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BERGER SINGERMAN HOSTS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK SERIES TO READY FLORIDA BUSINESSES FOR STORM SEASON

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MIAMI, FL – May 12, 2016 – Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, has announced it will host a series of educational workshops from June 6- 10 to prepare local business owners for the upcoming hurricane season. With a total of 14 named storms, eight hurricanes and three major hurricanes predicted for the 2016 storm season, this year is expected to be the most active season Florida has seen since 2012 according to a recent forecast from The Weather Company's Professional Division.

These seminars are open to the public and will be hosted by the firm's team members specializing in insurance, real estate and construction litigation. The workshops will focus on an array of topics aimed to prepare the community in the unfortunate event of a disaster.

The series will include:

- **Monday, June 6:**
    - **"Best Practices in Handling Insurance Claims" webinar:** Presented by attorneys Gina Clausen Lozier, Michael Higer and Jeff Wertman, this online course will provide insight on best practices to assist condominium and homeowner associations with insurance claims. More details and link to sign up can be found here.
- **Tuesday, June 7:**
    - **"Preparing Your Business for Loss" workshop:** Attorneys Michael Higer, James Berger and Gina Clausen Lozier will host, in association with the Greater Miami Beach Hotel Association, an in-person course educating hospitality professionals on how to prepare for loss of business income resulting from hurricane damage. The workshop will take place at Berger Singerman's Miami office located at 1450 Brickell Avenue, 19th Floor at 8:30 A.M. More details can be found here.
- **Thursday, June 9:**
    - **"The Burdens of Proof for Public Adjusters" workshop:** This in-person course will be presented by attorneys Michael Higer, Gina Clausen Lozier and Jordan Jacob on helpful tips for public adjusters to tackle the burdens of proof of loss following a storm. The workshop will take place at Berger Singerman's Fort Lauderdale office located at 350 East Las Olas Boulevard, first floor community room, from 9:30 A.M. to Noon. More details can be found here. This program has been approved for two hours of Florida public adjuster continuing education credit.

In addition to the educational courses, the firm will also offer comprehensive online information to provide the community with tools and information that can be helpful during and after a natural disaster. The firm's blog, Doing Business in Florida, will feature several new posts focusing on:

- How insurance agents should prepare clients for hurricane season
- The effects of storms on governmental entities

- o Considerations for utility companies arising out of hurricanes
- o A hurricane’s impact on the agricultural industry
- o What bankruptcy trustees need to know about hurricane claims
- o Tax implications of insurance proceeds
- o How businesses can protect themselves from cybersecurity issues during a storm
- o Preparation tips for landlords discussing potential hurricane risks
- o Considerations when making a first-party claim

For more information on these seminars and to access all blogs, webinars and articles, please contact Stephanie Vazquez at svazquez@bergersingerman.com.

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