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## California Family Law Expert Discusses Challenging Issues for Annulments

Normally, the courts require divorce as a way out of a marriage. Getting an annulment in California or any state for that matter is extremely difficult. Buncher Law Corporation today released a blog about a successful annulment. Sven Buncher, senior partner at Buncher Law, discusses the issues that make annulments so challenging.

IRVINE, CA, May 10, 2012 – The Buncher Law Corporation (<u>www.buncherfamilylaw.com</u>) today announced <u>a blog</u> post about the successful resolution of a difficult annulment case in Orange County.

"Hollywood makes annulment in California look easy: Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries' after 72 days of marriage, Nicky Hilton and Todd Meister after 2 months, Ali Landry and Mario Lopez after a few weeks," says <u>Sven Buncher</u>, Senior Partner at Buncher Law Corporation. "Set the illusion aside and the facts will tell you that getting an annulment is no easy task."

He points out that the courts rely on a set of guidelines called 'Essentials of Marriage' when determining whether to grant an annulment. According to a February 2012 issue of the <u>California Law Review</u>, these guidelines are subject to interpretation by the courts, which also take into consideration an "astonishing array of doctrines" to determine what may be considered.

In recent years, according to Buncher, the courts have made a shift toward applying more subjective rather than objective tests for fraud. "Fraud is an intentional deception made for personal gain and/or to damage another individual. Under 'normal' circumstance, proving fraud is difficult. Proving fraud in an annulment case is doubly difficult, but not insurmountable," he says.

Buncher points to the case discussed in the blog. <u>Lauren Mullee</u>, who was the lead attorney on this case, "had to do some 'out-of-the-box' thinking that ultimately caught the court's attention," he says.

"The demand for proof is always extremely high," he adds. "But in my opinion, the courts should hold a tight grip over how it grants annulment. Making a shift toward the more subjective test of fraud is a positive one, keeping in mind that not all situations 'fit' into the proscribed concepts of the 'essentials of marriage'."

## About Buncher Law

<u>Buncher Law Corporation</u> is a professional, preeminent boutique law firm based in Orange County, California serving the cities of Irvine, Newport Beach, Santa Ana, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Anaheim and other communities in the area. Lead by Sven Buncher, the firm is a practical, rational and respected partner for legal matters that involve Family Law, Personal Injury and Business Litigation.

"In my core philosophy lays a simple equation," says Buncher. "Either you can live by emotions or live well. From the perspective of litigation, one can litigate every issue available, or litigate what is in your best interest. I am your counselor, representative and advisor. My task is to present the economics of justice so that you can make value-

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based choices and receive the satisfaction you seek. My job is to bring the factual story to the court, to prepare you so that you can achieve your goals. Armed with truth, we will succeed."

Sven Buncher has been practicing law since 1996. He is the founding attorney of the firm. His unique insight and handling of cases is in large part due to his extensive experience in practicing in a variety of areas from family law, to business litigation and personal injury.

Prior to founding *Buncher Law Corporation*, Buncher gained experience as a partner and associate at both large and small law firms. He has taken the best aspects of large and small firms, to form 'The Buncher Law Corporation'. Here, clients are provided very individual attention with quick and easy access to their attorneys, along with the resources of a larger firm.

Buncher drives the importance of providing each client, no matter how large or small, the highest degree of personalized services. He approaches each case with fresh eyes as if it presents novel factual and legal issues of first impression, rather than simply treating it the same as similar cases that have come along before. He emphasizes careful case management, which is vital to minimizing costs and maximizing results. The Buncher Law philosophy is to focus on customized and personalized service, but to tailor services to maximize results, save time and money.

The firm offers a highly personalized service. In the area of <u>family law</u>, the firm specializes in divorce, legal separations, child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, cohabitation/Marvin Actions, prenuptial agreements and other complex family law matters.

In the area of <u>business litigation</u>, the firm specializes in litigation for breach of contract, business buy/sell agreements, non-disclosure agreements (NDA), fraud and contract disputes and other business-related matters.

In the area of <u>personal injury</u>, the Buncher Law Corporation is successful in informed consent, product defect, head injuries, Legionnaire's Disease, medical malpractice and other matters where there is serious injury or death caused by the negligence of another person.

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