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*invites clients and friends to a complimentary seminar:*

## FAMILY BUSINESS: Business & Estate Planning Techniques

(approved for 1.0 hours of MCLE credit\* and 1.0 hours CPE credit\*\*)

- Managing the business *and* the family participants
- Tax consequences of a gift/sale of the business
- Benefits of passing the business on at death
- Buy/Sell agreements
- Exit strategies



**Kevin E. Rex, Esq.**  
Corporate Practice Group



**Kira S. Masteller, Esq.**  
Trusts & Estate Planning  
Practice Group

### SEMINAR DETAILS

- **Wednesday, April 30, 2014**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 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](mailto:cpodbielski@lewitthackman.com)**

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This is a free basic Group-Live seminar requiring no prerequisites and/or advance preparation. After completing the group-live California Family Business: Business and Estate Planning Techniques law program, you will have received basic knowledge to assist you and your clients in complying with key federal and state business and estate planning laws. There will be enough information provided so you know when and if you should advise your clients whether or not they should seek legal assistance. Should you have any complaints, please contact Michele Avnes of our office at (818) 907-3281. Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of DPE Sponsors. State Boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: [www.learningmarket.org](http://www.learningmarket.org).

## LEWITT HACKMAN PROFESSIONAL &amp; COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **Lewitt Hackman** was named one of 2014's *Best Law Firms in Los Angeles* in *U.S. News & World Report*. In addition, **Barry T. Harlan** and **David Gurnick** were selected *2014 Best Lawyers* in their respective Practice Groups, Family Law and Franchise & Distribution.
- **Tal Grinblat** has been named a *2014 Legal Eagle*. Tal was nominated by his peers and selected for the distinction by the editorial board of the *Franchise Times*.
- **Michael Hackman, Andrew L. Shapiro, Barry T. Harlan, Lynn Soodik, David Gurnick, Tal Grinblat, Kira S. Masteller, Michelle S. Robins** and **David B. Bobrosky** were named 2014 *Southern California Super Lawyers* in *Super Lawyers Magazine*. **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Stephen T. Holzer** were named *Super Lawyers* as well as *2013 Top Lawyers in Business*, in the *Business Edition*.
- **Elizabeth A. Erickson, Robert A. Hull, Nicole Kamm, and Nicholas Kanter** were named 2013 *Southern California Rising Stars* in *Los Angeles Magazine*.
- **John B. Marshall** successfully represented a public entity client in opposing a transfer of assets by a non-profit corporation to another charity when our client was the named residuary beneficiary, resulting in the recovery of over \$800,000 to our client.
- **Keith T. Zimmet** guided a client in the settlement of a dispute arising out of a sale of a business. The controversy was complicated by the death of the majority owner of the selling corporation prior to the facts which gave rise to the dispute. Keith not only obtained the settlement, but facilitated a continuing, amicable, working relationship between the buying and selling parties.
- **Kevin E. Rex** worked with a client to complete the sale of a business by preparing the company for sale, negotiating the engagement letter with the investment banker to locate potential buyers, and negotiating the final definitive agreements with the selected buyer. **Michael Hackman**, designated a State Bar of California Certified Specialist in Tax Law, devised strategic structure and tax aspects of the transaction.
- **Paul C. Bauducco** brought a successful motion to dismiss in Federal Court, eliminating all counterclaims, including counts for fraud, abuse of process and numerous other torts, brought against our client.
- **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Nicholas Kanter** defeated an anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) motion. Persuading the Court that "no reasonable attorney" would have filed the SLAPP motion, the Court also awarded our client the full amount of fees it incurred in defending the motion.
- **Vanessa Soto Nellis** prevented the opposing party in a contentious divorce from presenting evidence they previously withheld. Additionally, because of unreasonable positions taken throughout the proceedings, Vanessa obtained sanctions of \$15,000 against the opposing party.
- **Andrew L. Shapiro, Thomas Cecil** and **David B. Bobrosky** obtained a mid-six figure settlement for a client whose hand was bitten by a dog. The client suffered subsequent infection requiring a three day hospital stay and surgery for damage to the tendons.
- **Barry Kurtz** of the Kurtz Law Group joined our firm in February. Barry is the Chair of our Franchise Practice Group, and brought **Candice L. Lee** and **Bryan H. Clements** with him as Associates. Our franchise group is now one of the largest in California, which includes three Certified Specialists in Franchise and Distribution Law designated by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization: **Barry, David Gurnick** and **Tal Grinblat**.
- **Hannah Sweiss** joined our firm as an Associate in the Employment and Business Litigation Practice Groups. **Susan T. Goldstein** is now an "Of Counsel" Attorney in our Family Law Practice Group.
- **David Gurnick** contributed to two text books published by the American Bar Association: *Collateral Issues in Franchising Beyond Regulation and Disclosure* published in February, and *Franchising Cases, Materials and Problems*, published in 2013.
- **Nicole Kamm** obtained a favorable result for a client in a Labor Commissioner assessment, initially estimated at more than \$130,000 for missed rest breaks and overtime. Nicole convinced the agency to dismiss the rest break claim altogether, and to settle the overtime claim for a fraction of the initial amount.
- **Lynn Soodik** appeared on both *CNN Entertainment* and *Good Morning America*. For *CNN*, Lynn was interviewed regarding paternity rights in relation to Jason Patric's custody battle. While on *GMA*, Lynn discussed the celebrity divorce issues of ex-NFL quarterback Kordell Stewart and *Real Housewives* star Porsha Stewart.
- **Kira S. Masteller** completed an estate and gift tax plan that combined the use of irrevocable gift trusts and LLCs for three generations of a family whose business made up a significant portion of the assets. Kira was able to reduce the taxable estate for the two older generations and allow assets to be managed on behalf of the younger generation until they reach financial maturity.
- **Elizabeth A. Erickson** obtained a permanent renewal of a one-year domestic violence restraining order for a client whose ex-husband persisted in sending harassing text messages and emails, even after their divorce.
- **Robert A. Hull** worked with a distribution company and a French electronic accessories manufacturer on a Joint Venture Agreement and to form a Delaware corporation, to allow our client to distribute the French company's products throughout the United States.
- **Michelle S. Robins** has been certified as a Specialist in Family Law, as designated by the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization.
- **Barry Kurtz** and **Bryan H. Clements** of our Franchise & Distribution Practice Group have been invited to speak at the *Craft Brewers Conference and BrewExpo America*, the largest brewer's trade show in America, in April. Barry and Bryan represent craft brewers in distribution and related transactions. Hundreds of beer makers will attend the conference.