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Recent Professional & Community Accomplishments

David B. Bobrosky was selected to the *2024 Top 100 Lawyers* by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. According to the LABJ, the award is given to leading lawyers in the Los Angeles business community for their ongoing efforts as outstanding legal stewards.

Thomas M. Morrow, Heidi A. Nurinda and **Paul C. Bauducco** successfully prepared and argued a motion to set aside a default entered against a client through an improper filing and extrinsic fraud of the opposing counsel, allowing our client to pursue a transfer of venue motion to bring the case from Los Angeles County to Ventura County where the actual property involved in the construction defect and breach of contract case is located.

Sue M. Bendavid, Nicholas Kanter, and **Tal Burnovski Yeyni** obtained court approval of favorable resolutions in separate wage and hour class actions and PAGA cases - for multiple clients. The advantageous settlements terminated the claims and saved the clients substantial sums of money in potential liability/damages, fees, and costs. **Joshua S. Stein** and **Ian Ferber-Paxson** worked with Sue, Nick and Tal to defend the cases. After expert analysis and legal briefing, the court agreed that the motions for approval of the settlements should be granted.

Keith T. Zimmet represented a client in refinancing its main line of credit with a new lender. The asset-based lending transaction involved numerous entities owned or controlled by our client and resulted in a larger and more advantageous debt facility for our client.

Barry Kurtz, Katherine L. Wallman (both Certified Franchise & Distribution Law Specialists) and **Steven L. Feldman** represent a concessionaire subletting concession rights to bring food and beverages to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. In a separate matter, Barry and Kate are handling franchise-related matters for a client entering a promotional arrangement with a celebrity.

Jeffrey A. Kobulnick and **Heidi A. Nurinda** successfully filed a petition for cancellation with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. The petition was against a mark similar to our client's own mark that was registered for use with similar goods. In response, the opposing party promptly agreed to have their trademark registration cancelled for those products. In a separate matter, Jeff and Heidi reached a favorable settlement in a trademark infringement case for a client in the apparel industry, saving our client significant litigation expenses.

Matthew J. Soroky (Certified Franchise & Distribution Law Specialist) represents a multi-unit developer in negotiating terms to develop over 20 retail stores in multiple markets. In a separate matter, Matt reviewed a franchise disclosure document and counseled a franchisee on purchase of franchise rights for a novel fitness concept.

Jessica W. Rosen and **Heidy A. Nurinda** successfully opposed a motion to compel further discovery responses, protecting our client's private and privileged information. Jessica and Heidy also successfully filed a motion to quash a third party subpoena served on the client's certified public accountant. The judge significantly narrowed the scope of the subpoena, thus further protecting our client's private and privileged financial information.

Barry Kurtz and **Kevin E. Rex** represent the buyer of multiple Papa John's restaurants. In a separate matter, Barry and Kevin are representing the sellers of a Mexican restaurant, salad restaurants, and boba shops.

Sue M. Bendavid and **Joshua S. Stein** obtained temporary restraining orders on behalf of several clients who had former employees threaten their co-workers. The TROs prevent the former employees from coming onto the work premises, and also confirm good cause for their separations.

Steven L. Feldman successfully negotiated a complex contract with a national fulfillment company engaged in order receiving, packaging and shipping for a medical device distribution client.

Keith T. Zimmet represented our client in the sale of one of its office buildings.

Sue M. Bendavid, engaged as a third party neutral, investigated whether factual allegations of an individual's claim of mistreatment could be substantiated. If the case proceeds to trial, Sue will testify as to her findings from the investigation, so that a judge or jury can make an informed decision regarding the trial's outcome.

Jeffrey A. Kobulnick resolved a trademark infringement claim received by a client in the legal services industry on favorable terms for the client, preventing the need for any litigation.

Barry Kurtz and **Caitlyn Dillon** are representing the buyer of franchise rights for janitorial businesses. In a separate matter, Barry and **Matthew J. Soroky** represent the buyer of franchise rights for electronic buyback stores.

Matthew J. Soroky facilitated a roundtable discussion: *Celebrities as Franchisees – Risks and Rewards*, for the IFA's 2024 Legal Symposium.

Jeffrey A. Kobulnick spoke at the Annual Meeting of the International Trademark Association held in Atlanta in May.

Vanessa Soto Nellis (Certified Family Law Specialist) was recognized at the Alternative Dispute Resolution Volunteer Recognition Ceremony for her volunteer programs benefiting the Los Angeles family law community.

Publications & Media Mentions

FranchiseTimes

2024 Legal Eagles

Tal Grinblat selected

Los Angeles Business Journal - Inside the Valley

2024 Trusted Advisors

Barry Kurtz selected

Los Angeles Business Journal - Inside the Valley

Labor & Employment - A

Roundtable Discussion

Sue M. Bendavid, participant

Los Angeles Business Journal

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Barry Kurtz, quoted

Los Angeles Daily Journal

Appellate ruling limits appearances by trustees and executors in pro per

Mark J. Phillips, co-author

Los Angeles Business Journal

Freedom to Own

Barry Kurtz, quoted

Professionals in Human Resources

California Employment Law: Legislative Update

Legislative Update

Tal Burnovski Yeyni, author

Best Lawyers Magazine

Best Lawyers in America 2024

Sue M. Bendavid, Michael

Hackman, Barry Kurtz, Kira S.

Masteller, Vanessa Soto Nellis,

Andrew L. Shapiro, Lynn Soodik

selected; **Jessica W. Rosen** named

Ones to Watch, and **Jeffrey A.**

Kobulnick named *Lawyer of the*

Year: Trademark Law

Franchise Lawyer (published by the American Bar Association)

Remembering the Late David

Gurnick, Franchise Law Specialist,

Professor, and Much, Much More

Tal Grinblat, co-author

Los Angeles Daily Journal

Legal Implications of the Supreme

Court's ruling in Adolph v. Uber

Sue M. Bendavid and **Tal Burnovski**

Yeyni, co-authors

Valley Lawyer (San Fernando Valley Bar Association magazine)

Proposition 65: Primer and Alert

Stephen T. Holzer and **Steven L.**

Feldman, authors