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FASTCASE: ACCELERATED LEGAL RESEARCH A NEW BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS

ANGELA M. HUTCHINSON, EDITOR



One of America's leading online legal research providers, Fastcase, has partnered with the San Fernando Valley Bar Association to provide members with an innovative and proven search technology service. Fastcase offers an online research system with an extensive state and federal database of law. In addition, there is also a blog feature that allows users to read informative articles and stay abreast of the latest legal news.

"Our members voiced a strong desire for a law library and we are extremely pleased to be able to offer them this incredible resource,"

says Sue M. Bendavid, SFVBA President.

Due to the Bar's continued commitment to serve its members, it is the first local or California bar to offer Fastcase as a complimentary membership service, where all subscription costs are covered by the Bar. This partnership with Fastcase puts SFVBA on the map in terms of being an industry leader among bar associations. Also, Fastcase has been an effective tool to help other bar associations increase bar membership, and will likely do the same for SFVBA.

Fastcase will be available to members April 1. Each member will access the service by logging onto the SFVBA website with their username (state bar number) and created password. To help members familiarize themselves with the service, Fastcase will host webinar training seminars.

Rosenthal and Ed Walters. Fastcase is well-known for its easy to use navigation, comprehensive nationwide content, responsive customer service, searching and sorting features, and special printing capabilities. The company's mission is to not only enhance the research available, but also to make it more accessible to its users. Fastcase co-founders were motivated to launch the company to democratize law.

Rosenthal says, "We saw that search had evolved on the Internet and realized it was time for legal research to evolve too. The co-founder and I wanted to democratize the law."

With an impressive background in law and technology, Rosenthal received his Bachelor's degree in Physics from Yale University; he graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Later, he earned his J.D. magna cum laude at Harvard Law School. While working at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., Rosenthal's diverse legal practice included nuclear, patent, telecommunications, environmental, and corporate law.

Walters also worked at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. and Brussels. His practice primarily focused on corporate advisory work for software companies and sports leagues, and intellectual property litigation. Also, Walters worked for the White House's Office of Media Affairs and the Office of Presidential Speechwriting. Under the leadership of Rosenthal and Walters, Fastcase has become one of the world's largest legal research systems and publishers.

"Fastcase was built by lawyers, for lawyers with the input of specialists in legal research, library science, and law."

History of Fastcase

Based in Washington, D.C., Fastcase was founded in 1999 by attorneys Phil J.

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Mentorship Leads to Dynamic Results



SUE M. BENDAUID, SFVBA PRESIDENT

The dictionary defines the term “mentor” as “a wise and trusted counselor or teacher.” Mentoring is traditionally done to help another person progress in their careers or to do a job more efficiently. The mentor is someone who has experience in a particular situation and is able to coach, train and counsel the mentee on how best to accomplish a desired result.

Being a good mentor requires an investment of time, a commitment and a sincere interest in someone else’s growth. Because time is money, it can also result in a significant cost to the mentor. But, the rewards are often well worth it. There is nothing quite like the satisfaction of sharing your personal experiences and seeing your mentee learn and grow as a result.

In the legal world, a good mentor will often help mentees strategize about a particular legal matter. It may be hands-on management like volunteering to comment or actually editing a particular legal document. Or, it may be assisting a newly-licensed sole proprietor by sharing law practice management ideas – like what types of insurance to buy, what legal resources are available, etc.

I’ve had several significant mentors in my life. Some were professors in school and others were from when I was fresh

out of law school. Several were more senior lawyers, teaching skills they don’t teach in law school. Still others were more like “life coaches” – individuals who shared life experiences and enabled me to learn from their successes and mistakes.

An example of a good mentor/mentee relationship can be found in our own Bar Association. Michele Morley, who just retired as Associate Executive Director of Public Services, helped develop the skills of a more junior staff member, Rosie Soto. Rosie has now been promoted to Director of the Bar’s Attorney Referral Service and has often stated how fortunate she was to have someone like Michele Morley counsel her as she progressed on her career path.

