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## **Family Office Exchange and Schiff Hardin to Offer Educational Roundtable for Business-Owning Families in Atlanta**

*October 8 event to address building an effective board for the family business*

**Chicago, September 23, 2013** – Family Office Exchange (FOX), a global membership organization of single family offices and their advisors, announced it will offer a roundtable presentation and discussion titled “Building an Effective Board and the Role of Outsiders” on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, in Atlanta. The program, presented in conjunction with the national law firm Schiff Hardin, will provide an in-depth look into board development best practices and the value of including non-family board members.

The event will take place at Schiff Hardin’s Atlanta office, 1201 West Peachtree St. NW, Concourse Level, Atlanta, GA 30309, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The speakers include FOX Managing Directors Mariann Mihailidis and Karen Neal, along with Schiff Hardin partners Sarah Kerr Severson, Matthew Galo and Robert Pluth Jr., all members of the firm’s Private Clients, Trusts and Estates Group.

The Atlanta event is part of a multi-city program known as “The Family Business Owner Series: Preparing Families for Multi-Generational Success.” FOX is presenting the program in conjunction with three of the organization’s Thought Leader Council members that deal with the unique challenges facing business-owning families.

“This series of events address an important need for ultra high-net-worth families,” says FOX Managing Director Karen Neal. “Fifty-six percent of our members own an operating business. Running a significant family business, while overseeing the management of the family’s liquid wealth, is challenging. Many families struggle with how to integrate these different components and address the often-conflicting priorities. These events help address some of their most common issues.”

The Family Business Owner Series events are open to families who own, manage or control significant operating businesses. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited.

Following the Atlanta event, FOX will host a roundtable on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, in New York City titled “How to Mitigate and Manage Family Business Risks.” The program will be presented in conjunction with TriState Capital Bank and feature a discussion of how to manage the financial risks inherent to family enterprises.

**About Family Office Exchange**

[Family Office Exchange](#) supports a global member network of wealthy families and their advisors who are pursuing best practices for optimal management of their families' wealth and enterprise. The community includes over 6,000 people from 650 organizations in 20 countries who utilize FOX's resources each year for advice, networking, education, and comparative metrics.

FOX is headquartered in Chicago with offices in New York and London. For more information about FOX, call 1.312.327.1200 (The Americas) or 44.(0)20.7520.9443 (Europe, Africa, Asia/Pacific) or visit [www.familyoffice.com](http://www.familyoffice.com).

**About the FOX Thought Leaders Council**

The Thought Leaders Council is a diversified working group of advisors, including integrated wealth advisors, insurance providers, private banks, trust companies, and educators working with experts in estate planning, tax, and philanthropy. Each year, the council works with a group of FOX members to identify the key industry issues.