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SFVBA MEMBERS RACE FOR MCLE

Back by popular demand, the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's 8th Annual MCLE Marathon will take place on Friday, January 7, and Saturday, January 8, at the San Fernando Valley Campus of the University of West Los Angeles College of Law.

For the bargain price of \$125, SFVBA members can fulfill their hours in the required subject areas: four hours legal ethics, one hour elimination of bias, and one hour substance abuse prevention. In addition, eight hours of classes will be offered in substantive areas of law such as intellectual property, mediation, estate planning, and insurance bad faith.

The MCLE Marathon is one of the SFVBA's most popular events. It affords members a painless way to earn MCLE credits at a great, affordable price. More than one thousand attorneys have participated in the Marathon in the previous seven years.

The Marathon offers fourteen hours of live, participatory programs. Members can

complete the additional ten hours by attending the many monthly Section programs (<http://www.sfvba.org/intus/event3/index.htm>) or through self-study credit that can be earned by borrowing tapes from the SFVBA's complimentary tape library located at the Bar Offices. An index of the tapes can be found on the SFVBA website at <http://www.sfvba.org/cle/mcletapes.htm>.

Attorneys in Group 3 (whose last names begin with N through Z) are required to complete their State Bar MCLE compliance of 25 credit hours by January 31, 2005. The current compliance period began February 1, 2002 and ends January 31, 2005. Compliance cards for Group 3 are due at the State Bar by February 1, 2005.

SFVBA members who are uncertain about the total number of credit hours they have earned at SFVBA programs can request a copy of their transcripts at <http://www.sfvba.org/cle/membercletranscripts.htm> or call SFVBA Events Coordinator Linda Temkin at (818) 227-0490 ext. 105. ☎



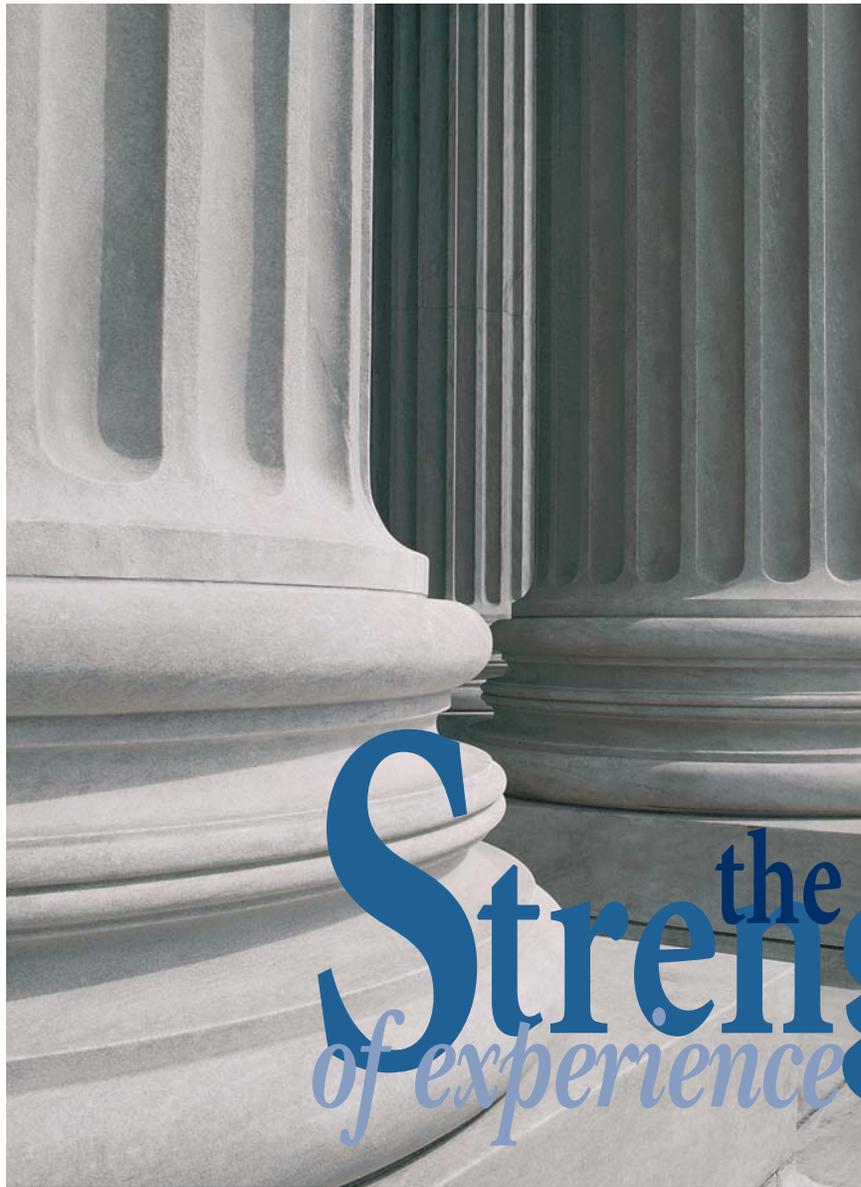
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Program a VAST Success

