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Gaw Van Male Adds Tax Expertise

Douglas Spletter holds Master of Laws in Taxation

FAIRFIELD, Calif.—Gaw Van Male attorney Douglas C. Spletter is one of three attorneys in the law firm with a Master of Laws in Taxation degree.

"It is amazing and unique that one firm has three of us with an LL.M. in taxation," said Spletter, who joined GVM after many years in private practice. "You could look from Sacramento to San Francisco and not find a firm that has a single person with a tax degree." Gaw Van Male has offices in Fairfield, Vacaville and Napa.

"Gaw Van Male has a diverse practice of well chosen attorneys with varied backgrounds in their practice areas. There's an intellect here that is greater than most firms. Clients get a broad range of practice areas and each of us brings something different to the table.

"Gaw Van Male attorneys handle high-end, complex matters as well as basic business situations. I understand tax issues related to business and estate planning. People often think of a trust simply as a way to avoid probate, but I give them a more thorough understanding of what a trust is designed to do."

Gaw Van Male founder David Gaw was one of the reasons Spletter joined the firm.

"I'm impressed by Dave Gaw, who is one of the foremost estate and trust attorneys in California. The firm provides many challenges with the knowledge base I wanted. Having three attorneys with tax degrees as well as in-depth estate planning knowledge sets us apart and provides a huge benefit for our clients."

Gaw explained, "Our core values are personal service, community involvement, and a friendly and approachable manner. We try to live these values while letting the community know that GVM has business, estate planning and international expertise; locals don't need to go anywhere else."

Founded in 1972, Gaw Van Male has grown to be the largest law firm in Solano and Napa counties with 25 attorneys and 40 staff members. Gaw Van Male is one of California's leading Estate Planning firms, offering a broad range of wealth preservation, business succession, and exit strategies. With active practices also in employment law, litigation, tax, intellectual property, and real estate, Gaw Van Male takes a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to the opportunities and challenges facing its clients.

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