



July, 2009

Upcoming Firm Seminars:

Our Firm conducts complimentary seminars for clients and friends on a variety of legal topics. The next seminar is **Wednesday, July 15, 2009** at 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., in the conference facility at our office. The topic will be “*Making the World a Safer Place: Case Studies and Results of Personal Injury Cases.*” If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Michele Avnes, at (818) 907-3281.

Some Recent Professional and Community Activities of Our Lawyers:

- **David B. Bobrosky** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** were listed in the recent edition of Los Angeles Magazine as “Rising Stars” by Southern California’s *Super Lawyers*. This recognizes “up and coming” lawyers in the legal community chosen by peers and independent research of Law & Politics Media, Inc. David’s practice focuses on personal injury matters. Vanessa’s practice focuses on family law. **Kevin E. Rex** was previously recognized as a “Rising Star.” In addition, **Sue M. Bendavid**, **David Gurnick**, **Barry T. Harlan**, **Stephen T. Holzer**, **Michelle S. Robins**, **Andrew L. Shapiro**, and **Keith T. Zimmet** have been previously recognized by Southern California *Super Lawyers*, signifying they are among the “top” lawyers in Southern California.
- Lewitt Hackman lawyers successfully settled several employment law claims on favorable terms for clients. On the eve of trial, **Sue M. Bendavid** helped employer clients settle two workers compensation discrimination claims for nominal amounts. After a lengthy mediation, Sue and **Paul C. Bauducco** resolved a sex harassment claim against a major California hospital for a fraction of the potential liability exposure. **Nicole Kamm** helped a clothing manufacturer settle a contentious wrongful termination, assault and battery claim for a small fraction of the plaintiff’s original demand.
- **Barry T. Harlan** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** persuaded a court that a client’s residence should be confirmed as her own separate property, defeating a spouse’s ownership claim.
- **Tal Grinblat** helped a supplier of after-market car stereos negotiate a favorable trademark co-existence agreement. The other party blocked the client’s application to register its mark in the U.S. Trademark Office. The Trademark Office has now approved the client’s mark to move forward toward registration.



- **Nicholas Kanter** and **David Gurnick**, representing a Texas franchisor, persuaded the Los Angeles Superior Court to dismiss a case brought by an ex-franchisee. The court ruled California was not a proper location for this lawsuit and that it had to be brought in Texas.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted several clients in preparing for sales of businesses, including reviewing contracts, corporate minutes, financial statements, employee handbooks and other items that will be disclosed to potential buyers.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Nicole Kamm** persuaded the California Employment Development Department to substantially reduce a tax assessment and waive penalties against a client of the firm.
- The firm represents a restaurant owner in a claim against several parties over permitting and parking at the client's location. The organization that operates the parking lot brought a challenge to the client's claim. The Superior Court agreed with **David Gurnick**, ruling a valid claim has been stated and the case may proceed.
- An article by **Nicole Kamm** was accepted for publication in HR Magazine, a national magazine for human resources professionals.