

Welcome!



Happy October! Hope you and your Associations are getting ready for all the ghouls and witches to come knocking on Halloween.

As you know,

the CAM 2016 continuing education legal update is now available. Check our website at <http://www.bplegal.com/events> for a 2016 legal update in your area.

As we enter the beginning of the holiday season, take a moment to count your blessings and remember there are those less fortunate than you. Reach out this holiday season to make someone else's holiday a special time. Don't forget your staff and their families this holiday season, and don't let your Boards and Association members forget them either. Your staff works hard all year for you and your residents. Show your appreciation to them, and encourage your Boards and communities to show their appreciation as well.

There are many great organizations out there that help people. One such organization is Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands, discussed in greater detail to the right. Another one of my favorites is Wounded Warrior Project, which assists injured warriors returning from the battlefield and their families. You can donate to this worthy cause at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

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Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands

As we enter into the holiday season, I want to take this opportunity to inform you of a very worthy cause we take close to heart here at Becker & Poliakoff. Everyone reading this newsletter knows there are always those less fortunate than us. Becker & Poliakoff is proud to reach out in our community to bring smiles to the faces of those children and their families who are going through difficult times during the holiday season.



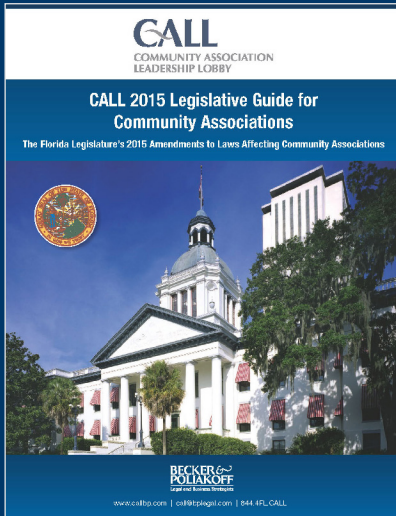
The Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands Toy Drive is an exciting project in which employees and friends of Becker & Poliakoff, P.A., through their non-profit corporation Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands, Inc., deliver high-end toys to children in hospitals being treated for cancer and other

life threatening and related illnesses and ailments. Born out of the hardships experienced by one of Becker & Poliakoff's partners when his daughter fought a (fortunately successful) battle for her life against cancer, Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands now enthusiastically delivers toys to children with serious illnesses in an event that has grown so large that it frequently attracts media attention. Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands, as a not-for-profit corporation, is privileged to provide tax deduction opportunities for donors complying with the requirements for tax deductions.

Every year, volunteers from Becker & Poliakoff, after year-round fundraising and campaigning for donations, visit hospitals around the state, including our signature event over the winter holidays during which we are accompanied by a cast of professionally costumed characters. They join Santa Claus as he strolls the halls of cancer and terminal pediatric wards and deliver free toys, including high-end electronics that many of the families from lower socio-economic backgrounds could not afford on their own. The children are also given a photo of themselves posing with their toy in front of the characters as a permanent keepsake. The result of this effort is a spreading of joy, combined with a much needed distraction from the worries and fears brought on by the illnesses against which the children and their families are fighting. The reactions of the children and their families confirm the magnitude of this gesture.

The Helping Hands events now occur in hospitals throughout South Florida, Tampa Bay and Gainesville. It is with great pride and humble thanks to our participants that Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands continues its commitment to this worthwhile campaign. For a better understanding of the breadth and scope of this project, please visit our website at www.bp-helping-hands.com. Please join Becker & Poliakoff Helping Hands in spreading the spirit of the season to families who need it more than you (hopefully) will ever know. We thank all our partners in this endeavor on behalf of the families and children who are unable to thank you themselves.

2015 Legislative Guide for Community Associations



Becker & Poliakoff and CALL's 2015 Legislative Guide for Community Associations is now available. The Legislative Guide includes a comprehensive summary of the laws that passed that directly impact community associations, including bills dealing with insurance and other miscellaneous bills of interest.

Click here to get your copy now:

<http://www.bplegal.com/leg-2015>



This Month's Tip...

It's budget season! Remember, condominium associations are required to prepare a budget with FULL reserves. Reserves can be fully or partially waived, but the initial budget must be prepared with full reserves.

Upcoming Classes and Events

2016 Legal Update

October 28, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale

Condo/HOA/Coop Board Certification Course

October 28, 2015, Orlando

Anatomy of a Water Leak!

November 5, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale

Board Member Certification Course

November 6, 2015, Naples

Board Member Certification for HOAs ONLY

November 9, 2015, Ft. Walton Beach

FDA and U.S. Customs Compliance issues when importing Food, Cosmetic, and Medical Device Products

November 12, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale

Covering Your Assets: Avoiding Board Member Liability

November 12, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale

Ask The Lawyer: Pets In Your Community - CLIENTS ONLY

November 12, 2015, West Palm Beach

Condo Construction Projects Gone WILD!

November 17, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale

Board Member Certification for CONDOS ONLY

November 20, 2015, Ft. Walton Beach

Board Member Certification for HOAs ONLY

December 4, 2015, Ft. Walton Beach

Classes may be subject to change.

Complete and updated information and registration for the above as well as all of our over 25 FREE courses can be found at

<http://www.bplegal.com/events>.

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MOST COURSES QUALIFY FOR MANAGER CEUs.