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MEDIA ADVISORY

National Experts on Tax, Estate Planning and the Economy Converge in Newport Beach

EVENT: The Society of Estate Practitioners (STEP), in collaboration with The Paul Merage School of Business and the School of Law at UC Irvine, will hold, “The Institute on Tax, Estate Planning and the Economy,” a three-day conference featuring nationally recognized faculty discussing current topics related to tax planning in the post-fiscal cliff environment.

WHEN/WHERE: Thursday, January 24 – 26 at Fashion Island Marriott Hotel in Newport Beach, California.

Details on the agenda can be found at www.step.org/events.aspx?eventId=a0XC0000007V3hgMAC.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Erwin Chemerinsky, Esq., dean of UC Irvine’s School of Law, will give a Supreme Court Review during a keynote presentation on January 24th from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.

- Andrew Policano, PhD, dean of UC Irvine’s Paul Merage School of Business, will give a keynote presentation January 25th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. titled, “Annual Domestic and International Economic Forecast: How advisors Should Plan Accordingly for Their Clientele.”

INFORMATION: Media planning to attend need to pre-register by contacting STEP OC Chairman Mark Silberfarb or STEP OC Administrator Grace Carroll at 949.440.3298 or at msilberfarb@globalfinancialinst.org.

*Faculty interview opportunities will be available following the conference.

BACKGROUND: “The Institute” is designed to provide Tax and Estate Planning practitioners with proven ideas, knowledge and methods to maximize relevancy and quality of advice provided to the public in an ever changing tax world. The brightest and most respected minds in the planning industry will converge in Orange County to discuss the post-Fiscal Cliff tax environment and strategies for helping clients effectively plan for the changes and anticipate potential changes on the horizon.

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**About the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners:**
The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) is the leading worldwide professional body for practitioners in the fields of trusts, estates and related issues. STEP members help families plan their long term financial future, facilitating good stewardship and financial planning across future generations. STEP members also help families comply with the often complex tax rules surrounding trusts, estates and inheritance.

**About the Paul Merage School of Business at the University of California at Irvine:**
The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine offers MBA and other graduate programs – plus Ph.D. and undergraduate business degrees – that deliver its thematic approach to business education: sustainable growth through strategic innovation. It graduates leaders with the exceptional ability to help grow their organizations through analytical decision-making, innovation and collaborative execution. Six Centers of Excellence and an Executive Education program provide numerous and varied opportunities for students and the business community at large to enhance their education experience and update their professional expertise. The Merage School consistently ranks among the top 10 percent of all AACSB-accredited programs through exceptional student recruitment, world-class faculty, a strong alumni network and close individual and corporate relationships. For more information, visit merage.uci.edu.

**About the School of Law at the University of California at Irvine:**
UC Irvine School of Law seeks to create the ideal law school for the 21st century by doing the best job of training lawyers for the practice of law at the highest levels of the profession. Recruited from prestigious schools, the faculty ranked seventh in the country in scholarly impact in a recent study. The student body has overall admissions statistics comparable to those of student bodies at top 20 law schools. The school’s innovative curriculum stresses hands-on learning, interdisciplinary study and public service.

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