

VALLEY LAWYER

OCTOBER 2015 • \$4

A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association



SILVER ANNIVERSARY—Members of San Fernando Valley Bar Association celebrated 25th Anniversary of founding with banquet held Friday evening in San Fernando Valley Country Club Woodland Hills. The anniversary was addressed by Stanley M. Lintz, presiding judge of the Superior Court, and other guests. Seated from left are: Stanley M. Lintz, presiding judge of the Superior Court, and other guests. Seated from left are: Stanley M. Lintz, presiding judge of the Superior Court, and other guests.



Nevrel Garas, SFVBA founder

San Fernando Valley Bar Association
January 7, 1929.

Dear Fellow Members:

The first meeting of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association for the year 1929 under the presidency of N. L. Heller will take place on Thursday, January 24th, at 8:30 P. M., at the Hotel Oak Grove in San Fernando.

At that time the editorial business will be the order of the day. The meeting will be a business meeting and the discussion of the members will be confined to the business of the association. There will also be reports from a few of the standing committees on the work done during the year. The Board of Trustees there will be a committee on the part of the Board of Trustees consisting of Messrs. P. Valiant and Victor J. Gagliardi. This committee will report on the recent decisions of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of California, the work of the various branches of the judiciary, the work of the various branches of the judiciary. At the same time a report will be made on the state of the judiciary. A report will be made on the state of the judiciary. A report will be made on the state of the judiciary.

There will be no report for this meeting. All you will see is a report for this meeting. All you will see is a report for this meeting. All you will see is a report for this meeting. All you will see is a report for this meeting.

Yours very truly,
STANLEY M. LINTZ
President

Raising the Bar in the San Fernando Valley



Justice Arnold presiding over the 15th Anniversary of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. Seated from left are: Justice Arnold, presiding judge of the Superior Court, and other guests. Seated from left are: Justice Arnold, presiding judge of the Superior Court, and other guests.

VALLEY BAR ASSN IN DRIVE FOR MORE COURTS

Ethics of Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity

Earn MCLE Credit



March 7, 2013

Valley Community Legal Foundation \$ 100,000.00

One Hundred Thousand

Donation

David Gornick, SFVBA President

Barry Kohn, ARS Director



Stanley M. Lintz, SFVBA President, 1980



LAW DAY COMMEMORATED IN VAN NUYS
Participating in ceremony in Dept. A, Superior Court, at County Courts Ridge, Van Nuys, are James Darnbach, left, president of San Fernando Valley Bar Association, and Judge Parks Shillwell, presiding judge of Northwest District of Superior Court. Similar ceremonies took place throughout Valley yesterday in commemoration of Law Day.

232

San Fernando Valley Bar Association
15th Anniversary Banquet

\$125 PER PERSON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1941

7 P. M.

THE second address of the evening was by Judge C. Edward Clark, presiding judge of the Superior Court, who spoke on the subject of "The Lawyer's Duty to the Public." This is a subject which has been discussed many times in the past, but it is one which is of increasing importance in these times of rapid change and progress. Judge Clark's address was a most timely and inspiring one, and it is hoped that it will be a source of much thought and discussion among the members of the association.

The new secretary of the association is Mr. Robert A. Weissman, who was elected at the recent meeting. Mr. Weissman is a well-known and respected member of the association, and his election to the position of secretary is a great honor for the association.

ROBERT A. WEISSMAN — "We had no rank to offer programs that are appropriate for the members. And while we do not have a rank to offer programs that are appropriate for the members, we do have a rank to offer programs that are appropriate for the members."

Official Sponsors of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association

KRYCLER ERVIN TAUBMAN & KAMINSKY

FULL SERVICE ACCOUNTING FIRM

CONTACT MICHAEL J. KRYCLER, CPA, FCA | SCOTT R. ERVIN, CPA

*When you need more than just numbers...
you can count on us...*

- LITIGATION SUPPORT
- EXPERT WITNESS
- FORENSIC ACCOUNTANTS
- FAMILY LAW MATTERS
- BUSINESS VALUATIONS
- LOSS OF EARNINGS
- DAMAGES

MEMBERS OF
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
California Society of Certified Public Accountants

15303 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1040
Sherman Oaks, California 91403

info@ketkcpa.com
t: 818.995.1040
f: 818.995.4124
www.ketkcpa.com



ANDREW L. SHAPIRO

now available as a private

MEDIATOR & ARBITRATOR

Andrew L. Shapiro is utilizing his extensive negotiation and trial experience to expand a growing mediation practice. Over the years he has personally handled over 1,500 pro bono cases as a Court Settlement Officer, Arbitrator or Mediator for Los Angeles and Ventura County Superior Courts.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Wrongful Death
- Spinal Cord Injuries
- Premises Liability
- Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Products Liability
- Dangerous Conditions of Public Property
- Bicycle, Auto, Motorcycle & Truck Accidents
- Serious Dog Attacks
- Medical Malpractice

