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Common Misconceptions: Marriage, Divorce and Cohabitation

(approved for 1.0 hours of MCLE credit)*

Barry T. Harlan, a California State Bar Certified Specialist in Family Law, **Michelle S. Robins**, and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** will discuss these topics:

- **Common Law Marriage**
- **The Cheating Spouse**
- **Full Disclosure of Assets/Debts**
- **Rights of Cohabiting Individuals**
- **Do I need to pay child support when I can't see my children?**
- **And much more**



Michelle S. Robins
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SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Tuesday, July 24, 2012**
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- **Seminar at Lewitt Hackman**
16633 Ventura Boulevard, 11th Floor
Encino, California 91436
- Light breakfast served
- Parking validated
- No charge to attend

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LEWITT HACKMAN PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES 2012

- Fortune Magazine listed Lewitt Hackman as a **Top Ranked Law Firm in the U.S.** The list appeared in Fortune's 2012 Investor's Guide, and was compiled by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell, based on firm size and percentage of attorneys rated AV Preeminent by members of the bar and judiciary. Less than one-half of one percent of firms in the nation were so selected.
- Barry T. Harlan and David Gurnick were named in the *Southern California Best Lawyers 2012 Edition*, which recently appeared in the Los Angeles Times. Barry is a **Certified Specialist in Family Law**, and David is a **Certified Specialist in Franchise and Distribution Law**, both as designated by the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization.
- Lynn Soodik and Elizabeth A. Erickson joined our Family Law Practice Group in January; and Nicole Kamm returned to our Employment Practice Group in March. Lynn was recently interviewed by 20/20's Elizabeth Vargas regarding celebrity divorces in 20/20's televised special, *Holly-wed*.
- John B. Marshall and Keith T. Zimmet were named Top Rated Lawyers in Real Estate. The listings appeared in *The National Law Journal*, *Corporate Counsel* and *The American Lawyer*.
- Sue M. Bendavid resolved a \$69 Million class action against a California transportation company initiated by more than 1500 current and former employees of our client. Paul C. Bauducco, Nicole Kamm, and Paralegal Sarah Thrift also worked on the alleged wage and hour violations matter. Despite the efforts of the plaintiff's nine attorneys, the Court approved a preliminary settlement which amounts to pennies on the dollar of the initial claims against our client.
- Keith T. Zimmet was lead counsel for a non-profit client in its \$40 Million tax exempt bond offering, made through the California Statewide Communities Development Authority. The transaction involved state and local governments, bankers, lawyers, and accountants in several states, and a qualified institutional buyer who purchased a participation interest in the tax exempt bonds.
- Andrew L. Shapiro, Thomas Cecil and David B. Bobrosky represented the parents of a young woman killed when a Sheriff's patrol vehicle struck her disabled car at 2 a.m. on the freeway. The Sheriff's vehicle was traveling at approximately 90 mph and was NOT involved in a police pursuit. After extensive investigation and litigation, Andy, Tom and Dave obtained a substantial settlement for the family at Mediation. The settlement was just approved by the County Board of Supervisors.
- Nicholas Kanter and Paul C. Bauducco obtained a prejudgment right to attach order for over \$500,000 in favor of a client involved in a breach of contract and fraud case. The order allows the client to secure assets pending final resolution.
- Stephen T. Holzer received the *Outstanding Committee Service Award* from the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and was also appointed the Chair of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's *Committee on Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations*.
- John B. Marshall and Paralegal Lisa Whiting assisted a well-known public company client in successfully completing a \$35 Million bank revolving credit facility. The complex transaction involved multiple types of collateral including receivables, inventory, patents, trademarks, copyrights, and stock of subsidiaries – as well as a number of domestic and foreign subsidiaries. Tal Grinblat assisted with the intellectual property components of the transaction.
- Barry T. Harlan, Vanessa Soto Nellis, Kevin E. Rex and Michael Hackman resolved a division of property matter in a highly complex divorce involving a proposed sale of a multi-million dollar business, after several lengthy settlement conferences. Barry, a **Certified Specialist in Family Law**, and Vanessa handled the family law aspects. Kevin assisted with the business components of the settlement, and Michael, a **Certified Specialist in Tax Law**, assisted in structuring the settlement to resolve complex tax issues.
- Tal Grinblat and David Gurnick led roundtable discussions at the *International Franchise Association Legal Symposium* in Washington D.C. Recently, David was engaged as a franchise law expert in a gas station franchise dispute. Tal became Vice Chair of Legislation of the State Bar's Franchise Law Committee.
- Kira S. Masteller worked with a family with significant real estate holdings to pass the maximum exempt lifetime gift amount available in 2012 (\$5.12M per person) to trusts for adult children, lowering the parents' estate tax exposure in the process.
- Michelle S. Robins won a settlement for a client involving child custody, spousal and child support, and property division issues after months of negotiation in a highly-contested divorce.
- Stephan Mihalovits secured valuable location permits in downtown San Francisco for a food truck client. Persisiting through several months of contentious public hearings led by opposing local restauranteurs, Stephan persuaded the city to issue the permits.
- Kevin E. Rex and Robert A. Hull restructured the ownership of a multi-member, family-owned, limited liability company with significant real property holdings via a series of complex transactions involving cash payments and issuing notes and security. Michael Hackman analyzed the tax aspects of alternative financial structures.