Seventy members of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association served as volunteer settlement officers during the week of October 18 at the Chatsworth Courthouse. Two hundred and eighteen cases were scheduled for the VAST Program; 36% of the cases heard were settled by the volunteer attorneys. The volunteers began each morning conversing with the North Valley's judges over coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts, compliments of the SFVBA and Court staff.



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Referral Service is All Business Message From the LRIS Coordinator

Michele C. Morley



We are in the process of establishing a list serve for the LRIS panel attorneys. In the beginning, I will use the list serve to send out important information to the panel members. If you have not provided your current email address, please consider doing this. I will be judicious in my use of the list serve so you will not receive unnecessary communications from me. However, good communication is a key to the successful partnership between LRIS panel attorneys and staff.

In October, I attended the National ABA/LRIS Conference in San Diego, which included a half day session for just the California-based referral services. One of the items on that agenda was whether the LRIS Rules would be modified. The State Bar of California is reviewing the Rules of Professional Conduct and at some point the LRIS Rules will also be examined. The consensus at the meeting is that little or no change is necessary to the existing LRIS Rules. While they were last modified in 1997, a great deal of time and effort was put into the changes and they remain excellent guidelines.

I participated in a presentation about Limited Scope Representation for Family Law. I was actually told by referral staff of one of the largest bar associations that I had convinced them that limited scope is valuable. My argument was that in our brief experience to date, limited scope has expanded the number of family law clients who are able to retain attorneys. We have now made close to 50 limited scope referrals.

This ABA Conference was exceptionally valuable because the speakers were often from the business world. The kick-off speaker was from a firm that specializes in working with executives and entrepreneurs to enable their business or company to “stand out in the crowd.” This is exactly what we are working on in our marketing and I received some good information to help us “brand” our LRIS.

Another speaker from the business world spoke about how to decide which parts of your business you are going to discard, change, or keep. This is exactly what the SFVBA and the LRIS is doing in the strategic planning process that is going on right now. Speakers at the Conference taught us coaching skills. Other speakers spoke about the insurance climate, building business relationships, Americans with Disability Act compliance, and dealing with difficult people and situations.

I believe that this Conference, the strategic planning by the SFVBA, and the marketing direction of the LRIS are all examples of how the organized bar is benefiting its membership by combining business techniques with their public and membership services. One speaker said a good term for what is happening is that we are “social entrepreneurs.” I do not know if that is a good term, but it is smart to combine public and membership services with the best business models.

May this holiday season bring you the gifts of family, friends, and relationships that are vivid rather than faded. May we all remember to help the children. ♣

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David H. Baum has been selected as an "Angel in Adoption" by Congressman Henry Waxman for the year 2004. The honor was conferred upon David by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) on September 23 in a moving ceremony at the Dirksen Office Building on Capitol Hill. The Angel in Adoption program is CCAI's signature public awareness program raising congressional consciousness about the thousand of foster children in this country and the millions of children around the world in need of permanent adoptive homes.

L. Ernestine Fields was featured on the front page of the September 29, 2004, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Fields led a campaign to provide every foster child in Los Angeles County with a library card. Libraries throughout the country deny foster kids library cards because a "parent" or "legal guardian" needs to sign the library card application for a minor. Fields worked with County Supervisor Michael Antonovich to create a penalty-free, confidential program to allow foster parents to sign the application as the "responsible adult". Fields has contacted First Lady Barbara Bush and California State Librarian Kevin Starr to expand the program state and nation-wide.