MEMBERSHIPS:

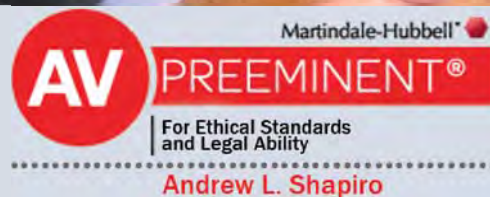
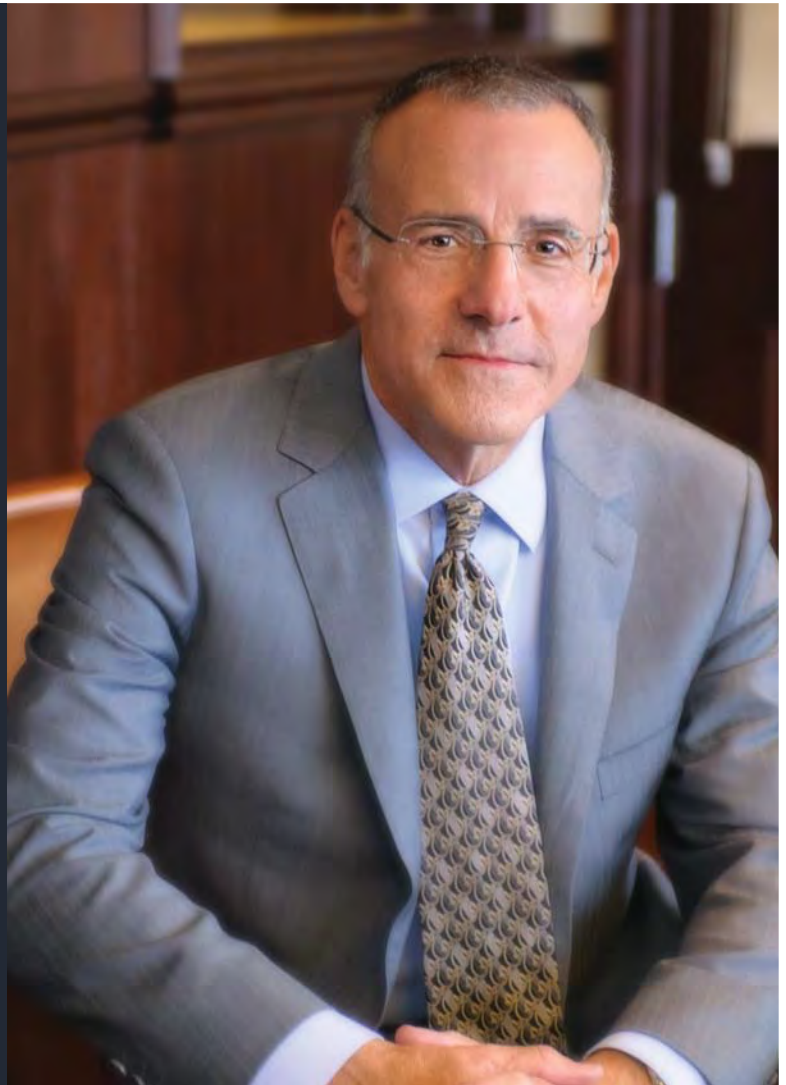
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA)
- Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association



LEWITT, HACKMAN, SHAPIRO, MARSHALL & HARLAN
A LAW CORPORATION

818.907.3266
AShapiro@LewittHackman.com

16633 Ventura Boulevard, Eleventh Floor
Encino, California 91436



Andrew L. Shapiro

"Andy is an excellent lawyer with a firm understanding of not just the law, but the personal injury business. More importantly he is a wonderful person, who has the right temperament to be a fantastic mediator. Trial lawyers on both sides of the fence will benefit from Andy's mediation skills. It will only be a short time until the personal injury community will recognize his talents and he will join the ranks of elite mediators."

– Matthew B.F. Biren, Biren Law Group

"I have known Andy Shapiro for over 30 years. I had cases against him when I was practicing and have mediated and arbitrated cases with him in my more recent capacity as a Neutral Hearing Officer. Based on my experience with him, Andy has the skills and more importantly, the temperament, to be extremely effective in this endeavor. His many years of experience will serve him well, and I enthusiastically endorse and support his entry into the field."

– Darrell Forgey, Judicate West

EMPLOYMENT LAW REFERRALS

Professionals Serving Professionals

Our referral program can be your profit center! **Stephen Danz & Associates** is recognized as one of the most experienced and successful employment law firms representing whistle blowers and victims of wrongful termination, retaliation, discrimination and sex harassment. Our clients are executive, technical, administrative and hourly employees. We pay generous referral fees in accordance with State Bar rules. We also provide regular updates on your referred case.

