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Stretching Your Charitable Dollars

You cannot respond to all the worthy causes that seek your financial support, but you may be able to do more than you realize. It's all a matter of planning. Here are some techniques being used by thoughtful supporters of schools and colleges, health and social welfare groups, the fine arts and a broad range of other charitable organizations.

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Make Your Mark with Your Own Career Brand

Branding is a marketing term which is all about deliberately and consciously creating an image that 'customers' can form an emotional attachment to. In the same way that BMW conjures up images of sleek style and remarkable performance, branding makes your name synonymous with the job that you want and the skills and qualities that a prospective employer needs.

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Nine Facts About the New Vehicle Sales and Excise Tax Deduction

Taxpayers who buy new motor vehicles this year may be entitled to a special tax deduction for the sales or excise taxes on those purchases when they file their 2009 federal tax returns next year. This tax break is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Series LLC: Simplify Your Legal Entity Structure

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Many businesses are being set up as a Series LLC where multiple projects are involved. Rather than setting up an entirely new Limited Liability Company (LLC) for each project, a Series LLC can be formed, with each "cell" in the series being legally independent. A lawsuit in cell #1 can't make a claim against the assets in cell #2. For example, a client of mine is purchasing foreclosed properties in 30 states. We recommended putting each major property in a separate "cell" of a series LLC, reducing legal costs compared to a establishing a completely separate LLC for each major property. Then, a law suit in a New York cell can't collect a judgment against assets in a cell in California.

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