

invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar

Year-End Tax and Estate Planning

(approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit)*

There are a number of steps you can take to limit your tax liability for 2011. Michael Hackman, a California State Bar Certified Specialist in Tax Law, Kira S. Masteller, and Robert A. Hull will provide updates and answer your questions regarding Tax Law to help you save money for your business and your estate.

- **2011: End of Year 1 of a 2-Year Window**
- **Making Gifts in a Still-Depressed Economy** (Life Insurance Trusts, Family Partnerships and LLCs, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Private Annuities, etc.)
- **Basic Year-End Steps to Consider**
- **The Outlook for 2013** (when the window closes)



Michael Hackman, Esq.



Kira S. Masteller, Esq.



Robert A. Hull, Esq.

SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, December 7, 2011**
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

RSVP to Chris Podbielski at 818.907.3271 or cpodbielski@lewitthackman.com

**Lewitt Hackman is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider.*

LEWITT HACKMAN PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES 2011

- **John B. Marshall** was recently selected as one of the *Valley's Trusted Advisors* by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, and **Sue M. Bendavid** was selected as one of the *Top Business Women of the Decade*, also by the *SFVBJ*.
- *Los Angeles Magazine* named **Sue M. Bendavid, Barry T. Harlan, David Gurnick, Stephen T. Holzer, Michelle S. Robins** and **Andrew L. Shapiro** "Southern California Super Lawyers" this year. **David B. Bobrosky, Tal S. Grinblat, Kira S. Masteller, Vanessa Soto Nellis** and **Kevin E. Rex** were listed as "Rising Stars" in a later edition.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** was rated *AV 5.0 Preeminent* by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating awarded by peers of the bar and judiciary for ability and ethics. Recently, Keith renegotiated the terms of an existing \$40 million loan involving numerous banks, rating agencies, and loan servicing companies throughout the country. The loan workout enabled our client to continue to own and operate a large shopping center.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** helped a subcontractor obtain payment of over \$700,000 from the owner of a large, commercial project, after the original contractor on the project went bankrupt. Paul's intervention, including demands for payment and preparation for litigation, prompted the property owner to settle the debts before litigation commenced, saving our client significant litigation costs.
- **Michael Hackman** and **Kevin E. Rex** represented a client in a multi-million dollar sale which involved the purchase and sale of shareholder's shares, exercise of warrants by various lenders, renegotiation of senior and sub debt, and renegotiation of senior management interest in the company.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** won a court approved settlement for our transportation company client involved in a class action wage and hour suit with over 500 employees. The plaintiff alleged our client owed the employees overtime for four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The initial claimed damages was in excess of \$20 million, but our client was released from 98 percent of the claim.
- **Barry T. Harlan, Stephen T. Holzer** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** settled a marriage dissolution and related civil lawsuit involving ownership of a large art and antiques collection, complicated by claims of misappropriated assets.
- **Tal S. Grinblat** assisted a software industry client in negotiating a worldwide co-existence agreement with a competitor. The competitor initially demanded our client company abandon its trademark, but the agreement allows our client to continue using the mark and to register with the Trademark Office.
- **Andrew L. Shapiro, Thomas Cecil** and **David B. Bobrosky** filed a lawsuit, which has received national attention, against Johnson & Johnson Inc. and a subsidiary, alleging they designed, manufactured and sold a defective metal hip implant.
- **David Gurnick** negotiated an early termination for a national brand franchisee losing its business location to public domain. The original agreement would have required the franchisee to relocate rather than terminate the business.
- **Kira S. Masteller** helped a client obtain his parents' home as part of his share of a trust estate. Kira negotiated the value of the property, terms of transfer, and equalization of assets for the other trust beneficiaries, and maintained the parents' property tax base by employing a parent child transfer exclusion.
- **Stephan Mihalovits** preserved a client's rights to bring a claim against a public entity, whose actions contaminated the client's property with harmful substances. Though the defense argued that the statute of limitations had expired, Stephan developed an argument that allowed the claim to proceed.
- **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 obtain a writ of attachment against a defendant to secure assets pending final resolution.
- **Robert A. Hull** resolved a long-standing dispute between our custom paint and design client, a contractor, and a restaurant owner, over numerous unpaid invoices for services provided by our client.
- **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 marriage dissolution.
- **Kevin E. Rex** assisted a client in the negotiation and sale of all of the stock in his manufacturing, importing and distribution business. The multi-million dollar deal also involved a real estate lease and extensive negotiations with the buyer's bank to finance the transaction.
- **Tal S. Grinblat** was elected Vice Chair of Legislation of the State Bar of California Franchise Law Committee. **David Gurnick** was installed for a one year term as Vice-President/President-Elect of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, and will become President in one year. **Kira S. Masteller** was re-elected to the SFVBA's Board of Trustees and also Chairs the Diversity Committee.
- **Barry T. Harlan** earned special thanks from the Van Nuys Superior Court for his efforts in organizing and scheduling attorneys to provide in family law mediation cases. **Michelle S. Robins** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** were also honored for their voluntary mediation services.
- **Stephen T. Holzer's** environmental law blog was named one of the *Top 50 Blogs for 2011* by LexisNexis in the Environmental Law & Climate Change category.
- **David Gurnick** published his second book, "*Distribution Law of the United States*," through *Juris Publishing Inc.*