- Regular bi-monthly report on status of referred cases
- Highest possible referral fees pursuant to state bar rules
- Reciprocal referrals where appropriate
- Referral fees paid religiously at case closure with a complete distribution report to you
- Regular email updates on new significant developments in employment law



“Recently a friend of mine contacted me because I was the only lawyer she knew. Her sister was being pushed out of her job because of her age. With complete confidence, I referred her to Stephen Danz, who immediately met with her and gave her an honest assessment of her legal options. Steve informed me when he met with her and sent me an unexpected, but much appreciated, surprise- a referral fee. I hadn't realized it beforehand, but referral fees are a standard part of his practice. My friend's sister was extremely satisfied with Steve, which of course made me look good too. It's important for me to know attorneys like Steve, who I know will do a great job for the people I refer to him.”

- David L. Fleck, Esq.



Stephen Danz
& ASSOCIATES

877.789.9707
www.employmentattorneyca.com

2655 First St., Simi Valley, CA 93065

Los Angeles Orange County Pasadena San Bernardino San Diego Fresno San Francisco Santa Rosa Sacramento



The Matloff Company has been a top insurance broker to Southern California attorneys, their firms and families for over 32 years.

**RATED A+ A.M.
BEST INSURERS.**

Life Insurance

Term, Universal Life, Survivorship, Estate Planning, Key-Person

Disability Insurance

Insure your most important asset—"Your ability to earn income"
Insures you in your own occupation
Benefits keep up with inflation

Long Term Care Insurance

Several quality carriers for individuals and firms

Health Insurance

All major insurance companies for individuals & firms

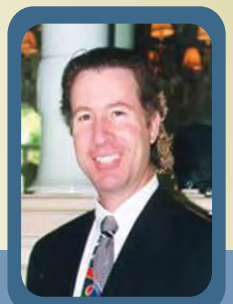


The Matloff Company

An Insurance and Financial Services Company

Phone: **(800) 468-4467**

E-mail: elliott@matloffcompany.com



Elliot Matloff

www.matloffcompany.com



14



24



Winner of the
2014-2015
LA Press Club
Award



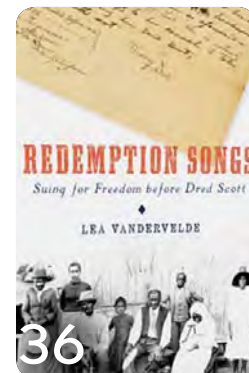
Winner of the
2013-2014 NABE
Luminary Award
for Excellence
in Regular
Publications



28



34



36

FEATURES

- 14** Ethics of Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity | BY JAMES C. FEDALEN AND MICHAEL J. FEDALEN

MCLE TEST NO. 84 ON PAGE 21.

- 24** Raising the Bar in the San Fernando Valley | BY ELIZABETH POST

- 28** 50 Years of Changing Lives and Transforming Communities | BY NEAL S. DUDOVITZ AND YVONNE MARIAJIMENEZ

- 34** Do Your Blog Posts Qualify as Legal Advice? | BY DEBORAH S. SWEENEY

COLUMNS

- 36** Book Review
Examining Slave Freedom Suits in the Antebellum American Frontier | BY ANTHONY S. KHOURY

DEPARTMENTS

- 7** President's Message
- 9** Executive Director's Desk
- 10** Event Calendars
- 13** Public Service
- 39** Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association
- 42** Classifieds

Attorneys who wish to remove their name from lists the State Bar provides to qualified outside entities may do so by logging on to Member Login on the home page of the State Bar's website. After registering with My State Bar Profile at www.calbar.ca.gov, go to "Change my address, phone numbers, and opt-out preference," and change your Opt-out preferences. Members may also e-mail their opt-out request to memrec@calbar.ca.gov, or by calling the Member Services Center, 1-888-800-3400. Members who choose to opt out will not receive mailings about State Bar-sponsored member benefits such as attorney insurance program offerings, MCLE provider programs and a variety of professional discount.

HOEFFLIN • BURROWS

A Law Corporation

Personalized representation to attain client goals

HOEFFLIN • BURROWS delivers results by putting client interests first and using a team-based approach to creatively, intelligently, and effectively resolve legal matters. Specializing in disputes and litigation including:

- Real Estate
- Partnerships/LLC's
- Business and Corporate
- Trust/Estate Disputes
- Executive Employment
- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Entertainment Disputes

