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The San Fernando Valley Bar Association's E-Law Practice Center is a portal to online information in a dozen areas of laws. The regularly updated Practice Areas Resources, located on the Bar's website at www.sfvba.org, links web users to articles, judicial resources, practice tools, recent cases, statutes and codes. Effective September 1, this popular member benefit will be restricted to SFVBA members-only.

Recent cases are posted approximately every one to three days and remain posted for up to a month. All online case opinions are in pdf format. A visit to the Practice Area Resources in August found the following cases:

- In a dissolution proceeding, judgment is reversed regarding the valuation of plaintiff-wife's professional corporation and concerning the postjudgment order enforcing the judgment, as the trial court's ruling was in excess of its jurisdiction. *IN RE MARRIAGE OF IREDALE*, No. B148135 (Cal. 1st App. Dist. August 04, 2004)
- In a trademark infringement action concerning the mark PLAYMAKERS, the district court denied plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction and the Court affirmed the decision, finding that balancing of hardships did not tip sharply in favor of granting an injunction. *PLAYMAKERS v. ESPN*, No. 04-35031 (9th Cir. July 15, 2004)

The Practice Area Resources contains a library of articles from periodicals, law reviews, and bar journals. The collection includes:

- A bankruptcy article, *D&O Insurance: Will It Be Available After a Chapter 11 Filing?*, discussing the problems of obtaining insurance after bankruptcy.
- *Twenty-five Things You Have to Know About Appointing Trustees*, an article from ABA Section on Real Property, Probate and Trusts', *Probate and Property*, July/August 2003 issue.

To access the Practice Area Resources, members can set up an account at www.sfvba.org/Intus/login/newuser.asp. You will need a username and password. For attorney members, the user name is your State Bar number. (Associate members need to call Liz Post at the Bar offices at (818) 227-0490, ext. 101 or email epost@sfvba.org to set up an account.) All members can select a unique password of your choice. ☺

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Woodland Hills' attorney Alice A. Salvo will be installed as President of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association at the Bar's Installation Gala on September 18 at the Woodland Hills Hilton. Salvo, a certified specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, was named one of the Top 25 lawyers of the San Fernando Valley by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*. She has served as Chair of the SFVBA Probate Section, President of the Southern California Council of Elder Law Attorneys, and President of the LAPD Gray Squad Advisory Board.

The evening's gala will kick off with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., with entertainment provided by a strolling professional magician. Following dinner and the installation ceremony, La Muse Entertainment, a group of former Cirque du Soleil performers, will take over the stage and delight attendees with their acrobatic and gymnastic feats. Pavel Soukharev, the show's coordinator, was previously featured in Cirque du Soleil's *Mystere*, the Las Vegas extravaganza.

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President's Message

James R. Felton

OUR TWO NAMES AND THE FINAL CURTAIN

I was sitting on a shuttle bus having placed our luggage on the bus and was moving through Lot A at Burbank Airport to catch a plane to Arizona. My three sons, ages 9, 7 and 4 were on board with me when we stopped to pick up another passenger. The woman had a fairly large suitcase and seemed a little bewildered as to how she would negotiate the stairs on the bus. The bus driver did not initially get up so I figured I would help and took the suitcase from her and put it on the bus.

As we reached the Airport, I took her suitcase and placed it on the curb. She thanked me, telling me that she really didn't know how she was going to carry her suitcase and that I came along at just the right time. As she left with her suitcase in tow, my nine year old patted me on the back, and as I turned, we shared a smile. He had heard the exchange and saw what I had done, and I realized that without having to say a word, he got it.

My help was not a big deal but it provided a great opportunity for a teachable moment. It didn't cost me a thing and didn't delay my arrival or detrimentally affect my day.

I recently heard someone say that we have two names, the one that we are given at birth, and the one by which people can judge our daily living. Our first name doesn't change (yes, I know that a person can legally change his or her name but go with me here). The second name is not something that is set at birth but changes, or potentially changes, depending upon the way we live our lives.

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Message From LRIS Coordinator

Michele C. Morley



The new LRIS Limited Scope Representation in Family Law Cases brochure has been completed and is available for any attorney or organization that would like to have copies in their offices. The brochure is attractive and also informative. The brochure was made possible by a \$2,500 grant from the Valley Community Legal Foundation of the SFVBA. The grant has allowed the LRIS to quickly get information out into the community about limited scope representation and market our LRIS panel.

