

invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar

Year-End Tax and Estate Planning

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit)*

- **2010: No Estate Tax and Carryover Basis (Will They Change?)**
- **The Outlook for 2011 (Back to the Future?)**
- **Steps To Consider Before Year End**
- **New Tax Issues for 2011**
- **Estate Planning In a Still-Distressed Economy**
- **... And more**



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SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, December 1, 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**, obtained a \$1 million settlement (maximum available under the insurance policy) for a 70 year old parent of a 43 year old son. The client's son died due to negligence of a driver visiting the United States from a foreign country.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** assisted a client in negotiating a complex series of credit facilities totaling over \$60,000,000. The multi-tiered transaction involved several banks and state agencies, and included traditional credit lines, the issuance of tax exempt revenue bonds as well as letters of credit.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** helped an entertainment company deal with a high profile individual (independent contractor) who claimed to be an employee and asserted several employee claims. Sue helped the client turn a potentially contentious and costly matter into a mutual separation on amicable terms.
- In Family Court, **Michelle S. Robins** defeated a motion brought by an opposing party seeking substantial attorneys fees from the firm's client. The Court denied the other side's motion so that the firm's client was not required to pay the other party any attorneys fees.
- **David Gurnick** advised heirs of a famous American on licensing their late parent's name and likeness. In one license the heirs were able to double the negotiated licensing fee.
- **Barry T. Harlan** gave a presentation on "*Family Law and Estate Planning Cross Over Issues*" to judges and lawyers at the Beverly Hills Bar Association Estate Planning Section
- **Paul C. Bauducco** settled an unlawful detainer case for a commercial client. The settlement included reduced rent for the client and enabled the client to avoid expenses of trial. In another matter, Paul settled a case for an aviation client, also enabling the client to avoid expenses of a trial.
- **Nicole L. Kamm's** article, "*Bodyguard for Electronic Information: Protect Electronic Information with a Comprehensive Policy*," was published in Valley Lawyer magazine. Earlier this year the article was published in HR Magazine, a national publication for human resources professionals.
- **Nicholas Kanter, Tal Grinblat, and David Gurnick** presented a seminar to clients and friends of the Firm entitled "*Franchising in the Current Economy*." A lending officer with Union Bank also participated, speaking on SBA financing of franchise investments.
- **Tal Grinblat** was appointed to another term on the Franchise Law Committee of the State Bar of California. Tal previously served from 2005 to 2009, including a year as committee chair from 2008 to 2009. From 2009 to the present, Tal served as an ex-officio member.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted a client in completing the sale of a multi-million dollar commercial property.
- **David Gurnick** assisted a client in evaluating and negotiating terms to buy a 10 unit area development franchise encompassing several cities in Southern California.
- **Stephen T. Holzer** completed a two year term as President of the Valley Community Legal Foundation. The Foundation is a charitable organization of the San Fernando Valley Legal Community, which raises funds for scholarships and grants.
- **Nicole Kamm** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis**, co-founders of the firm's Women to Women group, hosted a professional networking event with Women in the Entertainment Industry at the RobB OPI Concept Salon in Studio City. Participants enjoyed an evening of manicures and making new connections.
- **David Robert A. Hull** and **Michael Hackman** co-authored an article about administering the estate of a loved one following his or her death. The article can be found on the online site, usobituarieonline.com, at "<https://usobituarieonline.com/pages/legal.php>"