Refer with confidence



Steven A. Meadville, of Counsel • Richard M. Hoefflin • Jason M. Burrows

2659 Townsgate Road, Suite 232 • Westlake Village, CA 91361
805.497.8605 • www.hoefflinlaw.com

VALLEY LAWYER

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION

5567 Reseda Boulevard, Suite 200
Tarzana, CA 91356
Phone (818) 227-0490
Fax (818) 227-0499
www.sfvba.org

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Marina Senderov

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Carol L. Newman
President-Elect..... Kira S. Masteller
Secretary..... Alan E. Kassan
Treasurer Anie N. Akbarian
Past President..... Caryn Brotzman Sanders
Executive Director..... Elizabeth Post

TRUSTEES

Jonathan Birdt	Nicole Kamm
Vito A. Constanzo	Yi Sun Kim
William A. Daniels	Kathy G. Neumann
Michelle E. Diaz	Samuel R.W. Price
Barry P. Goldberg	Marlene Seltzer
Peta-Gay Gordon	John F. Stephens
Alexander J. Harwin	Toni Vargas
Sean E. Judge	

STAFF

Director of Public Services..... Rosie Soto Cohen
Referral Consultant..... Lucia Senda
Referral Consultant Fanny Arellano
Director of Education & Events..... Linda Temkin
Member Services Coordinator..... Melissa Garcia

SECTION CHAIRS

Bankruptcy Law Steven R. Fox
Business Law & Real Property Steven J. Shapiro
..... Neil M. Sunkin
Criminal Law..... David S. Kestenbaum
..... Angela Berry-Jacoby
Employment Law Kimberly Westmoreland
Family Law Sandra Etue
..... Kenneth Nahigian
..... Amir Aharonov
Intellectual Property,
Entertainment & Internet Law John F. Stephens
..... Thomas M. Morrow
Litigation Christopher P. Warne
New Lawyers Christopher Blaylock
..... Hannah Sweiss
Probate & Estate Planning..... John E. Rogers
Small Firm & Sole Practitioner..... Arsalan Hayatdavoodi
Taxation Law Ronald Hughes
..... Hratch J. Karakachian
Workers' Compensation Jeffrey S. Swartz

Valley Lawyer is published 11 times a year. Articles, announcements, and advertisements are due by the first day of the month prior to the publication date. The articles in Valley Lawyer are written for general interest and are not meant to be relied upon as a substitute for independent research and independent verification of accuracy.

Printing Southwest Offset Printing

© 2015 San Fernando Valley Bar Association



*Successfully Resolving Civil Disputes since 2002
in the areas of*

Personal Injury • Business Litigation • Construction
Real Estate • Employment • Professional Negligence



DISCOUNTED
RATES OFFERED ON
SMALLER CASES

5850 Canoga Ave Ste 400 • Woodland Hills, CA 91367
Tel (818) 610-8799 • Fax (818) 610-8699
sean@judgemediation.com • www.judgemediation.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Claiming Our Power as a Bar Association

MY FIRST PRESIDENT'S Message! I'm very pleased and proud to be the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's first openly LGBT President and I want to thank all of the past Presidents, including Alan Sedley and Seymour Amster, who encouraged me to climb the ladder in this organization. Our theme this year will be "Claim Our Power!" We are seeking to enhance the SFVBA's brand in the Valley, in Los Angeles, in California, in the nation, and in the legal profession as a whole.

As the official Bar of the San Fernando Valley, we have a unique opportunity that few, if any, regional bars have. We represent an area that is home to about 1.8 million people. If the San Fernando Valley was its own city, it would be the nation's fifth largest city, right below Los Angeles. As the lawyers representing those 1.8 million people, we have the potential to be hugely powerful, not just in the Valley, but in California, and nationwide. Do I sound like a politician? That's because I am a politician. And that's not a bad thing for the SFVBA.

I sincerely hope that all of you reading this message will consider either becoming active in the SFVBA or, if you are already active in a section or committee, taking a leadership role by running for the Board of Trustees next year. It's not too early to think about the future. You are the SFVBA's future, and we must all determine what that future will be.

www.sfvba.org

CAROL L. NEWMAN
SFVBA President



carol@anlawllp.com

If you're thinking that you don't want one more thing to do that's going to take you away from work or family, I didn't either, initially. I was a passive member of the SFVBA for years until I met a Bar trustee at the holiday party about eight years ago. I asked him what he did, and he said he was the head of the SFVBA Membership & Marketing Committee. I thought that sounded interesting, so I told him I would start attending the meetings, which I did. Is the rest history? Not exactly, but you don't have to commit to hours and hours of work with the SFVBA in order to become active. It's what you make of it.

As you may know, the entry-level officer position for the SFVBA Board is treasurer. That's an intensive introduction into the importance of money to our Bar, or to any bar. Without money in the bank, we could not function. We would not have a staff. We would not have *Valley Lawyer*, or events, or sections or committees. We need to have money to make money.

Until I actually was required to delve into the numbers in detail as the treasurer, I did not really appreciate what it takes for the SFVBA, or any bar, to continue to function. Every year, we must study these numbers closely. As I write this article, we are in the midst of our annual budgeting process. Every year, we must determine how much money we need to flourish, where it is going to come from, and what we need to do to make that happen.

