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**Gaw Van Male Expands International Wine Law Expertise**

Miroglio Attends Symposium in Portugal

NAPA, Calif.—Gaw Van Male continues to add to its wine law expertise by the involvement of Director and Shareholder Bruce A. Miroglio with the International Wine Law Association. Miroglio recently attended the association's symposium in Oporto, Portugal.

"We continued discussions begun earlier in the year in Spain, where we identified key national barriers facing the wine industry, and broke down the differences from country to country," said Miroglio. "As the wine industry goes global, it's important that we address our clients' concerns about wine, education, distribution, packaging, labeling, taxes and so on. Together, we discuss issues, draft and advise on regulatory schemes and speak to regulators. It's exciting to be a part of the process."

The association (*Association Internationale des Juristes du Droit de la Vigne et du Vin*) is a forum for more than 350 individual and business members from 27 countries who study and discuss legal issues concerning the international wine trade.

"We have fellow attorneys in every nation that we can call to quickly assist our clients and their needs. Even locally, no single lawyer can know everything about labor and employment, distribution, zoning, producer contracts, equipment fabrication and licensing, so at GVM we have a team approach of experienced and knowledgeable attorneys."

A second-generation Napa native and third generation winemaker and grape grower, Miroglio intimately understands issues in the wine industry. His ongoing wine education includes college seminars and classes given for Certified Master of Wine, although he doesn't think he'll add that title to his résumé anytime soon.

"Taking classes to become a Certified Master is an unbelievable experience and a daunting task and I congratulate those who complete it. My only fear would be to take something I love and make it into work. What the classes do is expose me continually to the wonderful people in the industry, my friends and clients."

GVM was founded in 1972 and is now the largest law firm in Napa and Solano counties with 25 attorneys and 40 staff members.

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