

June, 2009

Upcoming Firm Seminars:

Our Firm conducts complimentary seminars for clients and friends on a variety of legal topics. The next seminar is **Wednesday, July 15, 2009** at 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., in the conference facility at our office. The topic will be *“Making the World a Safer Place: Case Studies of Results of Personal Injury Cases.”* If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Michele Avnes, at (818) 907-3281.

Some Recent Professional and Community Activities of Our Lawyers:

- **Andrew L. Shapiro** and **David B. Bobrosky** won a jury trial for a client who was injured when police driving on the freeway violated department policy. This month the court awarded the firm's client litigation costs and penalties for the defendants' refusal to accept reasonable settlement offers that were made earlier in the case.
- After extensive negotiations, **Sue M. Bendavid** settled a Department of Labor wage claim against a client for one-fourth of the Department's initial demand.
- In a claim over a fraudulent investment scheme involving limited liability companies, **Paul C. Bauducco** assisted a client in reaching a favorable settlement in which the client recovered substantial sums of money from the defendants.
- **Tal Grinblat** and **David Gurnick** assisted several national and local franchising companies in updating their franchise disclosure documents and renewing their franchise registrations in various states.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted a client in extending the maturity date of substantial outstanding debt. Kevin assisted another client in a real estate purchase.
- A client was sued by an employee for discrimination, wrongful termination and emotional distress. At mediation **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Nicole Kamm** resolved the case for a small fraction of the claim against the client.
- **Steve Mihalovits** and **David Gurnick** obtained a judgment in Superior Court confirming a prior arbitration award against a company on a substantial debt.
- **Michelle S. Robins** and **David Gurnick** assisted a young adult client in settling with his child's mother on arrangements for sharing in the custody, upbringing and support of their child.



- **Paul C. Bauducco** and **Sue M. Bendavid** obtained final court approval of a favorable class action settlement for a restaurant client.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted a landlord in negotiating a long term lease of an industrial building. The multi-decade lease required numerous government approvals and a conditional use permit.
- **David Gurnick** advised multiple franchisor clients on rules for setting prices and price ranges of their franchisees' goods and services. A U.S. Supreme Court decision has given franchisors and other suppliers more flexibility to set or suggest resale prices for branded goods and services.
- **Stephen T. Holzer** presided over the annual "Law Day Gala", which is a fund raising dinner of the Valley Community Legal Foundation. Steve is President of the Foundation, which raises money to honor police and fire fighters, provides scholarships and funds adoptions and waiting rooms for children at the courthouse, and other law-related purposes. **Sue M. Bendavid, David Gurnick, Michael Hackman, Barry T. Harlan, Robert A. Hull, Nicole Kamm, John B. Marshall, Steve Mihalovits, Kevin E. Rex, and Andrew L. Shapiro** also attended the dinner.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** presented a seminar to several companies on hiring and firing, wrongful termination, harassment, discrimination and retaliation. Sue often presents seminars on these subjects to companies who are concerned about legal compliance in their employment practices.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** was elected to the Board of Trustees of Viewpoint School in Calabasas, California. This is the second time Keith was elected to Viewpoint School's Board of Trustees. Keith previously served for 9 years, including 2 years as the Board's Chair.
- **Tal Grinblat** and **David Gurnick** attended the International Franchise Association Legal Symposium in Washington, D.C. David and Tal each served as roundtable discussion facilitators at the Symposium. Tal led the group that focused on subfranchise and area development agreements. David's group addressed non-competition agreements.
- **Michelle S. Robins** was selected to serve on the Editorial Committee of Valley Lawyer Magazine, published monthly by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.
- **Nicole Kamm** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** organized and hosted a networking lunch for young, professional women.