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Valuation News

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As part of our ongoing effort to provide valuable information to our growing network of Attorneys and CPAs, Crandall & Brackett, Ltd., publishes this Quarterly "***Valuation News***" to present recent developments in the valuation field. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give us a call. (Telephone 630-653-7922, Fax 630-653-7804, E-mail RBrack3958@aol.com, web-site www.crandall-brackett.com)

BV Credentials

in our last issue, we enclosed a chart of all the Business Valuation Credentials and credentialing organizations of which we are aware. If you did not receive a chart, we are happy to mail one to you upon request. The chart lists membership size and number of credentialed Business Valuation professionals.

Office help needed

We are looking for experienced office personnel for part time work. We can be very flexible with respect to actual hours worked. If you have employees who are unable to work the hours you need, but are excellent employees, we would very much like to meet them.

IRS refuses to endorse USPAP

The IRS recently issued a report which stated that the IRS will not endorse USPAP. The document also addressed other Business Valuation areas for improvement, such as standards. Look for the new Business Valuation standards from the IRS within twelve months.

Adequate Disclosure

The IRS has issued final regulations detailing the information which must be included in a Business Valuation report of stock in a closely held corporation. Meeting these minimal requirements is supposed to ensure the clock starts with respect to valuation of gifts when the estate return is filed (years later). These new disclose requirements include significant additional attachments to valuation reports.

Charitable Contribution

Similar final regulations have been issued for adequate disclosure of valuations of contributions of closely held stock to charities (or charitable trusts, etc.). We have prepared check lists for both types of gifts.

IRS is new... friendlier

The IRS is completing a reorganization of their Engineering Groups so that all the engineers who conduct business valuations will report to one person, Howard Lewis. Attorneys remain in other reporting chains. More than 35 IRS employees including attorneys and engineers hold professional credentials in Business Valuation.

Annual Conference . . . NACVA held their annual conference in May. Many exciting new topics and case analysis were presented. These conferences are targeted to both attorneys and Business Valuation practitioners. Next year's conference will be here in Chicago. Consider attending some or all of the conferences. More information will be forthcoming as we get it.

Please remember... The Arthur L. Crandall Award for Excellence in Accounting at Roosevelt University. Should you wish to contribute to its success, please contact us or send your donations to Roosevelt University (Development Office 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605).

Interesting Cases:

Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceutical, Inc.
supra at 585-587

Re: Expert witness standards.

Estate of Simplot
112 T.C. No.13 1999 WL 152610 (March 22, 1999)

Re: Application of Control Premium.

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Attorneys, CPAs and Estate Planners since 1965.*

**Our practice is business valuations - always performed in conjunction with the
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