Whether you are a sole proprietor or in a firm with other lawyers, consider the benefits of participating in a mentor/mentee relationship. If you are a newer lawyer, go to a Section meeting and ask a senior lawyer to lunch. This is a great way to begin developing a mentor relationship. Similarly, if you are a more seasoned lawyer, reach out to our New Lawyers and more junior lawyers. Share your experiences. We’ve all had successes and we’ve all made mistakes. Share your success stories with others. Share your mistakes too, so that others can possibly avoid them. ✍

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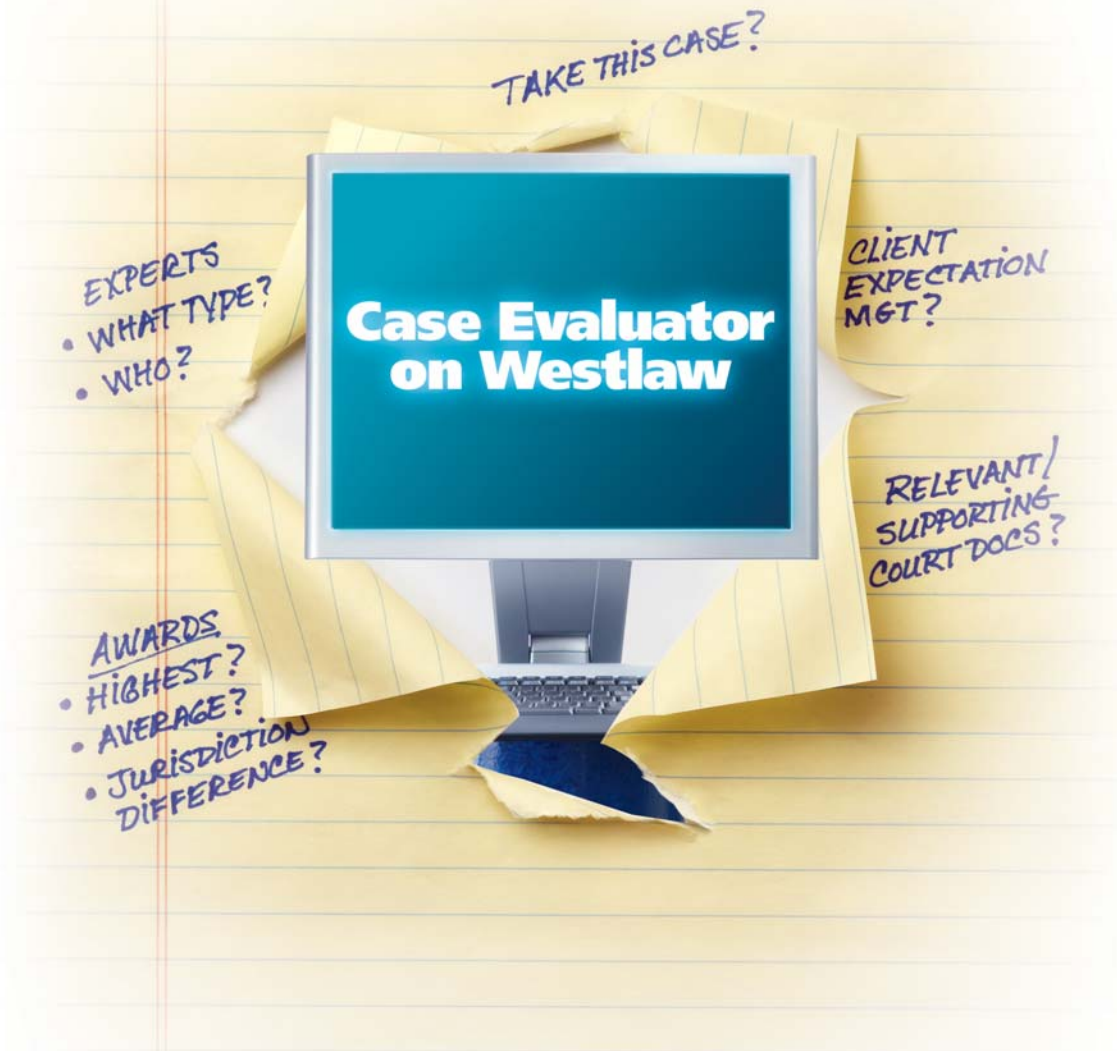
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Times are a Changing Staff Promoted to New Roles



Change is Invigorating By Aileen Jimenez

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my colleague and friend Rosie Soto on her well-deserved promotion to Director of Public Services. I have worked for the San Fernando Valley Bar Association for over four years now. Initially, I was hired as the Administrative Assistant after Rosie's move to the Attorney Referral Service (ARS).