After receiving a copy of the brochure and asking for additional copies, Supervising Family Court

Judge Aviva Bobb wrote us the following letter. We appreciate her comments and are inspired by them.

In more than 70% of family law cases in California, at least one party is not represented by an attorney. To facilitate attorney representation, the Judicial Council established Limited Scope Representation. Limited Scope Representation is a relationship between an attorney and a person seeking legal advice in which they agree that the scope of the legal services provided will be limited to specific tasks within a case that the person asks the attorney to perform.

Limited Scope Representation expands the client base of the legal pro-

fession. It also expands access to the court system and provides a professional alternative to consumers who now use unlicensed, and often unscrupulous person to prepare their papers.

I congratulate the San Fernando Valley Bar Association Lawyer Referral & Information Service and the Family Law Section for taking the lead among bar associations in Los Angeles County and Southern California to establish a referral system for Limited Scope Representation. The Court is grateful to you for the establishment of this project, for the distribution of your informative brochure and for your willingness to share your experience with other bar associations.



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BY L. ROB WERNER, PRESIDENT, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association is a new organization. With its enthusiastic members, one might think we've been here for twenty years.

We want to establish a solid tradition of service to our community. One project we want to make an annual program is, "Christmas in July". Although we didn't have the time or manpower to put on the event this July, we are still planning to have a limited program this fall. It will assist the S.C.V. Food Pantry in distribution of food, toys and school supplies. Law firms may be able to adopt a needy family to participate in this program. Our Vice-President, Bill Lively is the project's chairperson. You may reach him at wrlively@sbcglobal.net or (661) 287-3605.

We are planning our first social event for attorneys and their significant others. It will be on Saturday, October 23, 2004 from 3-5 p.m. in the VIP room of the Agua Dulce Winery. The winery is located ¼ mile north of Le Chene Restaurant. There will be wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. You may want to order your own private wine label. The fee for this event is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. Rand Pinsky is in charge of the event; contact him at pinsky-law@hotmail.com or (661) 295-4655.

Our first meetings have been at rotating times; however we are attempting to establish some regularity to these meetings. We have selected the third Thursday evening of the month for regular meetings. However, as things would have it, our September meeting is being moved because of a religious holiday. The meeting is now scheduled to take place at the Valencia Country Club on Thursday, September 9. Check-in and no host bar will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner and the program will commence at 6:30 p.m. The program will be one of a series on developing the "paperless" office.

We encourage attorneys who live or work in the Santa Clarita Valley to get involved with our association. We are trying to reach out to attorneys who may not be on our mailing or e-mail lists because they utilize their work address outside this valley for bar purposes. Therefore if you know someone who should get our newsletters, please contact me at lrobwerner@yahoo.com or call (661) 252-9022.

We have created a number of committees; please review them and let me know if you can help out.

Community/Public Relations Committee. Generate publicity for the events and activities of the Association. Draft and submit press releases for the Association. Inform the community of the good works being done by the Association and local attorneys. Draft a monthly

newsletter for the Association and brochures for the citizenry.

Courts and Court Liaison Committee. This committee will act as a liaison between the courts, local attorneys and the Bar Association. It will disseminate literature, and provide an outlet for the courts, judges and staff to communicate with and get input from local attorneys on matters of concern. It will work to develop, improve and expand the service and capability of our local courts, including bringing a full service court to our valley.

Events Committee. Plan and conduct events for the Association. This would include Law Day, and other programs that help the community and build a good name for the Association and attorneys.

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Notice To Attorneys

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Effective July 1, 2004, an additional \$1 will be charged for the first paper filing fees for Civil, Family and Probate actions. The \$1 increase is in compliance with a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Resolution adopted June 25, 2002, to fund the children's waiting rooms in County court-houses (Gov. Code §26826.3). Court filing window clerks will be charging the additional \$1 beginning July 1, 2004.

A revised schedule of the filing fees will be posted July 1, 2004, on the Court's Web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org and will be available at the clerk's office in each court location accepting civil, probate, or family law filings.

