

invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar

Franchising In The Current Economy

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit)*

- Franchising Trends and Data
 - Opportunities and Alerts for Franchisees
 - Opportunities and Alerts for Franchisors
 - Financing Franchise Investments
- ... And more



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SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, September 8, 2010**
- **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 **Thomas Cecil** obtained a million dollar settlement for a client who suffered compression fractures in his back when his All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) crashed during a recreational ride. Discovery and extensive investigation under our firm's direction, demonstrated that a small clip was missing or installed incorrectly, which caused the front suspension to collapse.
- **John B. Marshall** and **Kevin E. Rex** assisted in a successful defense to a challenge of a sale of a large health care district's assets. The litigation consumed a full week of trial before the Bankruptcy Court. John was a significant witness at the trial as well as part of the defense team.
- **Barry T. Harlan** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** defeated an ex-spouse's discovery motion in a financial dispute involving a claim of past due support payments. In another dissolution case, Barry and Vanessa won an award of attorney fees for a client, against the client's spouse.
- **Nicole Kamm** presented "Top 10 Management Mistakes ... and How to Avoid Them" to SCORE LA, a nonprofit organization that provides free counseling to new and growing small businesses.
- **Michael Hackman** and **Robert A. Hull**, with assistance from **Keith T. Zimmet**, completed the sale of a medical practice. In addition to the usual commercial and health care law issues arising in such a transaction, the transaction had unique tax issues.
- **David Gurnick** spoke on "Incurable Breaches of Franchise Agreements" at the 43rd International Franchise Association Legal Symposium in Washington D.C. **Tal Grinblat** was a discussion facilitator on the subject of Area Representatives and Developments Agents in the sale of franchises.
- An employee claiming wrongful termination, retaliation and unpaid wages demanded \$1,000,000 in settlement from a corporate client of the firm. In a four day deposition **Sue M. Bendavid** exposed conflicts in the plaintiff's story, and conflicts with written witness statements **Nicole Kamm** had obtained. Sue and Nicole settled the case for less than one percent (1%) of what the ex-employee was demanding.
- In a highly contested custody dispute, **Michelle S. Robins** won a motion allowing the firm's client to bring his young daughter to visit family in another country.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** settled a dispute between a contractor client and the University of California, obtaining \$230,000 for the client and avoiding costs of litigation.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted several clients in structuring potential investments and preparing letters of intent to acquire businesses and properties at attractive values.
- **Andrew L. Shapiro, Thomas Cecil, and David B. Bobrosky** successfully recovered \$250,000 for a client hurt in an automobile accident. She had protected herself with her own Underinsured Motorist Insurance Policy, which allowed her to recover full compensation for her injuries, despite the negligent driver's lack of insurance. The matter confirmed our firm's long-standing policy of recommending to our clients that they carry the maximum amount of Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist protection.
- **Barry T. Harlan** negotiated a buy-out of spousal support to help a client permanently end a long term spousal support obligation.
- **Tal Grinblat** represented a poultry producer in recording its federally registered trademark with the U.S. Customs Services. This helps prevent infringement by letting the U.S. Customs Service block imports and seize products that infringe the client's trademarks.
- **Robert A. Hull, Sue M. Bendavid, and Kevin E. Rex** co-authored the article "Courts Side with Non-Solicitation Agreements When Narrowly Defined" that recently appeared in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted a client in the acquisition of real property in California's central valley. The commercial transaction involved the recordation of a new Parcel Map, the rezoning of the property, and obtaining the consent of the local City government.