BOUTIQUE CRIMINAL DEFENSE FIRM

EG

EISNER GORIN LLP

STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE

FIRM PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Former Senior Deputy District Attorney
UCLA and Pepperdine Law Professor
Bar-Certified Criminal Law Specialist



*Super-Lawyers Top 2.5%
A.V. – Preeminent Rating
Avvo 10/10 Superb*

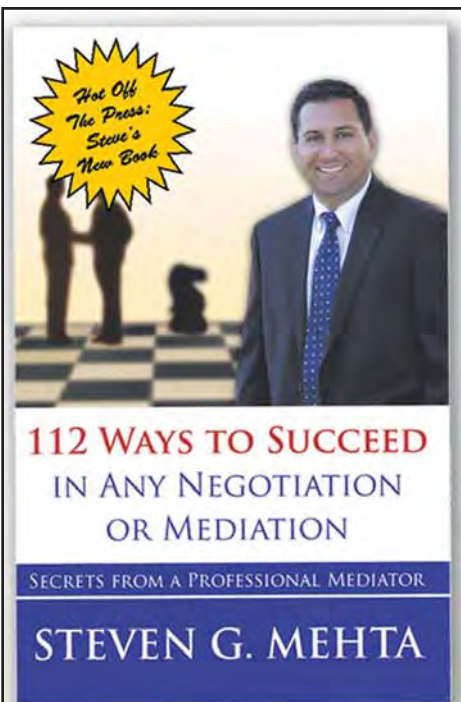
RECENT VICTORIES:

- \$3 Million Fraud Case - Dismissed, Government Misconduct (Downtown, LA)
- Murder - Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, Jury (Van Nuys)
- Medical Fraud Case - Dismissed, Preliminary Hearing (Ventura)
- Domestic Violence - Not Guilty, Jury Finding of Factual Innocence (San Fernando)
- \$50 Million Mortgage Fraud - Dismissed, Trial Court (Downtown, LA)
- DUI Case, Client Probation - Dismissed Search and Seizure (Long Beach)
- Numerous Sex Offense Accusations: Dismissed before Court (LA County)
- Several Multi-Kilo Drug Cases: Dismissed due to Violation of Rights (LA County)

877.781.1570

Eisner Gorin LLP
14401 Sylvan Street, Suite 112
Van Nuys, CA 91401

24/7 Immediate Intervention



Steven G. Mehta is one of California's premier, award-winning attorney mediators, specializing in intensely-difficult and emotionally-charged cases.

Steve's book, **112 Ways to Succeed in Any Negotiation or Mediation**, will turbo-charge your negotiation skills regardless of your experience.

To schedule your mediation or order a copy of Steve's new book, call **661.284.1818** or check with your local bookseller, preferred online retailer, or online at:
www.112ways.com or www.stevemehta.com

Locations in Los Angeles & Valencia
Mediations throughout California

When I attended the American Bar Association's Bar Leadership Institute in 2014, I learned that this is a critical time for all bar associations to move to the next level so that they can continue to survive. The only thing is, we don't necessarily all know or agree what that next level is. I would have thought that such a dilemma might only apply to voluntary bars like ours, but even mandatory bars have been feeling the pinch of reduced funding, increased oversight, and greater challenges.


In this era of easily-available MCLE, internet-based resources, and seemingly less and less time to spend on the things that really matter, what should the role of a voluntary bar be? Why should we join a voluntary bar? What is the SFVBA going to do for us that we can't get elsewhere? These are all crucial questions that we must begin to answer immediately, as our continued existence should never be taken for granted. I assure you that your Board of Trustees is focusing on these questions.

The SFVBA successfully weathered the Great Recession, and we have been very successful in keeping our expenses as low as possible. Therefore, we can't simply assure our future by cutting expenses to the bone—that has already been done. The great challenge will be in increasing and

diversifying our revenue. We plan to do that by attracting more members and increasing sponsorships.

We are making a big push this year for more sponsors and have a new Sponsorship Committee, which will not only serve the needs of current sponsors (whom we greatly appreciate) but will search for additional potential sponsors. We have a number of levels of sponsorships, starting very inexpensively. If you know anyone who might be a good sponsor, please let us know. The Sponsorship Committee meetings have been taking place on the second Tuesday of the month around 5:00 p.m. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will add you to email list.

In the last few years we created a new revenue source through Versatape, which sells recordings of our section meetings for MCLE credit. (If you are a speaker at a section meeting, be aware that your presentation may go viral!) We will also be looking into the possibility of offering webinars in connection with at least some of our section meetings. All of the other larger bars are doing this already.