Court Will Change ADR Policy

The following changes in Court policy will be effective July 1, 2004:

The Court's panel of neutrals (arbitrators and mediators) will be reconfigured into a two-tier panel, providing litigants a choice of a volunteer neutral (from the Pro Bono Panel), who would serve without compensation, or a professional neutral (from the Party Pay Panel), whom the parties would pay \$150 per hour with a maximum of \$450 to the neutral. In each tier, the Court's ADR policy of three hours' hearing time remains in effect. The parties cannot be ordered to use the Party Pay Panel.

The ADR selection process of the neutral will remain the same. On completion of the ADR Intake Referral form, parties may select from FAME (Find Arbitrator or Mediator, Electronically), the ADR automated-selection Web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org/ADR.

In limited jurisdiction cases, the Court Mediator Panel(s) will be provided only in cases where all parties and counsel agree to participate in Court-sponsored mediation (voluntary referrals).

Referrals of limited jurisdiction cases to Court panel arbitrators will be unchanged.

Before any limited jurisdiction case can be referred to Court-sponsored mediation, the Stipulation to Participate in ADR form (LASC ADR Form 001) must be signed by all parties and counsel agreeing to participate voluntarily in the mediation process. When a party is an entity other than a natural person, or is an elected official or legislative body, the stipulation must be signed by a representative having authority to settle the case. The completed ADR Intake Referral form must accompany the signed stipulation and be submitted to the ADR office. ☝

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CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE



BY DAVID R. HAGEN

Talking on the phone is one of the main ways that we make our living. I have been thinking about this lately and thought I would do a two-column series on phone calls. This month I will discuss cell phone etiquette, next month, managing phone calls at the office and at home.

I remember many years ago when I got my first phone put into the car. I thought it was the best thing since sliced bread. It was absolutely wonderful to be in touch with people and utilizing otherwise wasted time driving around town. Now, everyone has a phone in the car. Most of these little phones fit in a shirt pocket or on a belt clip. In fact, you can't even find a car phone in the store anymore. I am now on my seventh or eighth cell phone.

It is estimated that there are 120 million cell phone users in the United States, up from 46 million only five years ago. Certainly, this increased connectivity has been positive in many ways. However, it has also created problems. It has created difficulty as we struggle to determine what is or is not appropriate for cell phone use.

In 2002, the National Counsel of State Legislatures reported that 41 state governments were considering proposals to severely restrict or ban the use of cell phones while driving. Shockingly enough, a recent survey indicated that 47 percent of the populace thinks it is acceptable to talk on the cell phone while in the restroom. This actually happened to me. I walked into a public restroom and heard a guy call around for a date that weekend! I certainly hope that the persons on the other end of those calls could not figure out where he was. Finally, I'm sure everyone has had an occasion where some loud and boisterous individual was talking on the phone where everyone standing around could hear.

I myself struggle with what is and is not acceptable regarding cell phone etiquette, and my idea of what is

acceptable has certainly evolved over the last several years. In doing some research for this column, I even found a website strictly devoted to teaching people cell phone manners (CellManners.com).

In an effort to create some discussion among our members on this topic, let me suggest the following rules of cell phone etiquette for attorneys:

Always prefer live people to those on the phone. I have a very good friend who thinks nothing of picking up a phone call even if you are in the middle of a conversation. The implication of this action is that you are not important or at least not as important as whoever might be on the phone. This is probably not the message that he would intentionally wish to impart. If you are in a group of people, or involved in a phone conversation, let the phone ring. Most phones will allow you to reject the call and have it go to voice mail as opposed to letting it ring in your pocket. Many phones now have a vibrate mode so you detect a call coming silently before it makes a lot of noise and breaks up a conversation.

Keep a ten-foot zone while talking. Just this morning, I was standing behind a fellow in Starbucks who was ordering coffee. None of us realized he had an ear bud in his ear. Suddenly he erupted in a string of loud profanities. Everyone around him thought that perhaps coffee had been spilled on him or someone had cut in front of him in line. After all was said and done, it turned out that his loud profanity was in response to something involving a telephone conversation in which he was involved. Quite obviously, this is rude. If you must talk while in a crowd, try to keep a zone of at least ten feet around you to insure your privacy of the call and that others cannot overhear.

