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invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar

Move the Fence! Encroachments and other "Neighborly" Issues

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit*)

- What is the current law affecting encroachments?
- What are my rights if my neighbor's Jacuzzi is on my property?
- What if my Jacuzzi is on my neighbor's property?
- How do I enforce my rights or defend claims against me? ... And more

Presented by





Paul C. Bauducco

SEMINAR DETAILS

- Wednesday, May 14, 2008
- 8:00 am 9:00 am
- Seminar will be held at our office I6633 Ventura Boulevard, Ilth Floor Encino, CA 9I436
- 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

• Sue Bendavid, David Gurnick, Barry T. Harlan, Stephen T. Holzer and Michelle S. Robins were named as Southern California Super Lawyers for 2008. This honor is the result of a rigorous independent peer review evaluation and selection process which names only 5% of the lawyers in the State. The list of Southern California Super Lawyers is published annually in the Los Angeles Times.

■ Tal Grinblat was honored by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal for accomplishments in franchise and distribution law. Tal was one of the Journal's "40 Under 40" honorees, all under age 40, each recognized for achievements in their field.

Barry T. Harlan and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** settled a complex divorce case involving thirteen joined corporations. The parties are now able to put three years of litigation and other matters behind them and move on with their lives.

• Keith T. Zimmet assisted a client in completing the acquisition of a United States Hockey League team located in lowa, and in acquiring the arena in which the team plays.

• Kevin E. Rex assisted a client in negotiating a major contract with a large retailer to distribute the client's products.

David Gurnick helped a prominent restaurant franchisor negotiate with the U.S. Small Business Administration over changes to its form of franchise agreement, resulting in the SBA being willing to guarantee a loan to a new franchisee.

• Stephen T. Holzer presented a seminar on developments in Toxic Mold liability for the Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association.

■ Paul C. Bauducco and Nicholas Kanter obtained a Superior Court judgment awarding possession of commercial property to a client of the firm.

• Andrew L. Shapiro recently settled a case for a client who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. The other driver negligently turned in front of the client, striking his motorcycle and causing him to be thrown several feet. Andy disproved false claims of speeding on the part of the Firm's client, and resolved the case for the seven figure policy limits. The compensation will assist the client in paying medical bills and reimburse him for his loss of income due to this accident.

• Sue Bendavid represented a client in a mediation out-ofstate before the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. An independent contractor demanded a six figure sum for claimed sexual harassment by the client's employee. Sue assisted in settling the matter for less than \$10,000.

• Nicole Kamm and David Gurnick won a Superior Court judgment for a client against a security company's owners and employees who robbed the client's home.

• David Gurnick and Nicole Kamm assisted a client in registering a trademark for a martial arts studio. Initially, the government declined the registration, claiming the mark was too descriptive. Nicole and David persuaded the government to reverse itself and register the client's trademark.

• Vanessa Soto Nellis and Michelle S. Robins hosted a roundtable discussion for a professional women's group entitled *"Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Prenuptial Agreements."*

• Sue Bendavid conducted a seminar for the Employer Advisory Council entitled "Sexual Harassment Update for 2008."

David Gurnick's article entitled, *"Franchise Fears,"* was published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, a daily newspaper for the legal community. The article discussed various aspects of franchise law.