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**Gaw Van Male Attorney Earns Certification**

*Specialization in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law*

**NAPA**, California - Jim Lamping, an associate at the Fairfield law office of Gaw Van Male (GVM), recently earned certification as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law.

The designation is awarded after meeting rigorous requirements by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Of more than 200,000 licensed attorneys in California, only 800 are certified as specialists in estate planning.

"Now Gaw Van Male has four certified specialists in its Fairfield and Napa offices," said Lamping. "The certification is arduous and stringent, but the fact that it takes time and effort denotes someone who wants to practice at a higher level. It sets you apart."

To apply for certification, candidates must have five years experience in that area of law, and must have taken continuing education classes in the area. They also must submit recommendations and pass a test similar to a specialized bar exam.

Lamping also holds a Master of Laws in Taxation. He received both it and his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law. His Bachelor of Arts in Political Science is from the University of Michigan. He has been employed by GVM for two and a half years.

"It's in the culture of our law firm to be qualified in the area of wealth preservation," said Dave Gaw, co-founder and shareholder in GVM. "Having another lawyer at Gaw Van Male who is certified as a specialist in estate planning demonstrates our capability and dedication to our clients."

Founded in 1972, Gaw Van Male is the largest law firm established in Solano and Napa Counties with 25 attorneys and more than 40 staff members. The firm offers a wide range of legal services to individuals, businesses, and wine industry clients.

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