

invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar

Year-End Tax and Estate Planning

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit)*

- What has Congress Done (or What Will Congress Do)?
- Will the Estate Tax be Repealed in 2010?
- Estate Planning if there is a Repeal
- New Tax Issues for 2010
- Estate Planning in a Distressed Economy
- Tax Traps to be Avoided
- ... And more



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SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**
- **8:00 am – 9:00 am**
- **Seminar will be held at our office**
16633 Ventura Boulevard, 11th 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

■ **Paul C. Bauducco** and **Nicholas Kanter** helped a client settle a case involving disputed ownership and liens in a condominium project. The Firm's client was able to keep undisputed ownership of condominium units worth more than \$1 million.

■ **John B. Marshall** and **Kevin E. Rex** assisted a client in negotiating and executing an asset sale agreement whereby the firm's client agreed to sell substantially all of its assets, which includes two hospitals, for an amount which the Purchaser currently estimates to be approximately \$170,000,000.

■ **David Gurnick** and **Tal Grinblat**, together with counsel in South America, assisted an international consulting firm in preparing notices to protect confidential manuals, and to protect copyright rights under laws of Brazil and other nations.

■ **Sue Bendavid** and **Nicole Kamm** assisted a corporate client in settling a pregnancy discrimination and harassment claim for a small fraction of the plaintiff's demand.

■ **Stephen T. Holzer** was installed for a second term as President of the Valley Community Legal Foundation. The Foundation is a charity that raises money and contributes to causes that support respect for law, adoptions, scholarships and other worthy causes.

■ **Michael Hackman** and **Paralegal Gloria Schwartz** obtained a Court Order authorizing the transfer of approximately thirty bank and securities accounts to trustees for the trust of a deceased client, without a formal probate administration. Mike and Gloria obtained the Court Order on a rush basis to help the estate pay its estate taxes.

■ In a contentious matter, **Michelle S. Robins** helped a client obtain a court order requiring the other party to

have a child custody monitor present during visits with the couple's child.

■ **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted a client in restructuring a line of credit that involved a corporate client's real property and personal property assets.

■ **Kevin E. Rex** and **Leon Lewitt** previously assisted a client in selling a majority interest in the client's business to a private equity firm. Approximately one year later, Kevin and Leon were able to assist the client in selling the client's remaining interest in the business on favorable terms.

■ **Tal Grinblat** and Paralegal **Amy Bernardino** assisted a client in registering copyrights on an urgent basis so the client could bring an infringement action in federal court. The client's action concerned infringement of proprietary software and received substantial press coverage in the Wall Street Journal and other media.

■ **Barry T. Harlan** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** won an emergency request in court to let the firm's client resume employment. In divorce proceedings, the other spouse tried to fire the client from the couple's business. Barry and Vanessa obtained a court order letting the client return to work with reinstatement of pay.

■ **David Gurnick** was elected and installed as Treasurer of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. David also chairs the Association's Litigation Section.

■ **Nicole Kamm** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** hosted a women's networking and marketing group at the firm. The guest speaker was Suzi Weiss-Fischmann, co-founder of internationally known cosmetic line OPI.

■ **Tal Grinblat's** article, "*Trademark Protection for More Than Your Name and Logo*" was published in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. The article discussed unusual trademarks that can be protected, like sound, scents, motion and 3-D marks.