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UCLA Extension honors Larry Campagna with 2020 Bruce I. Hochman Award

Larry Campagna receives 2020 Bruce I. Hochman Award

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Larry Campagna, the managing shareholder for national law firm, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, was recently recognized as the 2020 recipient of the Annual Bruce I. Hochman Award, at the 36th Annual Tax Controversy Institute at UCLA, the preeminent conference in the United States dedicated to tax controversy and tax litigation. The award was presented during the *Annual Bruce I. Hochman Award Luncheon*, held virtually on October 21, 2020.

The award was established in 2002 and is presented each year to an individual who demonstrates outstanding proficiency in the field of tax law and best exemplifies the principles that personified Bruce Hochman. Bruce Hochman, a leading attorney specializing in civil and criminal tax law litigation, was also a generous philanthropist and dynamic leader of various civic organizations. The distinguished personal and professional achievements of Bruce Hochman have been permanently honored through this award, which is selected each year by the Planning Committee for the Institute.

“Larry is incredibly deserving of the Bruce I. Hochman Award,” said Nathan J. Hochman, a former head of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Tax Division and son of Bruce I. Hochman, during the virtual award presentation. “He is the consummate professional and counsellor, practicing the legal profession with integrity and relentlessly advocating for his clients. Always the most prepared person in the room, Larry is widely respected by his peers and judges. It is my honor to know him and to celebrate a career well-lived and well-living with this award.”

Campagna developed a national reputation as an authoritative litigator in matters of business litigation and criminal tax defense, as well as federal, state and local tax controversies. Throughout his 43-year career, he has resolved thousands of civil and criminal litigation matters, many involving sophisticated and complex legal issues that established precedent in courts at all levels. Now at the helm of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, he assumed the managing shareholder role just three months before the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the collapse of oil prices. While meeting the current challenges facing our community, he is moving forward with his strategic focus for the firm. Firm diversity in its management team has been a high priority for Larry, as has additional expansion of firm capabilities to meet the needs of clients.

Campagna generously gives his time and expertise to the legal community. He currently serves the the American Bar Association Section of Taxation as the Vice Chair for Administration, as a member of its Council, and as a member of the

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Committee on Appointments to the Tax Court. He previously chaired the Committee on Civil and Criminal Tax Penalties, the Committee on Employment Taxes, a Task Force on Offshore Credit Card Cases, and a subcommittee on IRS Investigations and Procedures.

Well-published, Campagna is a co-author of the casebook *Tax Crimes*, published by Carolina Press. He frequently speaks at legal seminars and tax institutes. As an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Law Center, he teaches a course on tax crimes and money laundering. He serves on the Advisory Board of Editors of the *Journal of Tax Practice and Procedure*. In support of the arts, Larry serves Houston's Alley Theatre as an Advisory Board member and past chair of the Individual Giving Committee. He has also served as a director of several non-profit and educational institutions.

Campagna was unanimously inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel in 1995, where he now serves his second three-year term on the Board of Regents. In September 2020, Texas Lawyer/American Legal Media's 2020 Professional Excellence Awards presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He's been listed among *Best Lawyers in America* annually since 2010, including being named as 2014 and 2016 Lawyer of the Year Houston Litigation and Controversy – Tax. He continues to be ranked in Band 1 nationally and in Texas by *Chambers USA* since 2009 and has been named a Leading Lawyer by *Legal 500*. He has made the *Texas SuperLawyers* list annually since 2003 and has been named among the country's leading federal tax litigators by America's Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys since 2007. In 2019, Campagna was named a *Texas Tax Legend* by the State Bar of Texas Tax Section.

