

Law Firm Providing Quality Service in Convenient Fashion

By Patty McCormac
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Many times when a person is charged with a crime he or she does not know what to expect next and many think there is no alternative to jail time. That is where the experience of the partners of the law firm of Buesing, Hernacki and Beckstead counts.

All three of the men are former prosecutors, so they have a keen insight into how the system works, the policies and protocol, what can be done to a defendant and what can't.

"It is beneficial to bring that experience to the case," said Dan Hernacki, a Laveen resident. "All of us are open minded and able to see the issues of any case and viewing the strengths and weaknesses from both sides," he said.

He said the goal of the firm is to reduce the stress and hassle that comes with the legal process.

"As your legal counsel, we not only represent you in court, but also take the time to educate you about the justice system," he said. "We deal with criminal cases. People are usually scared they are going to go right to jail. They expect the worst. We want to let

them know the options, what could happen, what likely would happen and advise them on their best alternative whether to take it to trial, make a plea agreement or (seek) diversion or community service," Hernacki said.

The three began their practice about two months ago, but they have known each other for years, having worked together at various points in their careers.

They are flexible about meeting with clients. If he or she cannot make to one of the offices, they will meet them at a coffee shop or somewhere more convenient to the client.

The idea is to have offices closer to people's home so they don't have to go downtown to see their attorney, he said.

"Our goal is to provide quality legal service in a convenient fashion. A lot of attorneys are downtown. We want to be the local neighborhood attorney to discuss your case, educate people about their cases and the system," he said.

The firm handles both felony and misdemeanor cases including juvenile offenses, trespass and property crimes, theft, robbery, fraud, white collar crimes, weapons offenses, domestic violence, assaults and DUI and other traffic violations. It also handles some civil matters including intellectual property



James Buesing, Dan Hernacki and Jay Beckstead make up the law firm of Buesing, Hernacki & Beckstead PLLC. Hernacki is a Laveen resident.

and personal injury cases.

Partner Jay Beckstead is a registered patent attorney and is able to represent

clients before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Beckstead is a graduate

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LAVEEN PAVILIONS
Your Neighborhood Center




October Fun!
Shop, Eat and Trick or Treat

<p><i>Sunday, October 18th</i></p> <p>Silent Breeze 2nd Annual Car Show Noon</p> <p><i>Saturday, October 24th</i></p> <p>Crime Prevention Day Pavilion Area Prevent crime in Laveen! 10:00 am</p>	<p><i>Saturday, October 31st</i></p> <p>Starting at 4:30 pm Trunk or Treat/Kids Carnival Free Candy</p> <p>Grand Openings! Brighter Angels Day Care Tempe West Dance Studio</p>
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Congratulation! Madonna Mounts on winning the August \$250 Shopping spree.

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Memphis BBQ Coming Soon!
Carnival and Laveen Community Day