David Gurnick submitted comments to the Federal Trade Commission on franchise regulation rule changes the FTC is considering. Recently, the FTC staff submitted a report on franchise rule changes, which extensively cited David's comments. The FTC staff added: "We believe Mr. Gurnick has raised some useful suggestions about the form of the disclosure that, if adopted, could reduce costs without greatly compromising the underlying purpose of the proposed disclosure." Several of David's comments were adopted, resulting in improvements to the proposed franchise rule. 🐾

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Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association: Elections, Chads and What's Going On



BY L. ROB WERNER, SCVBA PRESIDENT

By the time this article gets published the repercussions of the national elections should be settling down. Everyone will begin to look back to see what was done wrong. Accusations will remain about people denied the vote or people illegally voting.

Our Association's elections are now official. We had a 50% turnout which I am told is good for a Bar Association, especially when none of the main offices was contested. It was reassuring that attorneys would take the time to send in their ballots. None-the-less, half the ballots that were submitted were done so improperly, without a member's signature on the envelope. I guess busy attorneys don't have time to read instructions either.

The officers are President L. Rob Werner; President-Elect William R. Lively; Treasurer Lou Esbin; Secretary Tamiko Herron; and Board Members Jane McNamara, Rand Pinsky and Steven G. Mehta.

On November 18 the officers were installed by Santa Clarita Valley's Mayor Bob Keller. This was the second social event for the association. Following the installation, the members, their spouses and guests were treated to dinner and a comedy show.

Jane McNamara received the association's first Founders Award in recognition of her indispensable service to the organization. Jacquelyn Werner was given the "Put Up and Guff Award" for what she went through as the spouse of the President.

The association's weekly column in Santa Clarita's local newspaper the *Signal* started the last week in October. We are always looking to expand our bank of articles. If you would like to submit something, contact John Shaffrey at jshaffrey@pooleshaffrey.com.

James Reape, the Chairperson of our Courts and Court Liaison Committee, emailed to our membership the new local rules for civility among lawyers. If you need a copy of these rules you may contact him at jpirlawcorp@earthlink.net. In the future we hope to publish these types of documents on our web site.

Thanks to the efforts of President-Elect Bill Lively, our association completed its first community project by raising over \$5,000 in food, supplies and cash for the Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry. We are hoping that for 2005 this project will take place in the summer when the Food Pantry is most in need.

The association is in the formation stage of creating a scholarship fund. The goal is to raise \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded to law school students. The applicants would be judged on a blind submission of a two thousand word essay arguing both sides of a constitutional issue.

Our December meeting will be for lunch on Thursday, December 16, with registrations beginning at 11:45 a.m. We will enjoy a Mexican buffet at El Chaparral, 19132 Soledad Canyon Road (off of Whites Canyon), Canyon Country. To get a head start on the nation, the program will be entitled "The State of the Bar." We will have an informative session on our web site, legal forum and progress reports presented by the committees. The meal, including tip and soft drink, will be \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. You may mail in your reservations to SCVBA c/o SFVBA, fax reservations via (818)227-0499, or call (818)227-0490, ext 105.

There are so many things we would like to accomplish in the next twelve months. We will be looking at reorganizing some of our committees and enlisting more help from our fellow attorneys.

We really need some computer savvy attorney to volunteer to work with Rob Gardner, our web designer, to iron out all the cyberspace issues. If you would like our Bar to accomplish some specific purpose or can find the time to lend us some assistance please contact me at lrobwerner@yahoo.com. Letters to our Bar may be emailed to santaclaritavalleybar@yahoo.com. ↗