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Legal Delegation Travels to Vietnam and Cambodia

SFVBA Member, and former President of the Valley Community Legal Foundation, Dee Miller Siegel was a member of a 30-person legal delegation of attorneys and judges who recently traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia under the People to People Ambassador Program. The Program was founded by former President Eisenhower, who believed that peaceful relations between nations require understanding and mutual respect between individuals. The delegation was led by Robert Hirshon, past president of the American Bar Association.

The delegation visited Hanoi, Vietnam, the current seat of government of Vietnam. Some of the points of interest in Hanoi were the Hao Lo (Hanoi Hilton) prison where American pilots, including Senator John McCain, were incarcerated; the Museum of Ethnology; and Halong Bay on the Gulf of Tonkin. Meetings in North Vietnam included those with representatives from Hanoi Law University; the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); the Support for Trade Acceleration Project (STAR-Viet Nam); and USAID.

The delegation visited Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), where they traveled

down the Mekong Delta River; visited the Rex Hotel, where the American correspondents met and filed their news stories during the Vietnam War (or the "American War" as it is described in Vietnam); the Court House; the Presidential Palace (now called the Reunification Palace); and the War Museum, dedicated to the "American War," which contains numerous American weapons, aircraft, tanks, bombs and rooms filled with pictures of scenes from the War.

The delegation visited Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where they viewed the Russian Market; the Foreign Correspondents Club (FCC), where they met with local attorneys who were educated in the United States or Australia; the Genocide Museum, which was formerly a school and then converted to a prison by the Khmer Rouge after they overtook Phnom Penh in 1975; the Killing Fields; the Royal Palace; and the Rose Clinic, which provides surgical assistance for disabled people in Cambodia, many of whom have been maimed by land mines.

Meetings in Cambodia included those with Judges from the Cambodian Supreme Court; the Chief



Al and Dee Siegel at the Saigon Courthouse.

Prosecutor of Phnom Penh; the leaders of the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia; Legal Consultant on the status of Khmer Rouge Trials; Human Rights in Cambodia Project from the Asia Law Initiative of the ABA; United Nations Development Programme (UNCP) of Cambodia; and, finally, a discussion and lunch with the Honorable Charles Ray, United States Ambassador to Cambodia, who was formerly Counsel General in Vietnam.

The delegation concluded its two weeks in Southeast Asia with a flight and layover in Hong Kong, before returning to the United States. Among the delegation were four delegates from Southern California and three from Northern California. (A few spouses, including Ms. Siegel's husband, Alan, were included in the delegation.)

A unanimous conclusion by all delegates was that it was a "trip of a lifetime," and one which would be hard to surpass in regard to the political implications and memories of the Vietnam War and its impact on the United States. The people of both Vietnam and Cambodia were friendly and welcomed the delegation with "open arms." The young guides in each city expressed personal opinions and answered individual questions by the delegates. Most guides were, themselves and their families, victims of the War. If anyone has questions about these issues or the deeper political issues, please contact Dee at ATTYDEE@aol.com. 🇺🇸



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I have tried, over the course of the past year, to give you examples of the way that we, as lawyers, can utilize our skills, to affect the community around us. Virtually every day, opportunities exist for us to alter the way in which people see us. There is no reason why attributes such as caring, thoughtful, and sincere should not be used to describe all of us. When opportunities exist for you to change your environment that you live in, take that opportunity and show your community that your second name as respected as the name that you carry on your business card.

A little less than a year ago, I prepared my first column for *Bar Notes* and began to prepare for my installation speech. I realize that the Sunday morning talkshows were not worried whether I would "hit a homerun" with the speech. The only person that I had to satisfy was me, but I was probably my toughest critic. I told you back then that the Bar was a terrific organization with an outstanding staff. I am fortunate enough to tell you that my statement is as true today as it was a year ago.

I also told you that the Bar was in solid financial condition. I am happy to report that the Bar remains on extremely solid ground, and our Lawyer Referral Service, under the guidance of Michele Morley, is rivaling the housing market getting better and better every year.

This column afforded me the right to bend your ear, so to speak, and consider ideas and thoughts that are important to me. Over the course of this year, I have tried to stress to you the importance of giving back. I wanted to tell you about some of the things that I have done, and the good work of others that I know, so I could at least try to get you consider the bigger picture. As lawyers, we have a gift. We are professionals and can provide services to those who need our help. We do this to make a living, but I believe that we must find time to help those that need us.

