

Lewitt Hackman invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar:

Real Estate & Construction Litigation: Preventative Measures, Rights & Remedies

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Whether expanding, improving or installing, home owners and commercial property owners alike should be aware of potential pitfalls before starting major construction and landscape projects. **John B. Marshall** and **Paul C. Bauducco** will provide information re:



John B. Marshall, Esq.
Chair, Health Care Practice Group;
Co-Chair, Real Estate Practice Group



Paul C. Bauducco, Esq.
Chair, Business Litigation Practice Group
Shareholder, Real Estate Practice Group

- **Choosing a Contractor**
- **Double-Checking the Agreement**
- **Payments & Lien Releases**
- **Addressing Defects**
- **Zoning**
- **Building Codes**
- **Neighborhood Regulations**
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (Granny Flats)**
- **Numerous Legislative Changes**

Limited seating. Please **RSVP at lewitthackman.com/events**.
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- **Thursday, September 20, 2018**
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- at Lewitt Hackman
- Light Breakfast Served
- Parking Validated
- No Charge to Attend

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** CPE Credit: This is a Group-Live seminar requiring no prerequisites or advance preparation. You will receive basic information about recent changes to federal and state laws pertaining to real estate and construction law. Lewitt Hackman is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy on the National Registry of DPE Sponsors. State Boards of accountancy have final authority on acceptance of courses for credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors: www.learningmarket.org. For more information regarding program cancellation policies or any other concerns, please contact Michele Avnes of our office at (818) 907-3281.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to our **2018 Southern California Super Lawyers**, including: **Michael Hackman** (Tax); **Andrew L. Shapiro** and **David B. Bobrosky** (Personal Injury); **Paul C. Bauducco** (Business Litigation), **Sue M. Bendavid** (Employment & Labor); **Stephen T. Holzer** (Environmental); **Barry Kurtz**, **David Gurnick**, and **Tal Grinblat** (Franchise & Dealership); **Kira S. Masteller** (Estate & Probate); and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** and **Lynn Soodik** (Family Law). To be selected, our attorneys were first nominated by other lawyers and then subjected to a 12-point peer review process.

Congratulations to **Nicole Kamm**, once again named one of the *Up-and-Coming Top 100* and *Top 50 Women Attorneys* in Southern California by *Super Lawyers Magazine's Rising Stars Edition*. Also named to the *2018 Rising Stars* list for Employment and Labor are **Hannah Sweiss** and **Nicholas Kanter** for Business Litigation. In Franchise and Dealership Law, **Samuel C. Wolf** and **Matthew J. Soroky** were so designated.

Barry Kurtz (Certified Specialist in Franchise & Distribution) was named *Attorney of the Year* by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal* at their annual *Trusted Advisors Awards* event. Barry was previously named a *Trusted Advisor* in 2012 and 2015.

Tal Grinblat and **Samuel C. Wolf** identified a restaurant owner who adopted a similar name to our client's registered trademark. Tal and Sam resolved the issue by convincing the infringing mark owner to change the name, thus bypassing need for our client to engage in litigation.

We are growing! **Peter L. Ente** joined our Tax and Corporate Practice Groups as Senior Counsel. **Taylor M. Vernon** joined our Franchise & Distribution and Corporate Practice Groups as an Associate.

Veronica R. Woods represented our client in a dissolution matter to resolve the entire case resulting in a very favorable outcome for our client. The parties' estate is valued at over \$22 million.

Kevin E. Rex represented an oil industry client in acquiring a competitor which stores and delivers fuel and lubricants to customers in Southern California. In connection with absorbing this business, Kevin and **John B. Marshall** facilitated the acquisition of two parcels of real property where the competitor then operated.

Melissa L. Mayer (Certified Family Law Specialist) obtained a spousal support order of tens of thousands of dollars per month for our client, in addition to being awarded substantial attorney's fees and forensic accounting fees.

Barry Kurtz and **Katherine L. Wallman** worked with numerous franchisors in creating Franchise Disclosure Documents before expanding into several global markets including Canada, the United Kingdom, and Egypt.

Nicole Kamm and **Hannah Sweiss** expeditiously resolved Private Attorney General Act and Labor Code class actions implementing cost-effective strategies, thus saving our clients significant amounts in potential expense.

Keith T. Zimmet represented a multi-national corporate client in its purchase of one of Orange County's premiere office buildings. The transaction involved parties located on four continents.

Sue M. Bendavid, **Nicholas Kanter**, and **David Gurnick** defeated a motion for class certification filed in two class action lawsuits against the firm's client. Through the motion, the plaintiffs sought to certify wage and hour claims on behalf of over 500 delivery drivers. Sue, Nick, and David persuaded the Court that the drivers' claims were not suitable for class treatment. As a result, the plaintiffs can no longer pursue claims against our client on a class wide basis.

John B. Marshall and **Paul C. Bauducco** negotiated a favorable settlement of a construction defect lawsuit involving the complex remodeling of an expensive home in San Diego, aided by a series of successful motions they brought against the contractor, reducing the damage claims in the case by nearly \$600,000.

Vanessa Soto Nellis (Certified Family Law Specialist) represented a client in contesting a Marital Settlement Agreement and date of separation for the parties. After a 15 day trial, Vanessa and her team succeeded – the Court found for our client on both issues.

Thomas Cecil and **Andrew L. Shapiro** of our Personal Injury Practice Group settled a challenging trip and fall case for over \$2.5 million. Our client lost her footing on a rainy day at the top of a staircase in a commercial building, because of loose "nosing" on the steps which caused her to break her ankle. A series of complications resulted from the injury and subsequent surgery. The seven figure settlement allows our client to obtain better medical care and future peace of mind.

Paul C. Bauducco and **Kira S. Masteller** settled a case in mediation wherein a Trustee who failed to provide the beneficiaries of the Trust with the required annual accounting for sought excessive fees when he finally did so several years later. Paul and Kira's efforts resulted in lower Trustee fees for our clients and a plan of action to obtain future accountings.

David B. Bobrosky obtained a favorable six figure settlement in a difficult liability case in which our client broke her toe when she fell down the stairs in her boyfriend's mother's house. David was able to prove each stair's size was not uniform, causing our client to miss a step.

Nicholas Kanter and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** obtained dismissal of an age and disability discrimination and harassment complaint filed by the ex-employee of our client in the pleading stage.

David Gurnick (Certified Specialist in Franchise & Distribution Law) and **Matthew J. Soroky** represented an out-of-state client that was sued for \$15 million based on claims that its appointment and termination of a Master Dealer in California violated franchise laws of three states. In a five-day arbitration with numerous witnesses, David and Matt showed a panel of arbitrators that the relationship was a dealership, not a franchise.