

DEATH CARE INDUSTRY LAWYER, HARVEY I. LAPIN, JOINS SACHS SAX CAPLAN

Sachs, Sax & Caplan announced that nationally recognized death care industry lawyer Harvey I. Lapin has joined the firm. He will lead the firm's newly established Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Practice Group. Lapin's experience and recognition in the industry will broaden the legal services of the firm's existing death care practice.

Lapin has provided legal services and legislative guidance to numerous states, as well as local and national associations. He is the General Counsel to the Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Home Association. Lapin joins Ross McVoy, senior counsel with Sachs, Sax & Caplan, in the new practice group. McVoy serves as a General Counsel for the Florida Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association, created last year when the Florida Cemetery, Funeral and Cremation Association, Inc. joined with the Florida Funeral Director's Association, Inc.

For over 30 years, Lapin served as the General Counsel of the Cremation Association of North America ("CANA"). He drafted the CANA Model Cremation Law, which is now the standard for the cremation legislation enacted in many states. Previously, he was special cremation counsel to the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association. He was primary drafter or assisted in drafting industry related legislation in over 40 states including Florida. Lapin has closed numerous funeral establishment, cemetery and crematory sales transactions.

A graduate of Northwestern University and Northwestern University Law School, Lapin is licensed to practice law in Florida, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Lapin also has expertise in tax and corporate law. He received his Masters in Tax Law from Georgetown Law Center. He is an Associate Law Professor in the Masters in Taxation Program at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois. Since 1969, Lapin has taught the course on the "Law of Tax Exempt Organizations". He is a registered CPA in the state of Illinois.

The Funeral Cemetery and Cremation Practice Group will provide specific industry-related legal assistance and consultation regarding government approvals, industry compliance at the local, state and federal levels, business operations document preparation, sales transactions, business mergers, litigation representation and consultation including expert witness and mediation services, estate and succession planning for the industry as well as personal tax matters.

Sachs Sax Caplan is a full-service law firm with practice areas including government relations, corporate, community association law, real estate and land use, commercial litigation, estate planning, family law, and funerals, cemeteries & cremations law. The firm also has offices in Tallahassee and St. Lucie West.

For a more detailed description of the firm's practice areas, visit the firm's web site at www.SSCLawfirm.com .