I don't want to sound like a broken record (now that is an expression that makes no sense anymore), but I feel so strongly about a lawyer's responsibility to the community that it bears repeating - again and again. I want the lawyers of this Bar Association to be considered not just great lawyers, but great people. I want us not only to be known for our prowess in the courtroom or negotiating a large transaction, but also to be thought of as caring humanitarians who give of themselves.

This year, we honored some 400 lawyers who gave of themselves at our Annual Lintz Awards Reception. We turned the spotlight to them because they were the stars. I hope that our Bar continues every year to honor those lawyers who go above and beyond to help those who cannot help themselves.

My last column would not be complete without also thanking Steve Holzer, our outgoing Past-President. I have worked with Steve for four years on our Executive Committee and four more years while I was a Trustee.

Steve is a consummate professional, and I remain very privileged to have followed in his very large footsteps.

I also need to thank Linda Temkin, our Events Coordinator. Linda quarterback's our section meetings and our events in such a seamless way that you would think that the meetings could run themselves. I know different, and Linda should be particularly acknowledged for her caring to this organization.

I also want to thank Liz Post, our Executive Director, who year and year makes sure that the Presidents of this organization look good. She is the ultimate professional.

Finally, I want to thank my family for allowing me the opportunity to take on this position. I recently heard Rabbi Steve Leder say that he did not think that a person could be great at his or her job and also great at being a father and husband. Rabbi Leder suggested that it was better to be a great father and husband and a good lawyer, president, etc. I have strived to be both a great President and a great husband and father. I don't know whether a person can be great at both things. However, if Rabbi Leder is right, that is that you cannot be great at both, then I believe that his priorities are right. I wish Alice Salvo the best of luck, and I will be there for her to help in whatever way I can. 🐾

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Ackrich...Michael J. Conway, a senior associate with Greenberg & Bass LLP, was elected by unanimous vote as President of the Board of Governors for the Loyola Law School Alumni Association on May 18, 2004...**Thomas J. Speiss, III**, co-chair of the SFVBA Intellectual Property Section, and **Stephen M. Levine**, co-chair of the SFVBA Business Law Section, both of Wasserman, Comden, Casselman & Pearson LLP, co-authored an article entitled, "An Analysis of the Factors that Determine When and How to Resolve a Trademark Dispute." The article will be published in the Fall 2004 *University of Richmond Journal of Law & Technology*. Speiss also co-authored an article, "Does the Americans with Disabilities Act Really Protect Alcoholism," that was published in the summer 2004 *The Labor Lawyer*.[▲]

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*The Practice, continued from page 9*Tell them what to expect.

Tell a caller where you are when you begin a phone conversation so that they know what to expect. It is rude for the party that you have called to hear the interruptions or distractions that may be happening on your end of the phone without telling them in advance what is happening. To avoid this problem, I tell a caller that I am on a cell phone and apologize in advance if the reception is less than perfect. This lets them know what to expect during our call.

If there is static, call back.

Few things are as comical as watching someone to try to communicate over a cell phone when there is a lot of static or the reception is moving in and out. It is also very dangerous to be giving a client important advice over a phone that is not clear. What might the legal implications be if they mishear you and take some unadvised action? If you are talking on the phone and static is preventing a clear conversation, call back.

Get a grown-up ring tone.

The phones today are so diverse and designed for such a broad array of customers, most come with a large number of ring tones. I recently obtained a new phone and programmed it to play the theme from Mission Impossible instead of a ring tone. When the first call came in, I had visions of being Tom Cruise. However, it also occurred to me that it would be extremely unprofessional in a business setting so I chose a more grown-up ring tone. Even when your phone rings with a little song in the coffee shop, it really looks silly. Use a standard ring tone.

Use an ear bud or hands-free adapter when in the car. This is not a matter of etiquette as much

as a matter of lifesaving safety. No one can hold a device up to their ear and still expect to have the same range of vision that they otherwise have. The various state legislatures who are considering bans have mostly failed to consider this fact, this is to say nothing of the distraction or loss of concentration that a person has when talking and driving. At the very least, use an ear bud to be safe.

Hide the phone. I have had several situations where I have sat down for lunch with someone and they put the phone right on the table. The implication of this, again, is that anyone who calls is more important than the conversation that you are currently having. Phones are now so small they can be put in your shirt pocket and there is no reason to put it on the table right in front of you.