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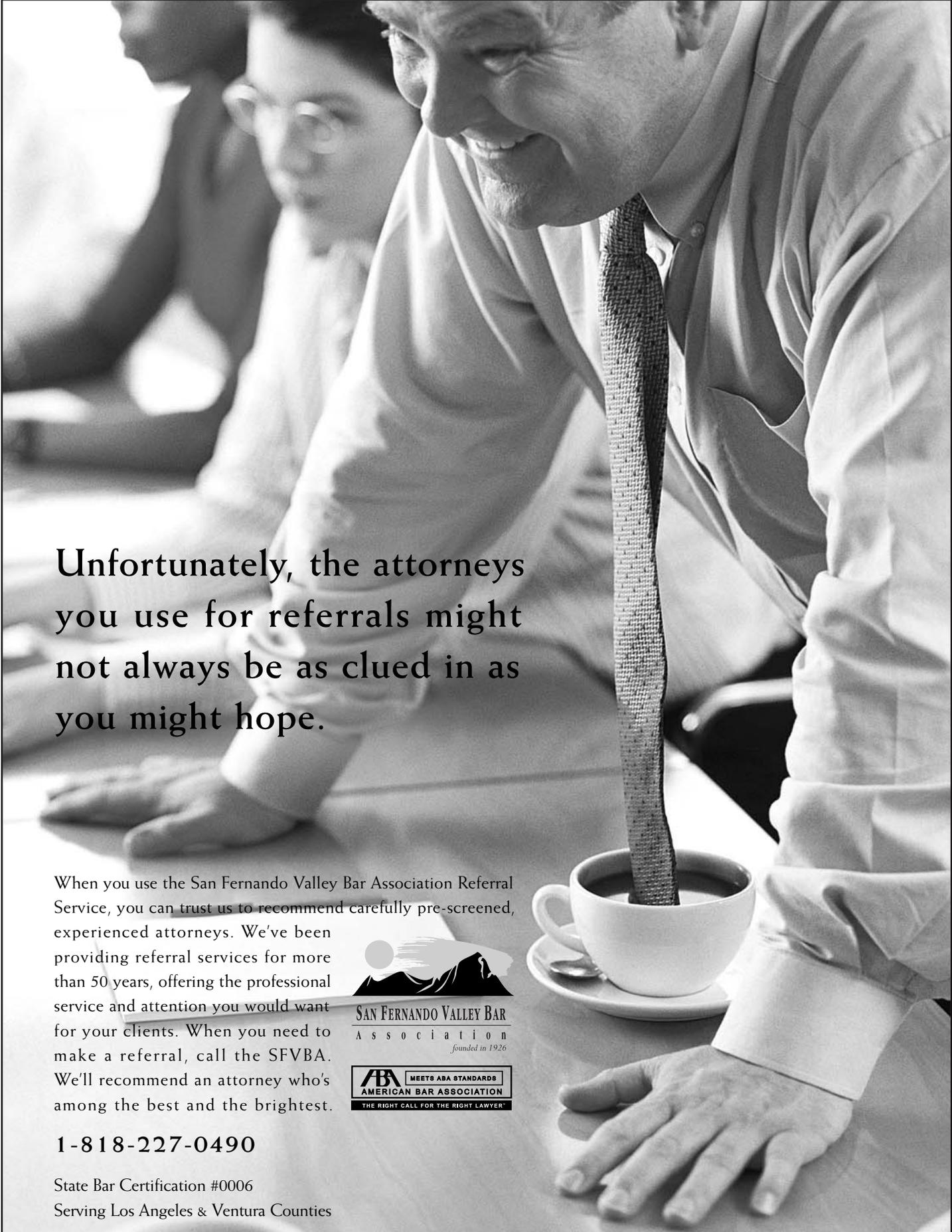
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The Role of Morality in Mediation Should it Have a Place at the Negotiating Table?



BY JAN FRANKEL SCHAU, JD, AND RONNIE BLAKENEY, PH.D.

There is great temptation to “moralize” at the mediation of a legal dispute. “What they did was wrong—and they should pay for it”. “We cannot and should not pay damages to an individual like Plaintiff—it’s just wrong!” But is there a proper place for morality in mediation?

Process over Outcome

Certainly we can, or should be able to agree that there is a role for basic morality in the process of a mediation hearing. A sensitive mediator will insist upon a modicum of mutual respect and dignity, as a basic human value, and where the parties are so antagonistic that this appears to be unlikely or impossible, will keep the parties separated to avoid the risk of impugning someone’s integrity face to face.

Another core value present in every mediation is a basic regard for peaceful resolution of disputes. There is, in a sense, a mutual agreement at the outset that the parties are willing to attempt to cooperate towards finding a peaceful solution before war commences or the battle known as litigation or trial gets more expensive, more intense, or just uglier.

