

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the Landau Arnold Laufer e-newsletter!

A big part of our role is to provide information that will help you make smart decisions. We have been working recently to do this with greater efficiency and effectiveness (have you visited [www.lalcpa.com](http://www.lalcpa.com) lately?). We hope that this newsletter will be a valuable communication vehicle and information source.

Approximately once per month - more frequently if there are important new developments - you will receive this e-newsletter. You'll find our own particular take on some things, along with in-depth content on a variety of topics from trusted third-party providers.

Based on our understanding of your interests and concerns, we have chosen certain categories of articles for you. These range from general personal and business financial and tax information to industry-specific subjects. We hope we chose correctly, but if not, please let us know and we can adjust your subscription to get you the information you need.

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Everyone is overwhelmed by information these days; we understand that. If you need to unsubscribe, a link makes it easy to do that.

Let us know what you think - and how we can serve you better. We appreciate the trust you place in our firm and look forward to contributing to your success.

## Timely Opportunities

**Tax-Smart Domestic Travel this Summer Vacations are even more enjoyable** if they're subsidized with tax deductions. If you're self-employed, there might be ways to combine business trips with pleasure and still generate write-offs. But you must follow strict rules. Here are the details when your travel destination is within the United States. (There are different rules for foreign travel.)

## Business Valuation & Litigation Support

### **Buy-Out Provisions Can Cause Higher Valuation**

**When drafting buy-out** provisions in a closely held business, you should anticipate that they will be used for other purposes. Here's one divorce case where such a provision resulted in a valuation that was higher than the husband desired.



## Estates

### Retirement Accounts and Your Estate Plan

**When planning your estate** to minimize taxes, there are some important factors to keep in mind about retirement accounts like traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, SEP accounts and 401(k) plans. Click "Full Article" to find out the details.

## Investment Strategies

### Take a Close Look at Your Portfolio

**You shouldn't just** ignore your portfolio. Instead, take a close look at it to make sure you're comfortable with your holdings going forward. Here are four steps to follow during this review.

## Latest Headlines

### Nabors Misses Top and Bottom Lines

*zacks.com - Wed, 27 Jul 2011 18:53:47 GMT*

### India, Pakistan foreign ministers agree to take ties forward

*livemint.com - Wed, 27 Jul 2011 18:49:03 GMT*

### India finance minister says more rate hikes likely

*channelnewsasia.com - Wed, 27 Jul 2011 18:49:00 GMT*

### Lockheed collaborates on cloud computing

*javno.com - Wed, 27 Jul 2011 18:48:40 GMT*

### Dunkin' shares soar on sweet debut

*chicagotribune.com - Wed, 27 Jul 2011 18:46:58 GMT*

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