If you have any ideas that might benefit the SFVBA, or any thoughts on services that we should be providing, please feel free to contact me at (818) 225-0056 or my email above. I hope to hear from you, as all input is welcome. 

WORKERS' COMPENSATION
STATE CERTIFIED SPECIALIST



WILLIAM J. KROPACH

Over 35 Years Experience

- ✓ All Workers' Compensation Injuries
- ✓ Referral Fee Paid Per State Bar Rules
- ✓ Chairman, Workers' Comp Section of SFVBA (1987 to 2009)
- ✓ Director, Valley Community Legal Foundation of SFVBA (1980-2000)
- ✓ Former Trustee of SFVBA

For Workers' Compensation Referral, call

818.609.7005

www.williamkropach.com • email: william@kropachlaw.com

Volunteer of the Year 2003

Fall Is in the Air

S FVBA MEMBERS WHO I HAVE had the privilege of speaking to for more than a few minutes know that I'm an East Coast native; more precisely, I was born and raised in the majestic Hudson Valley in Upstate New York. Although I have called Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley Bar Association my home for more than two decades, members can quickly detect my New York accent.

I certainly miss a lot about my birthplace: my family and lifelong friends, my amazing Mets, and this time of the year, the changing of seasons. On the East Coast, people travel from the Carolinas to New England to experience the fall foliage. Here, my office calendar indicates autumn, while the thermostat is stuck on summer.

Maybe the thermostat won't budge before the calendar turns a few more pages, but that doesn't mean time is staying still. Quite the opposite; there is plenty of change at the SFVBA. President Carol Newman recently took the helm of our new Board of Trustees. In September, the Bar said goodbye to a key member of our professional staff, Irma Mejia, and welcomed new colleagues, Melissa Garcia and Fanny Arellano.

Irma was the innovative Editor of *Valley Lawyer* who enhanced the content and stature of this magazine. During her tenure, *Valley Lawyer* earned coveted awards from the LA Press Club and National Association of Bar Executives. Irma also administered the demanding Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program. We extend best wishes to Irma in her new communications position with a local online legal technology company.

ELIZABETH POST
Executive Director



epost@sfvba.org

New Member Services Coordinator Melissa Garcia was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley and recently graduated from UC Irvine with a BA in Political Science. She is a self-proclaimed political junkie and highly motivated by the opportunity to perform public services. "As the SFVBA's Member Services Coordinator, I look forward to supporting our 2,000+ current members and welcoming new members to the Bar," says Garcia.

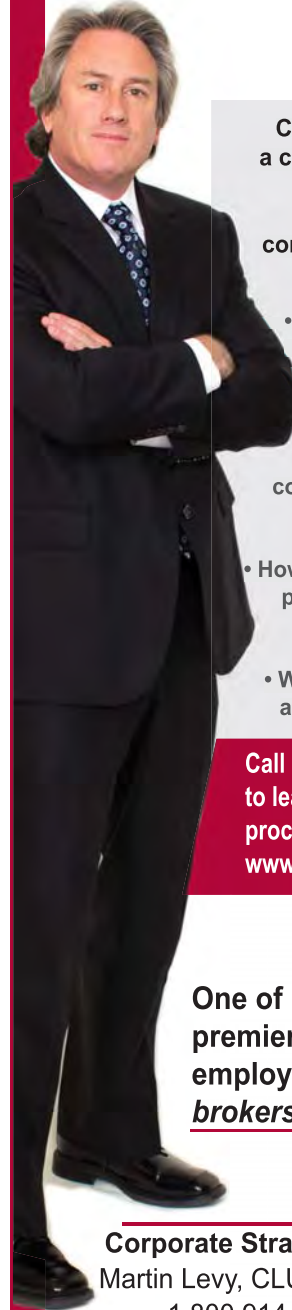
Garcia will oversee the MFA Program. "As the MFA Administrator, I'm really excited about the opportunity to work closely with the public to resolve fee disputes in a fair, reliable manner," she says. "I'm an idealist who stands by the idea of justice, and my hope is to execute the MFA program with absolute objectiveness and understanding of our rules."

ARS Consultant Fanny Arellano was born in Mexico D.F. and grew up in Los Angeles with her parents and four siblings. She has worked in customer service for six years and her goal is to complete her degree in business management. Fanny will help connect individuals seeking legal help with ARS panel members who are qualified to assist them. She will administer the Case Manager database to ensure accurate case reporting and client satisfaction. "I look forward to promoting ARS through outreach at community events," says Arellano. "I welcome providing appropriate referrals to the public who count on the SFVBA for legal help."

Colorful changes are everywhere at the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

HEALTH CARE REFORM HAS CHANGED THE WAY YOU BUY AND DELIVER BENEFITS

IS YOUR PRESENT BROKER BRINGING YOU THE **BEST** POSSIBLE SOLUTION?