During the course of my employment with the SFVBA, I have been given opportunities to work on various projects, such as the Valley Associated Settlement Team (VAST) Project, the Mandatory Fee Arbitration (MFA) program, and to further expand SFVBA member benefits, which have all developed successfully under the leadership of Executive Director Liz Post.

Recently, I was offered a position as an Attorney Referral Service Consultant. Due to my fluency in Spanish, familiarity with our members, and thorough understanding of the important role that ARS has in serving the community, I was delighted to accept the promotion. I am also confident this transition will positively impact my career.

Prior to joining the SFVBA, I was proudly serving in the United States Navy Reserve in Encino. In 2007, I obtained my Bachelors of Science degree in Information Technology from the University of Phoenix. During the fall of that year, I enrolled at California State University Northridge (CSUN). Now, I am also pursuing my Master's degree in Public Administration while working full-time at the SFVBA. In addition to my hectic schedule

of attending night and weekend classes, I recently fulfilled my 6-year commitment to the U.S. Navy.

In order to continue the momentum of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, I am excited to share new ideas and expand upon the existing practices that the Attorney Referral Service strives to achieve. I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given to grow within the SFVBA and gladly accept the new challenge!

Linda Temkin Changes Title, Expands Role

Former Events Coordinator, Linda Temkin, is now Director of Education and Events. She has diligently served the SFVBA since November 2000.

"As I enter into my eighth year with the Bar, I look forward to expanding my role. I will continue to work closely with the Section Chairs to bring seminars that are not only educational and relevant to our members, but also entertaining as well. We want to be of service to our members and to that end, I encourage you to contact me with your suggestions and comments on any of the programs we offer," Temkin says.

"We are also eager to combine our efforts with other professional organizations so that we can mine mutual areas of interest. If you are active with another group and think we might benefit from joint events and activities, feel free to contact me. As always, I encourage you to participate in all that we offer and look forward to seeing you at the next event."

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Fastcase, continued from cover

Q&A with Fastcase Founders

Q: In general, why is Fastcase better than other online legal research providers?

A: We have a comprehensive nationwide database with an intuitive interface that works like today's Web users expect a search to work – it sorts and ranks the results, putting the needles on the top of the haystack. We use next generation technology and customization tools to make legal research easier without the duopoly pricing of traditional legal research.

Q: What do you think is the most unique feature of Fastcase?

A: Overall, it is the way we combine the power and comprehensiveness of other premium services with the ease of use of today's Internet search engines. This may be best illustrated by our six ways of sorting the search results, so you can have the most relevant, recent, or authoritative cases at the top of your results list.

Q: What are the future plans for Fastcase?

A: We are always working to make our databases even more comprehensive and to develop powerful new tools that help lawyers find the best cases out of a long list.

Q: What is the statistical percentage breakdown of your current Fastcase subscribers?

A: Nearly 300,000 lawyers have Fastcase – over ¼ of the entire U.S. Bar – so the vast majority of our customers are lawyers. However, the other groups [law librarians, paralegals, students, etc.] are very important to us. Law librarians, for example, have been a secret weapon, giving us great ideas about how to make legal research better.

Q: Is there anything else that you'd like to add about Fastcase?

A: We are totally committed to the bar association market, and looking for new creative ways to work with the community and bring it together. 🐘

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Bench Brief: Judge James A. Kaddo

“King of Settlements” in Department I



M. JONATHAN HAYES

Judge James Kaddo has presided in Department I in Van Nuys for the past six years. He served eight years downtown and three years in Compton. Appointed to the bench by Governor George Deukmejian in 1990, Kaddo received his undergraduate degree from University of California, Berkeley and law degree from the University of Southern California Law School, with a two year stint in the Army between schools.