<p><i>To Be Announced</i> Memphis BBQ Coming Soon</p> <p><i>Thursday, October 29th</i> Carnival</p> <p><i>Friday, October 30th</i> Carnival</p> <p><i>Saturday, October 31st</i> Carnival • Trick or Treat Free Halloween Candy <i>(at all participating retailers locations)</i></p>	<p><i>Sunday, November 1st</i> Carnival & Laveen Community and Kids Day! 10 am - 4pm</p> <p>Kids, that baseball glove so small? Need a larger helmet or football pads... <i>Bring your sports equipment and swap it.</i></p> <p>Specials and free services for the community all day.</p> <p>From free vision testing and haircuts to free crafts.</p> <p>Lots of free and fun stuff for you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your friends!</p>
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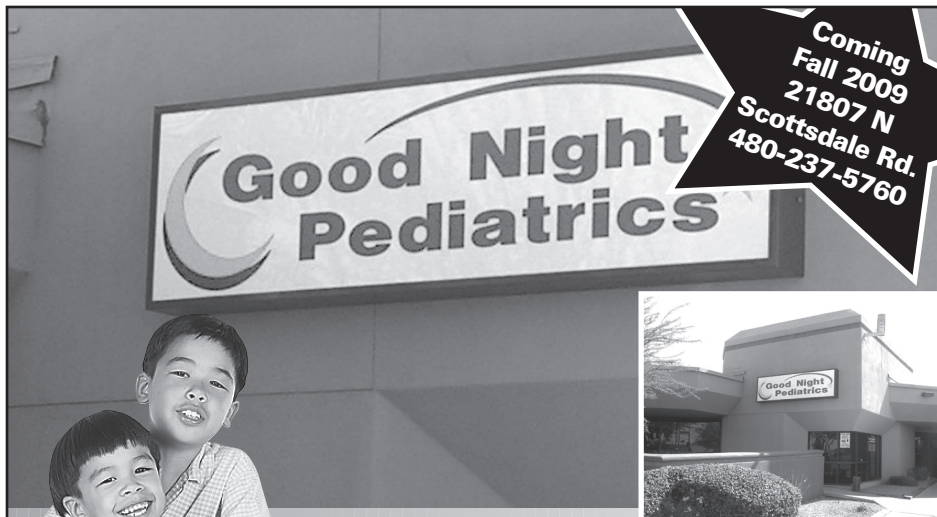
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of Tuba City High School in Northern Arizona. He served on active duty in the Marine Corps from 1988-1993, and then attended college on the G.I. Bill, graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Magna Cum Laude, in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree in Professional Aeronautics. He graduated from Vanderbilt law school in 2002, and worked as a business and patent attorney in Washington, D.C. and Silicon Valley from 2002-2005. In 2005 he joined the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and later worked for the Yavapai County Attorney's Office. In 2008 he returned to private practice.

Partner James Buesing attended the University of Central Missouri and graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2000. Prior to his graduation, he became interested in law while studying abroad at Teikyo University, in Maastricht, the Netherlands. He put his interest in the law to work as an intern with the Missouri State Legislature. He graduated from The University of Missouri School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree in 2003. Later that same year, he was admitted to the Arizona State Bar and began working for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, where he worked for 5 1/2 years as a senior attorney. He also worked in the pre-trial, Juvenile Crimes, Adult Felony Divisions and the Family Violence Bureau.

Dan Hernacki graduated from The University of Arizona, Cum Laude in 2000 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. As an undergraduate, He worked as an intern in the White House in Washington, D.C. Between his undergraduate education and law school, Dan served as a legislative intern with the Judicial Committee of the Arizona State Legislature. He went on to attend Law School at the University of California, Los Angeles graduating with a Juris Doctor Degree in 2004. That same year he was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona and began working for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

They can be reached at their Glendale office, 6751 N. Sunset Blvd. #320, 623-915-5980 or the Scottsdale office, 17470 N. Pacesetter Way, 480-941-6066. **SMDN**

To learn more about the firm, visit www.bhbfirm.com.

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be filed before December 15th of that year. If a recent appeal has been made and denied, the appeal must be filed within 60 days of that decision. The procedures and instructions for filing a small claims property tax evaluation appeal can be found online at www.maricopa.gov/ASSESSOR/PropertyValueAppeals.aspx. There are companies that will do this for you, usually for a fee that is a percentage of the amount they save you. If the county adjusts the taxes, it can only be adjusted for the year you appealed as the valuation they will not go back to previous years and adjust.

I recently was asked to provide testimony in a case where the owner's assessed value was decreased from \$210,000 to \$37,500. It is important to be prepared with facts, identify comparable sales to support your argument. Be current on market conditions that are affecting property values, for example supply and demand, the amount of distressed properties that are available and have sold. Study the comparables used by the assessor and be prepared to address why they are not comparable to your property and supply comparables that are more similar to your property.



Less than seven percent of all property owners ever attempt to seek a reduction in their property taxes. It is a simple process and could save you hundreds of dollars. It is definitely worth taking the time to review your tax bill when and you valuation. Please your real estate agent for information to help you along in this process. **SMDN**

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