempt bond offering. The offering was made through the California Statewide Communities Development Authority and involved lawyers in several states, state and local governments, and multi-national corporations, who purchased the tax exempt bonds and insured a prior offering by the client. The proceeds of the offering will be used by the client to build educational facilities.
- **Sue Bendavid** convinced the Labor Commissioner's office to summarily dismiss a wage claim on behalf of a client before the matter was even set for trial.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted several clients in forming corporate and limited liability company entities. One matter, in which **Michael Hackman** assisted, included preparing a unique operating agreement with attention to complex tax issues.
- **Keith T. Zimmet**, representing a shopping center, completed the negotiation of a long term lease with a multi-national tenant who has locations in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Puerto Rico. The negotiations resolved issues unique to the particular tenant without impacting other tenants of the shopping center.
- **Sue Bendavid's** "Ask the Lawyer" column entitled "*Court Rules For Forms on Breaks*" was published in the Los Angeles Daily News.
- **Michelle S. Robins** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** volunteered as family law mediators for the Los Angeles Superior Court.
- Paralegals **Sarah Thrift** and **Amy Bernardino**, Co-Chairs of the San Fernando Valley section of the Los Angeles Paralegal Association, recently organized and hosted LAPA's continuing legal education program at The Stand in Woodland Hills.