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## SEMINAR SERIES

Lewitt Hackman invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar:

### 2018 Tax, Trust, & Estate Planning: Keeping Up With Legislative Changes

*approved for 1.5 hours of MCLE\* credit and 1.5 hours CPE\*\* credit*

Tax, Trust and Estate Planning for the future is now more important than ever, given the recent changes to U.S. Tax Code. Are you prepared to take advantage of the current legislative environment? Should you reevaluate your estate planning?

**Michael Hackman** (Certified Specialist in Tax Law) and **Kira S. Masteller** will present their annual trust and estate planning seminar, which will include the following topics:

**2018 Estate & Gift Taxes:**  
What you need to know now.

**Property Tax Exclusions:**  
Considerations during life, and post death.

**Tax Reform:**  
Should you simplify your estate plan?

**Funding Your Trust:**  
What does it mean and why is it important?

**Miscellaneous Tax Reform Issue:**  
The devil is in the details.



Michael Hackman, Esq.  
Chair & Shareholder  
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**Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Chris Podbielski:**  
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\*\* CPE Credit: The Basic Group-Live and Basic Group Internet Based seminars require no prerequisites or advance preparation. You will receive general information about current federal and California tax law affecting business and estate planning. The field of study is business law. The information provided will help you decide when to advise your clients to seek legal assistance.

There is no cost to attend. Should the program be cancelled, attendees will be notified via telephone or email. Webinar attendees wishing to earn CPE credits must log in before the presentation and should log off afterwards. Those who meet these and other attendance requirements will be issued an attendance certificate for 1.5 CPE credits via email.

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#### In-House Presentation:

- **Tuesday, June 12, 2018**
- 8-9:30 a.m. at Lewitt Hackman
- Light Breakfast Served
- Parking Validated
- No Charge to Attend

#### Online Presentation:

- **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**
- 8-9:30 a.m. online
- Self-study MCLE credit
- CPE credit for attendees meeting all attendance requirements



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## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Lynn Soodik** (Certified Specialist in Family Law) named one of the *Best Lawyers in America 2018*; as well as **David Gurnick** (Certified Specialist in Franchise & Distribution Law), **Kira S. Masteller** (trusts and estates) and **Andrew L. Shapiro** (personal injury litigation), all four attorneys were named *Best Lawyers Southern California 2018*. This is the sixth consecutive year David has been selected for the honor.

Congratulations to our *2018 Southern California Super Lawyers*, including: **Michael Hackman** (Tax); **Andrew L. Shapiro** and **David B. Bobrosky** (Personal Injury); **Paul C. Bauducco** (Business Litigation), **Sue M. Bendavid** (Employment & Labor); **Stephen T. Holzer** (Environmental); **Barry Kurtz**, **David Gurnick** and **Tal Grinblat** (Franchise & Dealership); **Kira S. Masteller** (Estate & Probate); and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** and **Lynn Soodik** (Family Law). To be selected, our attorneys were first nominated by other lawyers and then subjected to a 12-point peer review process.

**Kevin E. Rex** represented an oil industry client in acquiring a competitor which stores and delivers fuel and lubricants to customers in Southern California. In connection with absorbing this business, Kevin and **John B. Marshall** facilitated the acquisition of two parcels of real property where the competitor is currently operated.

**Nicole Kamm** and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** represented a client at a labor commissioner conference, who was facing claims for unpaid overtime, missed rest breaks, and waiting time penalties made by a former employee. During the conference, Nicole and Tal resolved the matter with a settlement of approximately one-fourth of the plaintiff's demand, and obtained a full release of all claims for our client.

**David B. Bobrosky** represented an outside attorney hit by a motorist going through a red light at an off ramp, suffering neck, back and hip injuries from the accident. She initially tried to pursue the injury claim on her own, but after a year of dealing with the other insurance company without success, she decided to seek experienced representation. Dave received a very, favorable six figure settlement for our client in just two mediations.

**Nicholas Kanter** and **Hannah Sweiss** obtained early dismissal of seven causes of action alleged against an international manufacturer client facing discrimination, harassment and retaliation claims. Nick and Hannah demurred to the operative complaint, demonstrating the causes of action were not legally sufficient. The court agreed and sustained the demurrer as to seven of the alleged 16 causes of action without leave to amend.

**David Gurnick** and **Matthew J. Soroky** defeated an adversary's request to bring a dispositive motion over the legal significance of a dealer agreement. In the same case, David and Matt won a motion to compel production of documents and a second deposition after the opposing party was evasive in the first.

**Veronica R. Woods** gained a significant increase in child custody and timeshare for our client, after intense litigation. While opposing counsel framed the matter as a routine modification, Veronica was able to convince the Court that the mother was actually moving away – an entirely more serious matter in child custody.

**Keith T. Zimmet** served as lead counsel guiding our client through the acquisition of a nationally known online company. The multi-state transaction allowed our client to greatly expand its core business into the highly competitive and regulated financial services industry.

**John B. Marshall** and **Paul C. Bauducco** negotiated a favorable settlement of a construction defect lawsuit involving the complex remodeling of an expensive home in San Diego, aided by a series of successful motions they brought against the contractor, reducing his damage claims in the case by nearly \$600,000.

**Sue M. Bendavid** and **Amy I. Huberman** provided a detailed position statement for our client facing serious claims of sex and pregnancy discrimination before the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH). After considering the statement and an interview with our client, the DFEH closed the case – finding no basis to proceed further.

**Barry Kurtz** (Certified Specialist in Franchise & Distribution Law) provided expertise to outside counsel regarding franchise challenges and issues arising with a member's buyout of another member's equity interest in a food service franchisor. In other matters, Barry and **Katherine L. Wallman** prepared franchise disclosure documents for a restaurant/bakery franchisor and a residential and commercial moving company.

**Vanessa Soto Nellis** (Certified Specialist in Family Law) obtained an increased spousal support order for a client when the other side wanted a termination of spousal support altogether. Vanessa also recovered attorneys' fees from the opposing party for her efforts.

**Tal Grinblat** (Certified Specialist in Franchise & Distribution Law) brought an action on behalf of a hair care product maker whose distributor applied to register our client's mark in Mozambique. The distributor did not have permission to do so. It was through Tal's efforts that our client was able to successfully block the unauthorized trademark application there.

**Stephen T. Holzer** participated in a town hall-styled debate to showcase viewpoints of candidates running in a special election for the West San Fernando Valley's 45th Assembly Seat.

**Melissa L. Mayer** (Family Law Certified Specialist) successfully prevailed at a hearing to have a Court appoint a professional monitor to protect a minor child from further abuse by the father.

**Samuel C. Wolf** and **David Gurnick** obtained the dismissal of an *American With Disabilities Act* lawsuit. Our client agreed to corrective action on the property and settled for a nominal sum in exchange for the dismissal.

**Thomas Cecil** and **Andrew L. Shapiro** of our Personal Injury Practice Group settled a challenging trip and fall case for over \$2.5 million. Our client lost her footing on a rainy day at the top of a staircase in a commercial building, because of loose "nosing" on the steps which caused her to break her ankle. A series of complications resulted from the injury and subsequent surgery. The seven figure settlement allows our client to obtain better medical care and future peace of mind.