Contact us for
a comprehensive
analysis of
NEW ACA
compliant plans:

- How to exploit the ACA for your benefit
- Why plan design and communication are vital
- How the exchanges play into your programs
- Wrapping plans around Kaiser

Call or Email us
to learn about our
process, or visit
www.CorpStrat.com

One of Los Angeles
premier and **largest**
employee **benefit**
brokers

Corporate Strategies Inc
Martin Levy, CLU, Principal
1 800 914 3564
www.Corpstrat.com
Ca. Lic 0C24367



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LATINO HERITAGE MONTH				1 Membership & Marketing Committee 6:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE	2	3
4	5 <i>Valley Lawyer</i> Member Bulletin Deadline to submit announcements to editor@sfvba.org for November issue.	6	7	8 Litigation Section Cross-Cultural Mediation 6:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE Mark Ameli will discuss how different cultures view and negotiate legal disputes. (1 Hour Elimination of Bias)	9	10
11	12 Tarzana Networking Meeting 5:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE  VALLEY COMMUNITY LEGAL FOUNDATION COLUMBUS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT  See page 22	13 Probate & Estate Planning Section Surety Bonds and the Court: Problems and Solutions 12:00 NOON MONTEREY AT ENCINO RESTAURANT Will Mingram of Bond Services of California will discuss key issues relating to surety bonds. (1 Hour MCLE) Board of Trustees 6:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE	14 Business Law & Real Property Section and Criminal Law Section Business Transactions Involving Marijuana Laws 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE Michele Brooke will discuss the intricacies of the marijuana laws. (1 Hour MCLE)	15	16 Bankruptcy Law Section Supreme Court Decisions 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE Jonathan Hayes will discuss the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court cases relevant to bankruptcy. (1.5 MCLE Hours)	
18	19	20 Taxation Law Section IRS Summons 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE Chad Nardiello will discuss what to do when your client receives an IRS summons. (1 MCLE Hour)	21 Workers' Compensation Section Do You Hear What I Hear? 12:00 NOON MONTEREY AT ENCINO RESTAURANT Andrew Berman, M.D. discusses the anatomy of the inner ear and industrial traumas. (1 Hour MCLE)	22	23	24
25	26 Family Law Section Bankruptcy and Family Law 5:30 PM MONTEREY AT ENCINO RESTAURANT Approved for Legal Specialization. (1.5 MCLE Hours)	27 Editorial Committee 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE	28	29	30	31 



The San Fernando Valley Bar Association is a State Bar of California MCLE approved provider. Visit www.sfvba.org for seminar pricing and to register online, or contact Linda Temkin at (818) 227-0490, ext. 105 or events@sfvba.org. Pricing discounted for active SFVBA members and early registration.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH						
1 <i>Valley Lawyer</i> Member Bulletin Deadline to submit announcements to editor@sfvba.org for December issue.	2	3	4 Employment Law Section 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE	5 Membership & Marketing Committee 6:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE	6	7
8 Tarzana Networking Meeting 5:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE 	9	10 Probate & Estate Planning Section New Laws 12:00 NOON MONTEREY AT ENCINO RESTAURANT Jim Birnberg will give an important annual update. (1 Hour MCLE) Board of Trustees 6:00 PM SFVBA OFFICE	11 VETERANS DAY 	12	13	14 Valley Community Legal Foundation <i>Gala</i> 2015 5:30 PM BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB 
15	16	17 Taxation Law Section New Rules Affecting Taxation of Real Estate 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE Sharyn Fisk leads the discussion. (1 MCLE Hour)	18 Workers' Compensation Section A Judge's Perspective 12:00 NOON MONTEREY AT ENCINO RESTAURANT Workers' Comp Judge Shiloh Rasmusson will discuss the ins and outs of the courtroom. (1 Hour MCLE)	19	20	21
22 Family Law Section Hot Tips 12:00 NOON MONTEREY AT ENCINO RESTAURANT Don't miss out on hot tips from Gary Weyman and the Family Law Bench. Approved for Legal Specialization. (1.5 MCLE Hours)	23	24 Editorial Committee 12:00 NOON SFVBA OFFICE	25	26	27	28
29	30					

When Bankruptcy May Be the Best Solution...

Choose an experienced & knowledgeable attorney who provides personal & timely attention and recommends bankruptcy only when it is the best solution.



Law Offices of Steven R. Fox
Bankruptcy & Related Matters

Debtor and Creditor Representation
Chapter 11 Reorganization
Bankruptcy Litigation
Developing and Rebuilding Companies

17835 Ventura Blvd., Suite 306
Encino, CA 91316 ■ (818) 774-3545
SRFox@FoxLaw.com

Sometimes numbers are the only prints left behind.

