

April, 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:

- **Kevin E. Rex** and **Robert A. Hull** assisted a dentist, who was called for military duty, in selling his practice. The client wanted to complete the sale before leaving the country. Kevin assisted another client in exercising a “put” right in an operating agreement. Exercising the “put” required the agreement’s other party to buy the client’s interest for a seven figure amount that the firm helped negotiate several years ago.
- **Tal Grinblat** assisted the owner of a national hair care brand in stopping an infringer from using a trademark similar to the client’s registered brand. In another matter, Tal and **Nicholas Kanter** helped a client overcome an objection from the U.S. Trademark Office to registration of the client’s trademark. The Trademark Examiner repeatedly claimed the mark was too descriptive to be registered. Tal and Nick prepared a comprehensive, analytic brief for the Examiner, including customer declarations and other evidence. Their work persuaded the Examiner to register the mark.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** represented a contractor in settling a dispute on favorable terms. The settlement also let the client avoid the time and costs of trial.
- **Barry T. Harlan** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** persuaded a Family Law Judge to deny requests, made by a client’s ex-spouse, for restraining orders and payment of the ex-spouse’s attorneys fees. In another matter, Vanessa helped a client settle an ex-spouse’s request to terminate support. The firm’s client received a lump sum buy-out of the other spouse’s support obligation.
- **David Gurnick** assisted an international provider of river cruises in preparing their form of passenger ticket contract. David assisted a different client in preparing terms and conditions for the sale of themed ocean cruises.



- **Steve Mihalovits** and **David Gurnick** assisted an auto parts distributor to collect past due amounts from a customer. After the customer refused to respond to the client's payment requests, Steve and David filed a lawsuit and motion for a prejudgment attachment. The customer then agreed to arrangements to pay the debt in full.
- **Sue M. Bendavid**, **Paul C. Bauducco** and paralegal **Sarah Thrift** helped resolve a class action lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations. Sue, along with Nicholas Kanter also helped a client with a retaliation and national origin discrimination matter.
- **Vanessa Soto Nellis** volunteered as a mediator in Family Court where she resolved two of the three matters assigned to her. This saved attorneys fees for the parties and helped reduced the court's backlog of cases.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** conducted a webinar for a client on "Top Ten Mistakes Managers Make." The webinar was attended by managers in various states. An article by Sue and **Nicole Kamm** on the same subject, was published in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal.
- **Stephen T. Holzer**, as President of the Valley Community Legal Foundation, spoke at the grand opening of the Children's Waiting Room in the San Fernando Courthouse. **Sue M. Bendavid** also attended. Other speakers included a Los Angeles County Supervisor and the Court's Supervising Judge.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** was the guest speaker for a client sponsored roundtable discussion for its clients on pertinent employment law issues. Presidents, HR Directors and other management employees were able to submit questions, both in advance and at the seminar, and obtain answers pertinent to their businesses.
- **Vanessa Soto Nellis** and **Nicole Kamm** hosted a Woman to Woman networking meeting at the firm. Entrepreneur members of the organization shared secrets to success.
- **Lewitt Hackman** was a sponsor and **Sue M. Bendavid** was an award presenter at the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's HR Director awards, while **Nicole Kamm** served on the award selection committee. Sue, Nicole, **Robert A. Hull**, **Nicholas Kanter**, **Vanessa Soto Nellis**, **Andrew L. Shapiro**, and **Keith T. Zimmet** attended the awards presentations.