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Awards

Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan

“Business Leader of the Past 10 Years”

One of the most venerable law firms in the Valley, the 35-year old practice of Encino-based **Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan**, has managed to balance stability with constant growth, having increased its business 75 percent over the last five years.

While many firms in the Valley handle smaller matters for local companies, Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan has taken on a variety of cases from companies all over the United States, both big and small.

“One of our biggest triumphs has been our ability to handle large transactions the same way that any large firm would, which is fairly unusual in the Valley,” Keith Zimmet, the firm’s managing shareholder and commercial law department chair,

said. “We represent everything from small companies to those in the Fortune 500 companies. We conduct transactions anywhere from several millions of dollars to hundreds of millions. And it runs throughout every part of our practice.”

And as can be expected, much of the firm’s success can be attributed to its hard-working attorneys who have helped build the firm and made it an institution in the Valley.

“We’re a very stable firm and we’ve been here for a long time,” Barry Harlan, one of the firm’s shareholders and the chair of its family law department, said. “Some of our shareholders have been in the same office for 35 years. We’re committed to the Valley, we’ve renewed our lease 10 years and renovated the suite. We have a very good personality mix

among the attorneys, which we think is very important.”

In the future, the firm is looking to expand into even more areas of practice and continue the steady growth that has characterized its 35-year history.

“The vision is to continue to expand our practice areas to better serve our clients,” Zimmet said. “Our client base is beyond the Valley, but includes many Valley clients. The sophistication of our Valley clients is growing exponentially and we need to keep up with it.”



Managing Shareholder:
Keith Zimmet

The awards recognized specific businesses and professionals who have “shaped the local region over the past 10 years and are preparing it for the future.”

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