Finally, there is or should be a common regard for diversity of opinion. In every mediation, there are agreements to disagree, differences of opinion as to certain issues, disparate evaluations of damages and diverse predictions on how certain issues, witnesses or evidence in a case may ultimately be weighed by a judge or jury.

These moral agreements are, and indeed should be present at most mediations. But they are vastly different than the moralizing that parties may attempt to engage in as to the outcome of the mediation. Because mediation connotes a compromise, there are rarely clear agreements on issues such as who is right and who is wrong, who is the bad guy and who is the good, who is the victim and who the oppressor or perpetrator. Indeed,

the mediator’s job is often to work to shift obvious power imbalances by giving a voice and credibility to the weaker party, so that the stronger party feels at least some measure of vulnerability, and the weaker party feels at least somewhat empowered before earnest negotiations can begin. It is only there that compromise can be achieved.

It’s not About the Cheeseburger

A friend who is the head of a Jewish school related a story of a seventh grader who ordered a Cheeseburger on a school trip to Olvera Street, against the Kosher laws of the school. The family protested when the Principal explained that even though the family was not strictly Kosher at home, these were the rules by which the School required their students to abide. In essence, moral or immoral (depending upon your view

of the basis for Kosher Laws), to the School principal, the offense was “not about the Cheeseburger”, but about abiding by the agreed upon cultural norms of the particular school where the child was enrolled.

In a mediation, although neither the Mediator nor the parties are strictly constrained by the laws dictating the outcome of a particular dispute, a careful examination of the underlying issues will often dictate the possible outcomes of the negotiation. In the cheeseburger example, the child had probably eaten many cheeseburgers and never gotten ill, nor been seen as sinner in his home or even in his synagogue. Yet, in the context of the school’s “moral authority” and the rules of Kosher law observed in that school’s “community”, what he did was wrong and furthermore unnecessary to achieve the ultimate objective: lunch.

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Often conflict arises when one party sees a particular issue as a moral issue (i.e. “universally right or wrong”) and the other party sees the same issue as merely a cultural or societal law. The violation of one’s sense of a universal wrong (for example, stealing from a blind man) causes a certain indignation that may not be subject to compromise; whereas a violation of a community’s rules (such as keeping a puppy in a “no dogs” apartment complex overnight) can cause strong emotions, but will likely become resolvable if the parties can come to appreciate the differences between a “moral wrong” and a violation of societal convention.

The charge of the skilled mediator is to surface each conflict in such a way that each party appreciates that the objective is not to discern universal truths, but to agree upon some societal norms which each party is willing to accept or reject. In that way, they begin to see that the world won’t come to an end if the particular issue is not decided in the way they believe is a universal right or wrong. Once the varying perspectives are clarified, the discussion can more readily move on to negotiation of a compromise.

Identifying not only the moral issues, but also the cultural/social and legal ones, can aid the mediator and the parties to understand the real obstacles to resolution. In this way, the mediator can best address the “below the surface” needs and interests of the parties.

Mediation Should Include Moral Reasoning, but Not Necessarily Moral Judgment

The conflict between moral judgment and moral reasoning arises where there are defenses raised to certain allegations of conduct based upon the Plaintiffs alleged behavior preceding the particular act. For example, where an accused sexual predator is allegedly deprived his civil rights in jail, or where an employer is accused of racial discrimination in terminating an employee who they also suspected was engaging in lewd conduct against a minor. In these instances, Defendants may want to stand on the “moral high ground” and refuse to set-

tle the case because in their judgment, the plaintiff was a bad person. In doing so, the defendant would be attempting to impose its institutionalized moral value judgments not only as “right” but as superior to the rights and complaints of the plaintiffs. This is a danger that should not be countenanced by mediation. That is the work and exclusive province of a judge or a jury, but has no place in mediation.

The mediation system instead seeks to elevate “moral reasoning” over “moral judgment”. Essentially, we all can and should expect that compromise comes from a place of sound moral reasoning. That is, a fair and impartial analysis of the complexity of the facts, evidence and psychological needs of all parties to the dispute must be addressed. But on the road to achieving the ultimate outcome of negotiation, the litigants and mediator should take care to exclude any measure of moral judgment from the negotiating table. Once we address the individual’s sense of “greater good”, “religious convictions” or even “parental teachings” we cross

into dangerous territory which is unlikely to yield the desired results of ending difficult disputes.