Before joining the bench, Kaddo practiced in the fields of civil litigation and criminal defense for 27 years, including a five year stint with Browne Green and Richard Voorhies. His practice was largely in the area of real estate investments and development.

Kaddo is proud of being the first Lebanese-born American Judge. “George Deukmejian wanted to do something for the Lebanese community,” he said, “and I was happy to accept it.” Born and raised in Lebanon, he moved to Los Angeles at 14 years old. “I didn’t speak a word of English, but I have always enjoyed learning.”

Kaddo has been president and a board member of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Los Angeles. He is also a member of the California Judges Association and the Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Association. Previously, he was a member of the American Bar Association, and the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association. Also, he is a former president of the Arab-American Lawyers Association.

Kaddo’s courtroom in Van Nuys is dedicated to civil trials. With three judges retiring recently and one more this month, Kaddo bemoaned the current budget crisis in California and said he expects his caseload to increase significantly. He is now responsible for about 420 cases and expects that to increase to over 500 in the coming

months, without a lot of hope for help, at least in the near term.

“You develop a different outlook on life after 17 years on the bench. You get more philosophical and find a deeper meaning in life with the time to reflect.”



When asked what advice he would give attorneys, Kaddo says, “I wish attorneys would read the California

Rules of Court and the local rules a little more often and more seriously.” He explained that Attorneys tend to neglect the details on the Case Management Statement, which is a very important pleading for the court.

“Many attorneys don’t take the time to make the CMC Statement complete. Often the pleading is overly brief and curt, very stingy on explanation. But I’m generally pretty tolerant,” says Kaddo.

On jury trials, Judge Kaddo says, “It’s not so much the knowledge of the law that wins cases, but the ability to relate to the jurors. I have seen brilliant attorneys flop at trial because they talk at the jurors rather than to the jurors.”

“Jury instructions are what make a good trial lawyer,” he said. “I allow jurors

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to ask questions during presentation of testimony at trials. I send personal thank you letters to each juror after trial. They are the key element in the system.”

Kaddo hears up to five law and motion matters every day except Friday. “I review the motions myself and provide tentative rulings 48 hours before the hearing.”

Kaddo proudly stated that he is known as the “King of Settlements.” This is because he places a great deal of emphasis on getting adverse parties to resolve their differences. “I tell the parties that settlement is better by far than having twelve strangers make that decision for you. It is also better for the parties because they are more likely to live up to a deal that they fashioned themselves.”

“Judge Kaddo is highly principled individual who really cares about people. He is a well respected judge and beloved member of the American Lebanese community,” says Attorney Raymond Aver.

Judge Kaddo is an avid tennis player, although admittedly slowing down a little. His pride and joy are his grandchildren; two live here and three in Lebanon. He says, “I have an indescribable love for my grandchildren. They are the proudest thing in my life.”

When asked about the future, Kaddo says, “I am enjoying being a judge. I am happy in the Valley and happy with my assignment here. You develop a different outlook on life after 17 years on the Bench. You get more philosophical and find a deeper meaning in life with the time to reflect. I am not even thinking about retirement.”

M. Jonathan Hayes is a 1976 graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. His practice is primarily in the area of bankruptcy. Contact Hayes at jhayes@polarisnet.net.

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Orders or other documents electronically filed by the Court will be served on attorneys only by the e-mail NEF unless an attorney is not a registered CM/ECF User or has not consented to electronic service.

New Local Civil Rule 83-1.3.1.1

The Court has adopted the following new Local Civil Rule, effective March 1, 2008:

L.R. 83-1.3.1.1 Notice in Civil Forfeiture Action When Related Criminal Case has Previously Been Filed.



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Litigation Section Hosts Humorous Moments from the Bench

DAVID GURNICK, LITIGATION SECTION CHAIR



At a recent Litigation Section meeting longtime Superior Court Judge Ronald Coen spoke on "Humorous Moments from the Bench." Judge Coen regaled Section members with true life anecdotes of some amusing and odd moments from his 23 years as a Superior Court judge. Section members found the presentation educational and entertaining.

