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Making the World a Safer Place: Case Studies and Results in Personal Injury Cases

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit)*

- Unsafe Walkways...
- Unsafe Roadways...
- Unsafe Construction Sites...
- Unsafe Consumer Products...
- Unsafe Retail Premises...
- ... And more



Andrew L. Shapiro, Chair



Thomas Cecil



David B. Bobrosky

SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, July 15, 2009**
- **8:00 am – 9:00 am**
- **Seminar will be held at our office**
16633 Ventura Boulevard, 11th Floor
Encino, CA 91436
- Light breakfast will be served
- Parking validated
- This is the next in a series of seminars presented by Lewitt Hackman

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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.
- **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.
- 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.
- **Michelle S. Robins** article "10 Common Misconceptions About Family Law" was the cover story in the March 2009 issue of Valley Lawyer Magazine.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 **Sue M. Bendavid's** article entitled "Layoffs and Terminations in These Troubled Times" was published in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. Sue was also quoted in the SFVBJ on changes in labor law since the inauguration of President Obama.
- **Barry T. Harlan** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** helped obtain termination of a client's spousal support obligation. The client's ex-spouse received a large sum of money that could be used to meet all financial needs. Barry and Vanessa persuaded the court that the support order against the firm's client was no longer necessary.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** and **Sue M. Bendavid** negotiated settlement of a class action alleging that a client misclassified employees as independent contractors.
- **Michael Hackman** received a favorable closing letter from the Internal Revenue Service on a complicated estate tax return where the client might have been responsible for substantial estate taxes.
- **David Gurnick** and **Tal Grinblat's** article on California's Seller Assisted Marketing Plan law was published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, a daily newspaper for the legal community. Another article by David Gurnick on business cooperatives was also published in the Daily Journal.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Nicole Kamm** obtained permanent restraining orders for employees of a corporate client against an ex-employee and his brother who threatened the client's employees.
- **Vanessa Soto Nellis'** article "A 'No Fault' State Beats the Blame Game" was published in The Signal, a daily community newspaper in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- **Kevin E. Rex** and **Robert A. Hull**, worked with an investment banker and accountant to help shareholders of a construction related company sell their business. **Michael Hackman** assisted on tax issues. **John B. Marshall** assisted in real estate aspects of the sale.