

### *President's Message*

By the time of our next meeting we will presumably know whether Obama or Romney won and the results of Propositions 30 and 38. However most of the commentators I've read or heard say that it probably won't be until some time in 2013 that we'll get any clarity as to the direction of the estate tax. Well known lecturer Jonathan Blattmachr is the exception. At the Southern California Tax and Estate Planning Forum in San Diego that I attended last week, he predicted that we may still see some action during the lame duck session of Congress. Anyone taking bets?

If you haven't had a chance to do so, when you attend your next meeting introduce yourself to Krysta Patterson - our new administrator. Krysta is so organized and has a "can do" wonderfully positive attitude. She has been working hard for us already, and we're lucky to have her. Thank you Krysta!

Also a thanks to Terry Allen for her excellent work so far as VP Program Chair. She has been working hard too to bring us high quality speakers and programs.

Heard a couple comments on the increase in dues. Please know that the Board was reluctant to increase dues but increased administrative costs forced our hands. Our dues are finally on par with many of the other councils. Feel free to contact me ([paula@leibovitzlaw.com](mailto:paula@leibovitzlaw.com)) if you have questions or further comments on this issue. (Alternatively, grab me at a meeting.) I do want to hear from you.

*Paula Leibovitz Goodwin, Esq.,*  
President 2012-2013

### *"How To Avoid A Professional Malpractice Claim"*

*Join us Wednesday, November 14th for: "How To Avoid A Professional Malpractice Claim"* and explore common theories of liability, the importance of engagement agreements, pitfalls associated with joint representation, and ways to avoid malpractice.

**Janet L. Everson, JD, LL.M.**, specializes in the defense of professionals including lawyers, accountants, enrolled agents, fiduciaries, and financial advisors, sued for malpractice and in tax damage mitigation efforts prior to the commencement of litigation. Janet manages her firm's tax practice group and represents taxpayers in tax controversy and tax litigation matters. Janet earned her law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and her masters of law in taxation from Golden Gate University School of Law. Janet is the sole female shareholder of Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney, she serves as her firm's General Counsel, and founded the firm's Association of Professional Women. Janet is the Vice Chair for the Accountants Specialized Litigation Group of the national Defense Research Institute's Professional Liability Steering Committee, is a member of the East Bay Tax Society, the Alameda County Bar Association, California Women Lawyers, and Women Lawyers of Alameda County. **REGISTER NOW**

***November 14th, 2012***

*Lafayette Park Hotel  
3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Lafayette, CA*

*6:00 P.M. Wine and Registration  
6:30 P.M. Dinner and Speaker*

***Member Cost: \$45.00 dinner (preregister)  
\$50.00 (at the door)***

***Guest Cost: \$50.00 dinner (preregister)  
\$60.00 (at the door)***

*Reservations and cancellations must be received  
by Monday,, November 12th at 2:00 p.m.  
to be assured of a reservation.*

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***Questions? Call Krysta at 925.935.9691***