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Local Attorney Discusses Trade Secrets

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Local employers learned the dos and don'ts of hiring employees from competitors, as well as how to protect their own businesses, at a recent meeting of the West Ventura County Employers Advisory Council. Glenn J. Dickinson, a partner with Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton LLP, Ventura County's largest law firm, was the speaker.

"It is important for companies to keep up with the laws governing trade secrets," Dickinson said. "A little planning can prevent new hires from inadvertently using their former employers' trade secrets, thus involving themselves and their new employers in costly litigation."

Dickinson also offered business protection advice, such as learning the best ways to guard proprietary information about customers, prices, business strategies and technologies.

Dickinson practices in the areas of business litigation, trademark and copyright, covering both litigation and transactional matters. He has trial experience in a variety of complex business disputes, particularly those involving trade secrets and unfair competition. He also litigates breach of contract, insurance coverage and other claims, and assists in the creation and management of trademark portfolios and the enforcement of these rights in traditional business activities as well as ecommerce environments.

Dickinson is a frequent speaker on legal protection of proprietary information and other topics and serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Ventura County and the Ventura County Taxpayers Association. Dickinson received his legal education from the University of Cincinnati, where he served as lead articles editor for the Law Review and as articles and managing editor for the Human Rights Quarterly. He received both his B.S. in journalism and his B.A. in philosophy from the University of Maryland.

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