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**Michael Morris to Address Estate Tax Repeal at March 17 Workshop**

PISMO BEACH – Michael Morris, senior principal with the Andre, Morris & Buttery law firm of San Luis Obispo, will be the speaker at an estate planning workshop on Wednesday, March 17, sponsored by Joe Brittingham, CFP® of Edward Jones Investments. Morris will present a program titled “Estate Tax Repeal & Its Effect on Basic Estate Planning.”

The no-charge event will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Edward Jones offices located at 835-B Oak Park Blvd. in Pismo Beach. The workshop is open to the public but space is limited and advance registration is required. Lunch will be provided by Rosa’s Italian Restaurant.

Morris, who has more than 35 years of experience in real estate, business counseling and estate and trust matters, will discuss the repeal of the federal estate tax and generation-skipping transfer tax which occurred on January 1, 2010. By failing to extend the estate tax law, Congress has created uncertainty both now and in the future. Under current law, while the estate tax is eliminated in calendar year 2010, it returns on January 1, 2011 with a drastically reduced federal exemption of only \$1.0 million and an increased tax rate of 55%. While many believe that Congress will retroactively attempt to reinstate the tax and provide reasonable rules for 2011 and beyond, there is no guarantee of how or when this may occur. "Understanding the impact of all this on your existing estate plan is essential," Morris noted. The seminar will help attendees understand the current status of the estate tax law as well as plan for the potential changes which may occur in the future.

Event host Joe Brittingham can be reached via e-mail at [Joe.Brittingham@edwardjones.com](mailto:Joe.Brittingham@edwardjones.com). Reservations are requested via phone call to Jennifer or Bryanna at Edward Jones in Pismo Beach, (805) 473-9200.

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