There are protocols for addressing a judge, and Judge Coen has typically been called "Your honor." But, Judge Coen noted, I have also been called "your excellence," "your eminence," "my lord" and even "your holiness." Judge Coen noted that as a bench officer he has been saluted, bowed down to and some defendants have even crossed themselves before addressing the court. This contrasts with some other defendants who, Judge Coen noted, have on occasion unbuttoned their blouses in a revealing fashion. In those



cases, Judge Coen said, Justice must remain blind so I keep my eyes focused on the clock, or elsewhere.

One incident concerned an alleged gang member on trial in a criminal case. At trial, the defendant denied being a member of the particularly notorious gang, and denied ever using an alleged nickname. The defense was weakened (and he was convicted) after the nickname and gang name were found to be newly tagged on the walls of the court's holding cell. The defendant had been the cell's only occupant during the trial. A motion was granted permitting the jury to view the in-cell graffiti.

In another incident a court bailiff sought to demonstrate the effectiveness of tear gas on a cockroach. Unknown to the bailiff, cockroaches are not affected by tear gas, but people are.

Judge Coen noted that while many citizens try to avoid jury service, those selected often find the cases interesting and sometimes insist on remaining on the jury. Judge Coen spoke about an interesting long cause trial in which a juror called in sick one morning. Because there were six alternates, Judge Coen said he understood and the juror would be excused for the rest of the trial. "No, I am not excused" replied the juror, who then rushed to court, wheezing and coughing but insisted on serving through the end of the case.

Judge Coen talked about a lawyer who asked every question two or three times, each a slightly different way, despite the witness's clear, consistent answers. "Am I speaking German" the witness finally quipped? Other incidents concerned criminal defendants who, for some reason, choose to wear risqué clothing, a dancing defendant who tried to cast a voodoo spell on the Judge, and a defense witness whose every other word was obscene.

Judge Coen's talk was well received and may possibly be repeated around the December holidays.

The Litigation Section's March program featured malpractice attorneys William Rehwald and Ken Feldman discussing malpractice issues for litigators. In April, the Section will co-host a nuts and bolts Litigators Toolbox presentation by Thomson West. The May meeting will feature a presentation by Section Chair David Gurnick on litigating franchisor-franchisee cases.

For more information about upcoming Section events or to become a member of the Litigation Section or its leadership, please contact David Gurnick at dgurnick@lewitthackman.com. ✉

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This month, I wish to thank the following bench officers who have volunteered to be on the Foundation Board.

Commissioner Alan Friedenthal was a Board member before he became a Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner. He is dedicated to the development of the Children's Waiting Rooms at the Van Nuys and San Fernando courthouses. His contribution was acknowledged when the Bar Association honored him at last year's Judges' Night. Commissioner Friedenthal sits in a Family Law courtroom in San Fernando. It was his concern for the children "hanging out" on the terrace outside his courtroom that was an inspiration for this badly needed project.

Judge Michael Hoff served as the Supervising Judge at Van Nuys. He is assigned to an unlimited civil court. He was a member of the Foundation Board for many years. He has returned to his active participation on the Board. He was instrumental in the installation of the Children's Waiting Room at the Van Nuys courthouse and is currently chairing the Awards Committee for our annual Law Day Gala.

Judge Wendy Kohn is new to our Board this year. She sits as a Family Law Judge in Van Nuys and has been active in the set up and budget review for Foundation activities. Her

guidance and suggestions at meetings displays her commitment and concern for the success of the Foundation and thus the support for its causes.

Judge Richard Kolostian was a "fixture" in Van Nuys for many years. He is now retired and babysitting his grandson. He volunteered for our Board because of his desire to help the community. He is on the Awards Committee with Judge Hoff and has offered to assist with the Grants Committee. When sitting as an active Judge, Judge Kolostian handled family law and, in the most recent years, probate matters.

Commissioner Dennis Mulcahy sits as a bench officer on criminal matters in the Northwest District. Commissioner Mulcahy is always one of the first to volunteer his ideas and help on various Foundation projects. He has been on the Board for several years now and his attendance and commitment are extraordinary.

