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Gray, Gray & Gray, LLP's News

Yet Another National Accounting Merger



Last week, Grant Thornton, a large international accounting firm, finalized an agreement to acquire CCR LLP, a New England-based accounting firm that was formerly known as Carlin, Charron & Rosen. This is the latest in a series of national firms buying up regional firms in our area. Some people think you must be a client of an international firm like Grant Thornton or another one of the national accounting firms in order to get full service. We respectfully disagree.

Please click here to read Gray, Gray & Gray's full statement regarding this merger.

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Timely Opportunities

Can Businesses Require Applicants to Be 'Currently Employed?'



First-time unemployment claims filed by Americans went down recently but there are still millions of people who have been out of work for a long time. Congress just held a hearing to discuss the barriers they face. *One obstacle:* Some employers may not want to hire people who are out of a job and may even state in "help wanted" ads that applicants must currently be employed. This article explains whether the practice is legal, and provides tips for employers looking to fill positions.

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Personal Tax

Partial Tax Exclusions for Home Sales



One of the best tax breaks available is the ability to avoid tax when selling a principal residence -- up to \$500,000 of gain is potentially tax-free for married couples filing jointly (\$250,000 for single filers). However, in order to qualify, you must own and use the home for two out of the five years before the sale date. What if you're forced to move before that time? You still might be able to exclude the home sale profit by claiming a partial gain exclusion. Click "Full Article" to find out how.

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Estate Planning

Prenuptial Agreements as an Estate Planning Tool



Prenuptial agreements are often used by people to protect their assets in the event of a divorce. But they can also be used as an effective estate planning tool for people who are marrying for the second or third time. If you (or your spouse-to-be) has children from previous marriages, and valuable assets you want to keep in the family, a prenup might be beneficial. This article explains how. Copyright © 2012

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