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*Jonathan Blattmachr, one of the nation's leading tax and estate planning attorneys to speak on Oct. 14*

**Phoenix, Ariz. (Sept. 29, 2008)** - On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Jonathan Blattmachr from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP will speak to the Maricopa County Bar Association on the current issues of estate planning and trusts as a part of the group's continuing legal education program.

Jonathan Blattmachr is recognized as one of the most knowledgeable and creative trusts and estates lawyers in the country and is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*.

Jonathan is known as a trusted legal and estate planning advisor to some of the wealthiest and well known families in the United States.

With his expert understanding of income, gift and estate tax, Jonathan will speak to **current federal issues** impacting estate planning and trust matters. He will also discuss new information learned from sources in Washington regarding some specific plans of federal law makers who likely will avoid the "sunsetting" of the federal estate tax and the lowering of gift tax exemptions in 2010, by acting in 2009.

Additionally, Douglas Blattmachr, will discuss what Arizona attorneys should know about the importance of Alaska's favorable tax and trust laws and how they can be used to enhance asset management and asset preservation strategies. Doug brings over 30 years of trust and investment management experience as Founder, President and CEO of the Alaska Trust Company, former President and CEO of Neuberger and Berman Trust Co. and Head of D.A. Davidson Trust Company.

Lastly, T. James Lee, Of Counsel, Fennemore Craig will address issues regarding Arizona's trust and estate laws.

The presentation will be held at the Maricopa County Bar Association, 303 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served. Attorneys as well as the general public are invited to register at [www.maricopabar.org](http://www.maricopabar.org).

The cost for registration is \$125 for a MCBA member and \$205 for a non-member. Law students are welcome for only \$5.

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