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Current Issues for Professional Firms (Accounting, Medical and Law Practices)

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit)*

- Practices and procedures for decision making and meetings
 - Managing voluntary departures from the firm including competition and confidentiality matters
 - Addressing investigations by government licensing organizations
 - Managing involuntary departures from the firm
 - Issues in firm breakups, wind-downs and dissolutions
 - Forming the firm (type of entity; agreements)
- ... And more



Michael Hackman



David Gurnick

SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, September 23, 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

- **John B. Marshall** and paralegal **Amy Bernardino** helped a client meet requirements of 48 states in notifying over 8,000 recipients of a company's information security breach. The notifications had to comply with various state laws and the Federal Trade Commission's new Red Flag Rules.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted a client in negotiating an agreement under which the firm's client will develop, manage, and operate the website for a high profile, internationally recognized entertainer.
- **Stephan Mihalovits** assisted a client in ending an unsatisfactory franchisor-franchisee relationship. Steve responded to a breach of contract claim brought against the client, by showing the other side that their claim could not succeed. The matter was settled and the parties' relationship was ended, to the satisfaction of the firm's client.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** obtained a stipulated judgment from a party who owed money to a contractor represented by the firm. The judgment was for the full amount owed, plus attorney's fees and costs.
- **Michelle S. Robins** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** volunteered as Family Law Mediators at the Los Angeles Superior Court, helping to settle several family law cases.
- **Tal Grinblat** and **David Gurnick** helped a client purchase a valuable trademark from an out-of-state company on favorable terms. Michael Hackman assisted in forming a new entity to make the purchase.
- **Sue Bendavid** and **Nicholas Kanter** persuaded the court to dismiss an employee's claim of intentional infliction of emotional distress allegedly caused by such employee being terminated from employment.
- A client of the firm is involved in two cases: a divorce and a separate civil lawsuit seeking money owed to a company the couple owns. The opposing party sought to have the two cases combined before one judge. **Barry T. Harlan** and **Stephen T. Holzer** persuaded the court that the cases are "unrelated" and should stay in separate courts.
- **Nicholas Kanter** obtained a judgment in an unlawful detainer action awarding possession of property to the firm's client, who had bought the property at a trustee's sale.
- **Stephan Mihalovits** and **David Gurnick's** article, "*Civility Encouraged by Law and State Bar Guidelines*" was published in Valley Lawyer Magazine. The article discusses benefits of remaining civil in litigation and other legal matters.
- Paralegal **Sarah Thrift** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Paralegal Association. Sarah also serves as co-Chair for both the San Fernando Valley section and the October Conference committee, where she focuses on providing quality continuing education opportunities for paralegals.
- **Michael Hackman**, a certified tax specialist, and **Kevin E. Rex** helped a client analyze possible amendment of its stock option plan and agreements in light of new tax laws.
- Paralegal **Amy Bernardino's** article, "*From In-House to Firm: Helpful Tips for Interviewing*", was published as the feature article in the Los Angeles Paralegal Association's monthly newsletter, *Reporter*.
- **Sue Bendavid** obtained a favorable ruling in a claim for unemployment insurance benefits. A worker claimed he was an employee entitled to benefits. The state agency agreed with Sue that the worker was an independent contractor.