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2019 Trust & Estate Planning

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Please join our Trust and Estate Planning Practice Group for our annual seminar. Topics will include the following:

- 2019 Estate and Gift Tax Limits and Expirations
- Is it necessary to simplify your estate plan?
- How often should you review your trust and beneficiary designations?
- How does the *No Contest Clause* work?
- Planning for Incapacity: How is incapacity determined?
- Practical Tips: Setting Up Powers of Attorney for Asset Management and Health Care

Limited seating. Please **RSVP** at lewithackman.com/events/

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** CPE Credit: This is a Group-Live seminar requiring no prerequisites or advance preparation. You will receive basic information about recent changes to federal and state laws pertaining to trust and estate planning. Lewitt Hackman is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy on the National Registry of DPE Sponsors. State Boards of accountancy have final authority on acceptance of courses for credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors: www.learningmarket.org. For more information regarding program cancellation policies or any other concerns, please contact Michele Avnes of our office at (818) 907-3281.

Thursday, May 16, 2019
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

- at Lewitt Hackman
- Light Breakfast
- Parking Validated

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2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Keith T. Zimmet** (Business/Corporate), **Sue M. Bendavid** and **Nicole Kamm** (Employment & Labor), **Barry Kurtz**, **David Gurnick** and **Tal Grinblat** (Franchise/Dealership), **Andrew L. Shapiro** and **David B. Bobrosky** (Personal Injury Litigation), **Kira S. Masteller** (Trusts & Estates), and **Lynn Soodik** and **Vanessa Soto Nellis** (Family Law) – all named *2019 Southern California Super Lawyers* by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. To be selected, our attorneys were first nominated by lawyers outside our firm – their credentials were then subjected to a 12-point peer review process by an independent review panel.

We are growing! Three attorneys joined our firm since January. **Jana G. Garrotto** is now Senior Counsel in our Trust & Estate Planning Practice Group, **Jessica W. Rosen** represents our Franchise & Distribution and Business Litigation clients, and **Chrystal Ferber** is an Associate in our Employment Practice Group.

Barry Kurtz and **David Gurnick** (both Certified Specialists in Franchise & Distribution Law) negotiated an early exit from a franchise system for a franchisee. Uncovering an obscure but substantive exemption violation by the franchisor provided a basis to seek and negotiate the exit.

Veronica R. Woods finalized a dissolution that has been going on for over the statutory time period of five years in family law, resulting in an extension of time negating the mandatory dismissal.

Tal Grinblat and **Katherine L. Wallman** prepared several Digital Millennium Copyright Act notices to infringers who disseminated a publishing client's works electronically without our client's permission. Tal and Kate's actions led to the removal of the infringing material.

David Gurnick and **Samuel C. Wolf** represented the officers of our franchisor client who were individually named in a lawsuit brought by employees of a franchisee. David and Sam filed a successful demurrer, which enabled our clients to be dismissed from the case.

Keith T. Zimmet, **Sue M. Bendavid**, **Nicholas Kanter** and **Hannah Sweiss** successfully defended a client with over 600 employees in an employment law based class action lawsuit. After showing our client was in substantial compliance with all laws, the Court approved a final settlement on very favorable terms.

David B. Bobrosky represented a gentleman seriously injured while standing on a street corner after two cars collided at a dangerous intersection. One of the drivers pled no contest to misdemeanor charges in juvenile court. Though restitution rights are not automatic in juvenile court, David obtained a \$5.4 million award through the probation department – the largest restitution award ever issued through that department.

Kira S. Masteller prepared a charitable remainder trust for clients who wished to make a charitable gift. The clients wished to gain an income tax deduction benefit and reduce capital gains tax when the principal securities sold through the charitable trust.

John B. Marshall and **Paul C. Bauducco** represented a client in a litigation matter involving our client's sale of a surgery center. John and Paul obtained a large settlement for our client, in addition to saving him the costs of going through an expensive trial.

Keith T. Zimmet finalized agreements regarding the development of a regional shopping center, including negotiating terms involving various owners who will be developing buildings on individual lots within the shopping center.

Nicole Kamm resolved a long-pending claim filed with the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement by a former caregiver of our client's elder family member in exchange for a release of all claims – releasing our client from a hearing and associated fees, expense and potential exposure.

Kevin E. Rex and **Taylor M. Vernon** worked closely with local counsel in several states to close a deal involving a private equity firm's purchase of three affiliated companies. Several employment agreements with key personnel and various real estate issues with multiple affiliates were resolved. **Peter L. Ente** worked with the clients and their accountants regarding numerous tax implications, while local counsel assisted with state issues.

Vanessa Soto Nellis (Certified Family Law Specialist) consulted with counsel in Massachusetts drafting a prenuptial agreement that needed to comport with California law as the couple plans to live in California.

Nicholas Kanter and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** filed a demurrer in response to discrimination and harassment allegations made by our client's former employee. The Court sustained the demurrer as to four out of five causes of action, requiring the plaintiff to amend her complaint.

Melissa L. Mayer (Certified Family Law Specialist) obtained a spousal support order of tens of thousands of dollars a month for her client, plus substantial attorney's fees and forensic accounting fees.

Matthew J. Sorokey and **David Gurnick** represented an out-of-state company defending an arbitration that claimed our client unlawfully sold and unlawfully terminated a Master Dealer. Matthew and David demonstrated to a panel of arbitrators the claims lacked merit. The panel agreed and awarded our client recovery of legal fees against the terminated Master Dealer.

Stephen T. Holzer, **Hannah Sweiss** and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** gave presentations to the members of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. Steve's seminar focused on California's Prop 65 law; while Hannah and Tal's presentation focused on preventing bias in the workplace.

Andrew L. Shapiro and **Thomas Cecil** participated in a Mandatory Settlement Conference garnering nearly \$3 Million for a family who lost a wife and mother in a pedestrian accident. The victim was the primary care giver for her husband who suffered dementia. The driver of the vehicle was uninsured, but worked for a small delivery company contracted by a series of distributors and the main supplier of pharmaceuticals.