



March, 2010

Firm Seminars:

Our Firm conducts complimentary seminars, in the conference facility at our office, for clients and friends on a variety of legal topics. The next in the series is “**Current Developments in Loan Modifications, Foreclosures, and Short Sales,**” to be held on **Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

If you are interested in attending any future seminar, please R.S.V.P. to Michele Avnes, at (818) 907-3281.

Some Recent Professional and Community Activities of Our Lawyers:

- In an out-of-state franchisor-franchisee arbitration, **David Gurnick** helped litigation counsel analyze California law on covenants not to compete. Despite recent court decisions refusing to enforce restrictive covenants, David identified California Supreme Court and appellate decisions in which covenants not to compete have been enforced.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted one of the Firm’s lending clients in negotiating and documenting its own line of credit. The large credit facility involved funding from federal and local agencies and will allow our client to provide credit line facilities to local businesses.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** helped a client in Germany settle a collection action without having to sue. The settlement was favorable to the client and avoided significant collection and litigation costs. In another matter, Paul settled a real property dispute enabling the Firm’s clients to complete a renovation on their home.
- **Kevin E. Rex** represented an executive of a public company in negotiating severance terms. The deal lets the client negotiate to buy the division in which he worked. Kevin assisted several other clients in forming new entities, including negotiation of new limited liability company operating agreements.
- **Nicole Kamm** and **Sue M. Bendavid** helped settle a case of age and disability discrimination by 29-year worker who was laid off due to the economic downturn.
- **Tal Grinblat** assisted a manufacturer in completing the purchase of a trademark, and recording ownership in the U.S. Trademark Office.
- **Michelle S. Robins** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** were successful in a dispute in Superior Court concerning discovery of documents in a family law case.
- **David Gurnick** assisted a hair care products maker in amicably solving a dispute over termination of a distributor. The distributor agreed to accept termination following a short transition period.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted a nationally recognized artist in negotiating an agreement with one of the United States’ largest collectible companies. As a result of the new agreement, our client’s paintings will appear on a series of collectible plates to be sold through print and electronic media throughout the world.



- **Kevin E. Rex** and **David Gurnick** helped a personal care products manufacturer settle a dispute by completing the buyout of a former shareholder. Earlier the shareholder sought a writ of attachment in Superior Court, which Kevin and David helped defeat.
- **Michael Hackman** joined with a local CPA to speak to the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Business Law Section on Tax Tips for Lawyers.
- **Sue M. Bendavid, David B. Bobrosky, Thomas Cecil, David Gurnick, Stephen T. Holzer, Nicole Kamm, Michelle S. Robins,** and **Andrew L. Shapiro** attended the annual Judges Night Recognition Dinner of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. The dinner honored local Superior Court and bankruptcy Judges.
- **David Gurnick's** article "*Archaic Rules for Modern Lawyers*" was published in Valley Lawyer Magazine.
- Paralegal **Amy Bernardino** was appointed Secretary Pro Tem of the Los Angeles Paralegal Association, and recently Amy and Paralegal **Sarah Thrift** organized a program for the Association on using trial presentation software. Amy and Sarah serve as Co-Chairs of the Association's San Fernando Valley Section.
- Family law lawyers **Barry T. Harlan** and **Michelle S. Robins** presented a program to the Family Law Section of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association entitled "*What's New in 2010? New Judges, New Cases, New Laws*". Numerous judicial officers as well as attorneys, accountants and other professionals attended the program.
- **Barry T. Harlan** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis'** article "*Achieving Wellness in an Uncertain Economy*" was published in Valley Lawyer Magazine.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Nicole Kamm** presented a seminar entitled New Employment Laws for 2010 to clients and friends of the firm.
- **Tal Grinblat** and **David Gurnick** spoke on franchising law to attorneys at a prominent Southern California patent, trademark and copyright law firm. Tal and David are certified by the State Bar as Specialists in Franchise and Distribution Law.
- **Nicole Kamm's** article "*Bodyguard for Electronic Information*" was published in HR Magazine, a national magazine for Human Resources professionals.
- **Stephen T. Holzer** presided over the United Chambers of Commerce Business Recognition Dinner. The featured speaker was new Los Angeles Chief of Police Charlie Beck. **Tal Grinblat, David Gurnick, Robert A. Hull, Keith T. Zimmet,** and **Paralegal Amy Bernardino** also attended.
- **Michelle S. Robins** attended the Annual Institute of Trial Advocacy presented by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. The program emphasized new strategies for practice in the field of family law.
- **David Gurnick** led a group of Explorers in preparing documents for a mock lawsuit. The firm hosts Explorer Post 1926, for high school and college youths who aspire to careers in law, which is part of an effort to expand diversity in the legal profession.