Judge Michelle Rosenblatt is on the bench handling unlimited civil matters in Burbank. She is a valued contributor to Bar and Community causes. She worked on the Murals Committee for the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's 75th Anniversary and was part of the team that arranged for murals in the San Fernando, Burbank, Van Nuys and Sylmar Juvenile

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courthouses. She has been an active member of the Foundation for over seven years. She is currently the chair of the Dinner Committee for the Foundation's Law Day Gala on June 7, 2008 at CBS Studios.

Additionally, Judge Rosenblatt is editor of the California Judges Association Magazine, *The Bench*. She also teaches judicial education courses on a local and statewide level, and over the past year gave two presentations, "Elimination of Bias" for the San Fernando Valley Bar Association and "Five Things Judges Hope Lawyers Know about the Code of Judicial Conduct" for the Burbank Bar Association.

Judge Robert Schuit is now the Supervising Judge of the North Valley District. He has taken over responsibilities from Judge Alice Hill. Judge Schuit has been on the Foundation Board for several years. He takes time to award the Foundation's scholarships to students interested in a legal career. He is willing to participate and offers his assistance frequently.

Judge Susan Speer hears criminal matters in the Northwest District (Van Nuys). She is new to our Board. She is willing to help with projects. She is assisting Judge Rosenblatt in the management of the dinner for our Law Day Gala.


Thank you so much to all of the above for their generosity of spirit, time and efforts. We could not be as successful without your input. The Foundation is only as strong as its Board members!

We are still seeking contributions to the Children's Waiting Room projects, so please feel free to call me for any information or if you want to make a donation. I can be reached at (818) 883-1330. Remember, *generosity counts.* ♡

REMINDER!

Our Law Day Fundraising Gala this year is "Lights! Camera! Action!" on June 7, 2008 at CBS Studios, Studio City. City Councilmember Dennis Zine will be helping with our Live Auction. We will be honoring Bill Curtis of A&E's "American Justice" TV program. Please save the date, as we expect tickets will sell out quickly.

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Jack B. Clark, president of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association in 1963, passed away on December 18, 2007. After practicing law in Van Nuys for 19 years, he was elected to the Newhall Municipal Court in 1970, where Clark served as presiding judge for 13 years. Following early retirement, he and his wife Carol moved to a very small town in Northern California called West Point.



Corporate Legal Strategy in 2006 to offer corporate legal services to entrepreneurs looking to grow their businesses. He is a trustee of the SFVBA. Grinblat is a shareholder in the intellectual property group of Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan, ALC.

David I. Karp was presented with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award on February 6, 2008 at the Van Nuys Masonic Center. The Award is a national recognition approved by the Boy Scouts of America and recognizes service by a member of the Masonic Fraternity to youth



Greenberg & Bass LLP has announced that Yi Sun Kim has joined the firm as an associate. Kim practices in the areas of commercial litigation and general business; working with clients on a variety of matters ranging from bankruptcy and real estate, to entertainment and intellectual property.



through the Boy Scouts program. Karp mediates real estate and business disputes.

Matt Crowley and Tal Grinblat were among the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal's* 2008 "Forty Under 40." Crowley established Crowley



James R. Birnberg was awarded the Timothy Whitehouse Award by the Beverly Hills Bar Association Trusts & Estates Section on March 18, 2008. Mr. Birnberg is an estate planning and taxation partner in the law offices of Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Gold, Birnberg & Coleman, LLP located in Encino.

2008 Annual Judges' Night Gala

Since 1992, the San Fernando Valley Bar Association has been honoring the legacy of judges who are committed to serving the community. On Thursday, February 21, 350 judges, honorees, SFVBA members, and their invited guests gathered for the Annual Judges' Night Gala at the Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills. Along with salutatory remarks and inspirational acceptance speeches, SFVBA staff members were also recognized for their meticulous efforts to coordinate this wondrous event. The Honorable Michael Harwin was selected as Judge of the Year, with Special Recognition awards to Judges Barbara Scheper and Maureen Tighe. To all of the honorees, congratulations again!



Responsibilities and Consequences



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I have always loved Spring. The days grow longer, and it's not dark when I leave the office. The weather warms, flowers bloom and beauty is everywhere. I am excited about spring and excited about our bar association's upcoming activities.

