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2015 Year-End Tax, Trusts & Estate Planning

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Your Tax, Trusts and Estate Planning must evolve to effectively maximize benefits. Learn about the latest changes to California and federal law.

1. Basic Estate Planning Strategies
2. Estate Tax Planning
3. New Tax Issues for 2016
4. Myth Busters:
 - a. Wills
 - b. Trusts
 - c. Taxes
 - d. Probate
 - e. Life Insurance



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- **Thursday, November 12, 2015**
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- **at Lewitt Hackman**
- **Light Breakfast Served**
- **Parking Validated**
- **No Charge to Attend**

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

John B. Marshall and **Keith T. Zimmet** represented a long-term corporate client in closing a \$39 Million bank line of credit, which involved the concurrent closing of an international transaction involving multiple entities. The client had multiple subsidiaries in various states, so the transaction required legal coordination in numerous jurisdictions.

Michael Hackman (Certified Specialist in Tax Law) and **David Gurnick** represented a client who received payments on an adjustable promissory note -- but was accused of failing to notify the makers of when interest and payment adjustments were to occur. Mike and David showed that a note payee is not obligated to perform requirements of a note, thus enabling the parties to reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

Kevin E. Rex resolved a shareholder dispute between our clients and a third shareholder. After posturing by both parties, including the filing of a shareholder derivative lawsuit, Kevin was able to negotiate a buy-out of the third shareholder and to get the lawsuit dismissed with prejudice.

Sue M. Bendavid and **Hannah Sweiss** obtained a dismissal from the Labor Commissioner's office for a client accused of not paying an employee all wages that were allegedly owed in a timely manner. The Division of Labor Standards Enforcement dismissed the claim in its entirety, with no award for the plaintiff.

Barry Kurtz, **David Gurnick** (both Certified Specialists in Franchise & Distribution Law), and **Samuel C. Wolf** represented a franchisor that was sued by a terminated franchisee. Our attorneys showed the claim lacked merit, which resulted in the plaintiff's stipulation to dismiss all claims against our client and a six figure judgment against itself.

Stephen T. Holzer and **Tal Grinblat** (a Certified Specialist in Franchise & Distribution Law) worked with a franchisor to resolve a dispute pertaining to supply purchases made by a franchisee. The successful resolution avoided the need for a formal arbitration proceeding and resolved a number of outstanding issues between the parties.

Barry T. Harlan and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** (both Certified Specialists in Family Law) obtained a substantial attorney fee order, spousal support and child support, for a client whose spouse refused to pay any support or attorney fees, despite having assets in excess of \$35 Million.

Jennifer Skolnick (Certified Specialist in Family Law) and **Gabriel A. Wintner** joined our firm this year. Jennifer is a Senior Associate in our Family Law Practice Group, and Gabe is an Associate in our Franchise & Distribution Practice Group.

Barry T. Harlan and **Michelle S. Robins** (Certified Specialists in Family Law) successfully defeated a motion by a well-known entertainer to terminate our client's spousal support payments, based partly on the fact that he had been paying spousal support for nearly 30 years.

Paul C. Bauducco won a motion for summary judgment for a client involved in a power line project, obtaining a dismissal for our client in a case involving a multi-million dollar claim.

Kira S. Masteller worked with a client making a gift of real property to a charity, with very specific maintenance parameters for future use and enjoyment of the property. The client obtained a significant income tax deduction, reduced her estate for estate tax purposes, and provided a way for her family to continue to visit the property from time to time.

Tal Grinblat and **Nicholas Kanter** represented a client in the music streaming business in filing an appeal to a refusal to register the client's mark in Columbia. The appeal required obtaining notarized and apostilled documents which were then incorporated into the appeal with filings in Columbia.

Nicole Kamm and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** convinced the Employment Development Department (EDD) to reduce an assessment of unpaid taxes and penalties to a fraction of the initial amount assessed. The resolution was the result of more than a year of negotiations with the EDD regarding the classification of employees.

Nicholas Kanter and **David Gurnick** filed an anti-SLAPP motion in response to a request for restraining orders sought against our client. Nick and David's motion asked the court to dismiss the restraining order request and award our client attorney fees. The court granted our motion, no restraining order was issued and attorney fees and costs were awarded to our client.

Anthony D. Storm prevailed in an emergency hearing to sequester valuable artwork and furnishings from a spouse who had possession of these assets, and a past history of destroying art work.

Andrew L. Shapiro, **Thomas Cecil** and **David B. Bobrosky** obtained a favorable settlement for family members of a gentleman involved in a head-on collision and killed on 29 Palms Highway. Our attorneys engaged highway design engineers and other professionals to determine that the site was highly dangerous -- resulting in multiple, fatal collisions in the past. Due to details uncovered during the investigation, the state has since installed temporary safety measures and plans to install a permanent cement divider in the near future.