Remember privilege. If you have a conversation with a client where someone can overhear, it could be construed as a waiver of the attorney-client privilege. In recent years, I was shocked at the conversations public figures would have over cell phones. When our phones were mostly analog, our conversations could be pulled out of the air by anyone who might be interested. We are told that digital phones, which most now are, are quite secure. However, you should always be aware of who is around you who might be able to listen to your conversation, even if it is outside the ten-foot zone described above.

These are just some ideas that I have come up with. If any readers have any ideas for additional points of etiquette, email me at drh@ForBankruptcy.com; and I will be more than happy to print them in a future column. 📧

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Meetings Committee. This committee will arrange for speakers and programs for the Association's meetings. It will secure locations and reservations for the meetings. It will arrange social events for members of the association and their significant others. It will work to produce MCLE programs and coordinate them with the SFVBA. It will assess the viability of creating legal sub-sections for the associations.

Membership/Membership Benefits Committee. This Committee will seek to generate membership in the Bar Association. It will be responsible for creating a directory of attorneys. It will be responsible for locating attorneys who either live or work here and encourage them to join and become active in our Association. It will seek to arrange benefits offered to members of the Association.

Fund Raising Committee. This committee will coordinate activities and events with the other committees to raise funds for the good works of the Association.

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Networking Committee. This committee will work to generate business within the Association membership, lawyer to lawyer. It will set up standards and agreements for referrals among members consistent with State Bar rules. It will seek to inform and education the local bar of the various talents of our membership and the availability and fee structure of attorneys open for referrals.

Pro Bono Committee. The committee will work to generate and coordinate volunteers to provide legal services to those in need who would otherwise go without legal representation.

Debate Forum Committee. This committee will set up non-partisan debate forums providing balanced panels and the best available advocates on controversial issues of interest to the community. It will initiate an annual high school debate tournament, moot and mock court programs.

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Small Firm and Sole Practitioner Section

Topic: **Implementing the Principles of Persuasion in Your Law Practice**

Speaker: Myer Sankary, Esq.

Date: September 8

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: SFVBA Conference Room, Woodland Hills

Cost: \$20 members prepaid; \$25 at the door. \$25 non-members prepaid; \$30 at the door

MCLE: 1 Hour

Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association

Topic: **Developing a Paperless Office**

Date: September 9

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Valencia Country Club, 27330 North Tournay Road

Cost: \$35 members prepaid \$45 non-members and members at the door

MCLE: 1 Hour

Probate & Estate Planning Section

Topic: **Fiduciary Compliance in Investing under Uniform Prudent Investors Act**

Speaker: Lee Anke, Prudent Investors Network, Inc.

Date: September 14

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: Encino Glen Restaurant, Encino

Cost: \$30 members prepaid; \$35 at the door. \$35 non-members prepaid; \$40 at the door

MCLE: 1 Hour

Workers' Compensation Section

Topic: **SB 899 Apportionment**

Speaker: Hon. Mark Kahn, Regional Manager, Department of Industrial Relations

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: The Encino Glen Restaurant 16821 Burbank Boulevard, Encino

Cost: \$30 Members prepaid; \$35 at the door. \$35 Non-Members prepaid; \$45 Non-Members at the door

MCLE: 1 Hour

Litigation Section

Topic: **Getting to the Number: Special Needs Trusts as Aids to Settlement**

Speaker: Diedre Wachbrit, P.C.

Date: September 23

Time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

Place: SFVBA Conference Room, Woodland Hills

Cost: \$30 members prepaid; \$35 at the door. \$35 non-members prepaid; \$40 at the door

MCLE: 1 Hour

Family Law Section

Topic: **Alcohol and Drug Issues for the Family Law Practitioner**

Speakers: Judge Randy Rhodes; Roxanne Lipton; Erin Childs, MA, MFT

Date: September 27, 2004

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Encino Glen Restaurant, Encino

Cost: \$38 members prepaid; \$45 at the door. \$45 non-members prepaid; \$50 at the door

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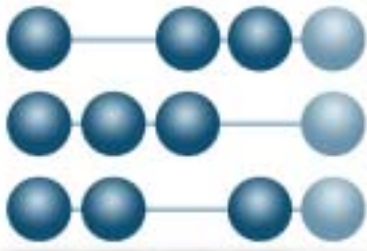
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