Although this may not be a template for world peace, it would certainly go some distance in our own daily disputes, and specifically in our own mediation hearings, to distinguish between morality in process and reasoning and “morality” in the ultimate outcome or “judgment”. Once we begin to distinguish between the two, we can embrace the morality of the process, and leave the morality of the judgment to whomever we believe holds the ultimate “moral authority”.

At your next mediation, insist on nothing less. ⚡

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learned to appreciate what she receives instead of what she asks for. As a typical six-year-old, she had no trouble begging her grandfather for her own pony to ride around the family farm. Her grandfather wanted to please her and took her out to the barn and presented her with her own “donkey”. After getting over the shock of learning her dream pony was really a donkey, she climbed on the donkey’s back and proudly rode him all over the farm like he was a prized stallion. In the many years since her grandfather’s death, Liz still cherishes the special bond created by her positive reaction to her grandfather’s gift.

Liz grew up in New York; attended NYU; and worked in Washington, DC as a Legislative Director at the age twenty-three. As the right-hand woman for Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman, Liz was the liaison to special interest groups, government representatives and constituents.

What a professional background! No wonder Liz has been so successful in helping our bar increase membership from 800 members when she first joined the SFVBA to over 2,100 members; and vastly expanding our public outreach programs.

Michele Morley - LRIS Coordinator

Who would ever guess our pert and colorfully dressed LRIS coordinator climbed Mt. Killimanjara in Tanzania; loves fast cars; enthusiastically and fearlessly enjoyed glider plane lessons; removed herself from the Judge’s list in

Massachusetts by deciding to move to California; and successfully ran the James R. Gary real estate organization for several years.

After Michele received her law degree from the University of Missouri, she gained recognition as an accomplished attorney for her work in the Minnesota House of Representatives; the Minnesota Medical Association; and the International Heart Relief before becoming a successful litigator who obtained a \$ 3,000,000 settlement on a municipal well pollution claim.

Visitors to our Bar office marvel at the beautiful and sweet smelling roses from Michele’s gardens.

Linda Temkin - Events Coordinator

Linda is another New York transplant. Linda graduated from NYU where she majored in film and television production. Linda left the Big Apple for the golden ring of becoming a successful Hollywood film and TV play/screenwriter and producer. Inching her way along the path to stardom, Linda wrote a few sitcoms and optioned a screenplay to Disney. This party lover then switched her creative and producing talents to coordinating events for our Bar. She considers attorneys a “breathe of fresh air” or maybe its Linda’s creative way of tactfully dealing with our “talents”!

Linda is highly energized and once an idea for an event is formulated, off she goes like a whirlwind planning the

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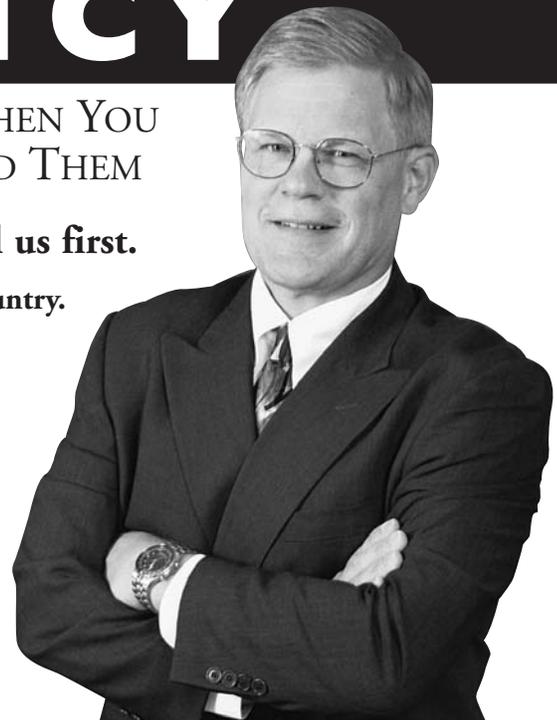
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BY ANNE ADAMS

At the Foundation's annual Law Day Dinner, we honor men and women from local law enforcement and fire departments. We seek nominations of individuals working for the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, and the City of San Fernando Police Department. We are looking for men and women that make a difference to honor at our Law Day Dinner.

