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## Your Business: Marriage, Divorce & Cohabitation

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Vanessa Soto Nellis and Melissa L. Mayer of our Family Law Practice Group are State Bar of California Certified Specialists in Family Law. They will discuss:

- Prenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements
- Misconceptions re Common Law
- Rights of Cohabiting Individuals
- Asset Disclosures
- Spousal Support
- Child Custody, Visitation & Support



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- **Thursday, September 7, 2017**  
Check In: 7:30; Presentation: 8:00 a.m.
- **at Lewitt Hackman**
- **Light Breakfast Served**
- **Parking Validated**
- **No Charge to Attend**

## 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Michael Hackman** (Certified Specialist in Tax Law); **Andrew L. Shapiro** and **David B. Bobrosky** (Personal Injury); **Paul C. Bauducco** (Business Litigation); **Sue M. Bendavid** (Employment); **Stephen T. Holzer** (Environmental); **Barry Kurtz**, **David Gurnick** and **Tal Grinblat** (Certified Specialists in Franchise & Distribution Law); **Kira S. Masteller** (Trust & Estate Planning) and **Lynn Soodik** (Certified Specialist in Family Law), all recognized by *Super Lawyers Magazine* as Southern California *Super Lawyers* for 2017.

**Vanessa Soto Nellis** (Certified Specialist Family Law) and **Nicole Kamm** (Employment) were selected for *Southern California's Up-and-Coming 50 Women* by *Super Lawyers Magazine* in the *Rising Stars* edition. Also named *SoCal Rising Stars*: **Nicholas Kanter** (Business Litigation), **Hannah Sweiss** (Employment), and **Samuel C. Wolf** (Franchise & Distribution).

**Tal Grinblat** invalidated a Fortune 500 tech giant's software trademark in Mexico, based on our client's earlier rights in the identical mark.

**Melissa L. Mayer** serves on the Executive Committee of the American Inns of Court Southern California Family Law Chapter, which recently organized and held its annual *Judges' Night*. This year, the Southern California Chapter honored Judge Hank M. Goldberg. The Family Law Inns of Court meets regularly to discuss litigation trends and legislative events impacting the Family Law bench and bar.

**David B. Bobrosky** obtained a six figure settlement for a client who suffered relatively minor soft tissue injuries when his car was rear-ended on New Year's Eve.

**Hannah Sweiss** represented a client facing wage and hour claims brought to the Labor Commissioner. On the day of the hearing, Hannah resolved the matter for less than 10 percent of the initial demand.

**Barry Kurtz** and **Matthew J. Soroky** have completed franchise registration for a hamburger chain. In unrelated matters, Barry and **Gabriel A. Wintner** have completed registrations for a grilled cheese restaurant concept, as well as an automobile repair concept.

**Sue M. Bendavid**, **Nicholas Kanter** and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** obtained a dismissal with prejudice of a wage and hour lawsuit filed against our client. Prior to filing the lawsuit the plaintiff entered into a settlement with the client in a proceeding before the Workers Compensation Appeals Board. Sue, Nick and Tal filed a demurrer to the wage and hour complaint, arguing that the settlement agreement barred the wage and hour claim. The court agreed and sustained without leave to amend.

**Thomas Cecil** represents one of several people hurt in a high profile shooting incident at Los Angeles International Airport. The City of Los Angeles and LAX filed a demurrer, claiming the suits should be dismissed because of various government immunities and other protections. Tom defeated the motion to dismiss in both the Trial and Appellate Courts, by successfully arguing that there was a mandatory duty to provide proper security, despite such immunities.

**Keith T. Zimmet** restructured a major equity and debt investment in a local manufacturing facility. The transaction involved private equity, senior and subordinate lender financing, as well as obtaining the consent of several trade creditors.

**John B. Marshall** and **Paul C. Bauducco** prevailed on multiple discovery motions before a discovery referee on behalf of our client, obtaining orders that the opposing party produce material information necessary to prepare for mediation and, if the case does not settle, trial.

**Nicole Kamm** and **Amy I. Huberman** obtained a dismissal with prejudice from the Court, dismissing our client from a pending discrimination and wage and hour lawsuit.

**Stephen T. Holzer** obtained dismissal for a client from a complaint alleging violation of Proposition 65, the state law requiring businesses with 10 or more employees to warn consumers of products that contain harmful chemicals.

**Vanessa Soto Nellis** worked with a couple in finalizing a prenuptial agreement. The husband lives and works in Europe, while the wife lives and works here, but owns significant property in another state. The pre-nup allows the wife to keep the land separated and protected from her spouse's heirs, while allowing for all assets acquired after the marriage to become community property.

**David Gurnick** and **Samuel C. Wolf** obtained favorable court rulings showing that several provisions of a business agreement were unconscionable and unenforceable. David and Sam showed that the parties were in an imbalanced relationship in which a publicly traded company took advantage of our client.

**Veronica R. Woods** successfully negotiated an opposing party's initial support request of \$18,000 per month, down to zero.

**Andrew L. Shapiro** represented a musical celebrity who suffered injuries in a trip-and-fall case. The accident resulted in surgery to her ankle and effectively postponed her musical tour for two months. Andy helped our client reach a generous settlement without all of the negative publicity that would have been generated in litigation.

**Kira S. Masteller** worked with a client to establish a Supplemental Needs Trust benefitting a disabled sibling. Kira worked with the client to name a California Corporate Trustee in the event the beneficiary outlives the individual Trustees. The benefits will allow for a better quality of life without disqualifying the beneficiary from receiving public assistance.

**Kevin E. Rex** worked closely with our client to negotiate the sale of their privately held, family owned business for over \$70,000,000. The purchaser was looking for a platform company to complement their current business. Our client had offices in multiple states and was an ideal add-on, growth target for the purchaser. **Kyla A. Parrino** assisted Kevin throughout the due diligence and negotiation process.