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## **Immigration:** Generally and its impact on Employment and Family Law

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit\*)

- Potential Liability for Hiring/Continuing to Employ Unauthorized Aliens
- Employer Obligations Under the New I-9 Form
- Completing the New I-9 Form
- Consequences of Failing to Comply with I-9 Regulations
- Immigration Considerations During Divorce
- No-Match Letter Update
  - ... And more



Vanessa Soto Nellis

## SEMINAR DETAILS

- Wednesday, March 12, 2008
- 8:00 am 9:00 am
- Seminar will be held at our office 16633 Ventura Boulevard, IIth Floor Encino, CA 9I436
- Light breakfast will be served
- Parking validated
- This is the next in a series of seminars presented by Lewitt Hackman

Nicole Kamm

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## Some Recent Professional and Community Activities of Our Lawyers

• Stephen T. Holzer and Tal Grinblat helped a themed franchise restaurant solve a dispute with the concept's founder. The settlement lets the firm's client franchise the concept in several states. The client will also recover damages and attorneys fees.

• Nicole Kamm and David Gurnick assisted husband and wife owners of a martial arts studio in protecting their business and brand name. A newcomer planned to open a studio using the same name. Nicole and David persuaded the opposing lawyer that this action would be unlawful.

• Jeremy M. Golan defended a client against a civil harassment restraining order. Jeremy won after a two day hearing that included testimony from seven witnesses.

**Paul C. Bauducco** settled a collection action resulting in the client obtaining substantial funds.

■ Vanessa Soto Nellis and Nicole Kamm served holiday season dinners to homeless women at the Los Angeles Women's Center as part of an annual program of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

**Sue Bendavid-Arbiv**, **Stephen T. Holzer** and **David Gurnick** participated in the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's holiday "Blanket the Homeless" program. Sue, Steve, and David helped distribute more than 2,500 new blankets for homeless people in the San Fernando Valley.

Michael Hackman was recognized by the State Bar of California for 30 years as a State Bar certified specialist in tax law. The firm is also proud of Barry T. Harlan who is a State Bar certified specialist in family law. The State Bar announced that David Gurnick and Tal Grinblat passed the first ever specialization exam given in Franchise and Distribution Law.

• Nicole Kamm's article, "A Gift For You: 2007 Employment Law Wrap-Up" was published in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. Nicole's article discusses new statutes and cases of interest to California employers. • Congratulations to **Sheetal M. Fisher** and her husband Sean. In December, Sheetal gave birth to a bouncing baby girl. It is Sheetal and Sean's first child. Mom, Dad and daughter are doing well.

• Sue Bendavid-Arbiv and Nicole Kamm defended a company in a wrongful termination claim. The plaintiff sought over \$800,000. In a lengthy mediation, Sue and Nicole negotiated a favorable settlement of just over \$10,000.

■ John B. Marshall, Kevin E. Rex and Paralegal Sarah Thrift are assisting in a \$47 Million sale of an Inland Empire hospital owned by the largest Local Healthcare District in California. The sale to Kaiser Foundation Hospitals was recently approved by the District's Board of Directors. John, on behalf of the firm, has been general counsel to the Healthcare District for many years.

• Thomas Cecil persuaded the U.S. State Department to reinstate an immigration petition for a woman who waited 11 years in her home country to join her husband and family in the United States. Previously, the State Department had denied the client's immigration petition.

**Barry T. Harlan** and **Michelle S. Robins** presented a program entitled "New Laws and New Judges for 2008" for the Family Law Section of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

• Michelle S. Robins served as a mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Court.

• Stephen T. Holzer was installed as Chair of the United Chambers of Commerce, an umbrella organization of Chambers of Commerce in the San Fernando Valley.

• Keith T. Zimmet was installed as member of the Board of Directors and as Secretary of The Executives, a support group of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging, an elder care facility in the San Fernando Valley.