In 2002, we honored the Urban Search & Rescue Team One that went to New York City to assist New York City firefighters with the work required following the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. Our individual honorees have served our commu-

nity in a variety of ways. Our honorees have included a firefighter paramedic that provided emergency life saving care to a child suffering gun shot wounds, a Sheriff's deputy that worked with children in drug and gang awareness programs to discourage participation in gangs and drug use, and a CHP officer that provided emergency medical treatment to a severely injured motorist.

Our local law enforcement officers and firefighters help protect our lives and our property. We feel safer walking down the street knowing that there's a local law enforcement presence. We appreciate the efforts of the California Highway Patrol in clearing accidents on our freeways and trying to prevent the accidents by watching

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event. Last year, Linda took great pains to plan the executive weekend in Palm Desert within the guidelines requested by our past president Jim Felton. Once the hotel and Linda agreed upon the terms, she efficiently signed the contract to confirm the arrangements and protect the Bar from price increases. Of course, being human, Linda is subject to little “blips” in efficiency. This time both she and Jim, both of whom are Jewish, forgot all about the Yom Kippur holiday that fell on the same day as the scheduled banquet. With the signed contract for the weekend and banquet in hand, Linda dug deep into her acting talents and pleaded with the hotel to change the fully executed and binding contract for an attorney banquet that many attorneys would not attend. It was a good performance for Linda as she convinced the hotel that even an organization of attorneys can “goof” by forgetting to check their calendars and agreed to change the date.

Gayle Linde – Referral Counselor

Born in Arkansas, raised in Nebraska, lived in San Francisco and settled in sunny California, Gayle attends the ABA Paralegal program at Pasadena Community College. Gayle was pleasantly surprised at her increase in popularity with friends and acquaintances since she started working at the Bar office. At first she attributed her popularity to the prestige of working for an organization with more than 2,100 attorneys.

Rosie Soto – Referral Counselor

Growing up in a large family of eight in the Coachella Valley prepared Rosie for her Bar job juggling telephone calls from people in need of legal assistance. She is currently enrolled in Pierce College working on her undergraduate degree in Business Law.

Aileen Jimenez - Administrative Assistant

Aileen is furthering her education by taking evening classes at the University of Phoenix. She has been in the Navy Reserves since 2001.

If you have never been to our Bar office, please consider joining us for our annual Holiday Party on December 14 and by making a New Years resolution that sometime when you are in the neighborhood you will stop by our Bar office to say hello to our wonderful staff and check out our MCLE library available for home study.

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The Foundation's mission is to enhance community respect for the law and the professions that serve it through financial and educational support. In addition to honoring law enforcement officers and firefighters at our Law Day Dinner, we provide scholarships to students who intend to pursue a career in law enforcement, firefighting, public safety or a legal profession.

Last year we provided scholarships to nineteen students. The students came from James Monroe High School's Police Academy and Law & Government Program, Pierce College, California State University Northridge, and the University of West Los Angeles School of Law.

We need your support to continue to fund scholarships and honor our local law enforcement officers and firefighters. Please support us with your cash contributions, your donations of auction items, your attendance at our Law Day Dinner, and your sponsorships. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Foundation's work. 🐾

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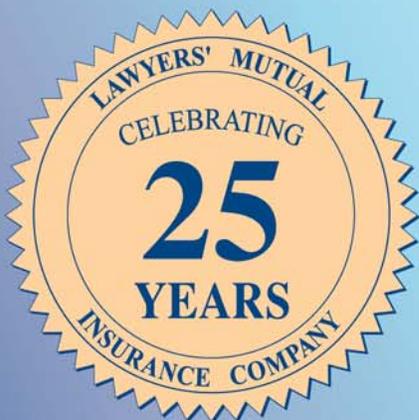
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Time: 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Program
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Probate & Estate Planning Section

Topic: Update From the Public Administrator's Office
Speaker: Anthony Anderson, Public Administrator
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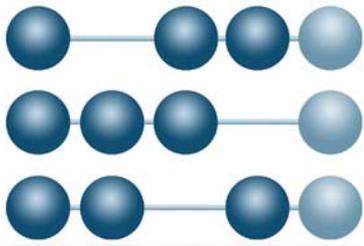
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