On April 17, 2008, our lunch meeting will be at noon at Marie Callender's in Valencia. A representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will discuss issues related to identity theft, protecting your privacy and clients' confidential information.

I know as well as anyone how frustrated and violated it feels when a criminal is able to access your confidential information. It happened to me a few years ago. I used an automatic teller machine at the Westside Pavilion. A few weeks later,

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my bank statement arrived, and I noticed several withdrawals had been made from my bank account from a Las Vegas casino. Fortunately, I was able to prove that I was working in Los

Angeles at the time, and I did not lose any money. What shocked me the most was that I still had my ATM card. I couldn't understand how someone could access my bank account at an ATM machine without my ATM card.

As attorneys, we are entrusted with all types of confidential information by our clients. We have a duty to protect that information. Please join us for this seminar and learn how to better protect yourself and your clients.

On April 23, 2008, a panel of attorneys from our bar association will present its first "You and The Law/Adult Responsibilities and Consequences for Teenagers" seminar to the first graduating class at West Ranch High School in Valencia. A panel of

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attorneys will discuss issues that are relevant and interesting for young adults.

Our panel will consist of a deputy district attorney who will discuss relevant topics in criminal law, such as driving under the influence, assault and battery and trespassing. Attorneys from the civil arena will address issues related to the requirement to have auto insurance, basic landlord tenant law, issues related to libel and slander, and basic employment law principles. We are excited about this opportunity to educate these young adults and are considering the possibility of providing a similar program at our other local high schools. We will allow for an extensive question and answer period to provide guidance for those needing legal advice. ↗

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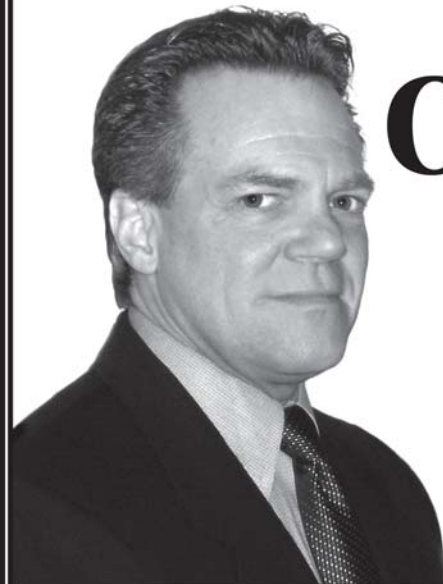
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April Events

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Date: April 8

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Monterey at Encino Restaurant, Encino

Cost: \$35 members prepaid; \$45 at the door

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MCLE: 1 Hour

Workers' Compensation Section

Topic: Urological Impairments Under AMA Guidelines

Speaker: Fred Kuyt, M.D.

Date: April 16

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Monterey at Encino Restaurant, Encino

Cost: \$35 members prepaid; \$45 at the door

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MCLE: 1 Hour

New Lawyers Section and Litigation Section

Topic: Litigator's Toolbox Sponsored by Thomson West

Speaker: Jared S. Karpel, Esq.

Date: April 17

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Women Lawyers Section

Topic: How Appearance Affects Discrimination towards Women Lawyers

Speaker: Connie Gregory

Date: April 24

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: SFVBA Conference Room

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Intellectual Property, Entertainment & Internet Law Section

Topic: Federal Trademark Dilution Revision Act – The First 18 Months!

Speaker: Michael Fox, Esq., Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP

Date: April 25

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: SFVBA Conference Room

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Family Law Section

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Panel: Judge Thomas Trent Lewis; Mary E. Lund, Ph.D.; Jane E. Shatz, Ph.D.; Lisa Hacker, MFT; and Lynette Berg Robe, Esq.

Date: April 28

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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Topic: How to Determine Improper Police Procedures and Practices

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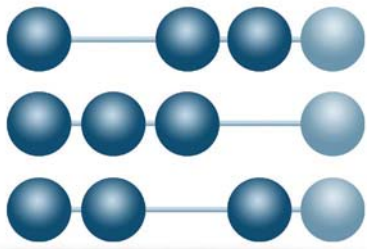
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