Arxis Financial is a proven forensic accounting and litigation specialist. We will examine the financial data and help you determine the "bottom line." Arxis provides financial and valuation analysis needed to resolve a variety of legal disputes from family court to civil, criminal, and probate courts. In many cases our experts can help you reach a settlement. If trial or arbitration is required we give you the support you need to win.

Chris Hamilton, CPA, CFE, CVA

805.306.7890

www.arxisfinancial.com
chamilton@arxisgroup.com

ARXIS
FINANCIAL, INC.

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

BUSINESS VALUATION

FRAUD ANALYSIS

Welcome to the Attorney Referral Service!

**BARRY P. GOLDBERG
& ANNE L. THOMPSON**
Co-Chairs



bpg@barrygoldberg.com • athompson@lawyersmutual.com

AS CO-CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE PAST FOUR years of the SFVBA Attorney Referral Service (ARS) Committee, we have been humbled by the many brilliant lawyers who have both dedicated their talents and time to make the Valley a better place for those seeking legal services. The ARS is positioned to provide the maximum benefit to those we serve and to provide meaningful referrals to our highly qualified members. This includes, on occasion, a seven figure case.

We still find it incredible that the ARS remains largely unknown or misunderstood by our members at-large. When we speak to members, we receive many questions. Isn't that just a free legal service? How does it work? Where does the money go? These are all legitimate questions and concerns and this article should help you answer them and reach the conclusion that the existence of the ARS is a win-win for lawyers and the community.

For those of you who have not really considered the ARS, here are the basics. The ARS is a panel of San Fernando Valley lawyers that must meet basic qualifications in their respective areas of law. It is not automatic that an applicant will be accepted onto a respective panel. The ARS committee considers applicants' backgrounds and experience before allowing attorneys' participation. ARS panel members must meet ethical guidelines and carry the requisite malpractice insurance. Depending on the particular area of law, applicants must have real world trial experience or a significant number of verifiable cases demonstrating expertise in that area. When a referral is made to an ARS panel member, the prospective client does not get a novice!

The ARS annual membership fee is negligible and the "payback" to the bar association is only 15%, far less than most private referral arrangements. There is no good argument against receiving such referrals. In addition, panel members have benefitted from some absolutely blockbuster referrals. A recent case was settled for seven figures and an important and valuable class action is working its way towards a resolution. While not all referrals from ARS are blockbusters, the majority mirror the types of cases and referrals a lawyer or law firm receives over time.


The money received by the ARS sustains the program and provides funds for low-cost or free legal services and charities for those in need. It truly is a public service that you can feel great about joining!

In addition to pre-qualifying panel members, the ARS Committee oversees the marketing to the public to make them aware of this extremely valuable service. The ARS posts phone numbers at local courthouses and participates in other local outreach programs. In the past, the ARS could simply sponsor a community event or purchase a booth at a farmer's market. Because the public needed access and had little in the way of options, the ARS was a natural fit and answer to these concerns. Times, however, have changed and the ARS is coming around to meet 21st century marketing needs.

Admittedly, the ARS was slow to adapt to the new marketing reality that many people find lawyers online and that law firms guard referrals as a valuable source of revenue and reciprocal cooperation. But the ARS is a valuable spoke in the wheel of this changing model.

Recently, the ARS Committee rolled out its new, fully optimized website which can compete with the largest and best funded law firms. The website is informative and easy to use. It cuts across many disciplines and provides the public with an extremely viable online option from a trusted and verified source. The hook is that ARS lawyers are vetted, qualified and insured! Other law firms online are really just advertising in comparison.

Hands down, the best source of referrals to the ARS is other lawyers and law firms. Invariably, a member of the public will call your law office and inquire about an area of law you do not handle. Of course, you may refer the matter to a colleague who may pay you a referral fee or provide reciprocal referrals. We are not asking anyone to change this process, though we always appreciate those first line referrals. We are asking for all San Fernando Valley lawyers and law firms to commit to referring all other inquiries and cases directly to the ARS. Every law firm receptionist should have the ARS phone number handy and be able to direct a call in an instant.


So where does the ARS fit into your marketing plan? All lawyers should consider the ARS as a valuable tool in the arsenal of their plan to get new clients. Experienced solo practitioners and established law firms should be throwing their hats into the mix. And young lawyers should be contacting the ARS to find out what requirements are necessary to qualify, and then, as soon as possible, try to join the ARS as a panel member. This is a great way to expand your new practice and gain access to clients. The ARS is a viable low-cost addition and there is simply no reason for a Valley lawyer not to join the ARS panel. 



By reading this article and answering the accompanying test questions, you can earn one MCLE credit. To apply for the credit, please follow the instructions on the test answer form on page 21.

Ethics of Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity

By Michael J. Fedalen and James C. Fedalen

A woman with short grey hair, wearing a straw hat with a blue band, glasses, a light blue jacket over a white shirt, and blue jeans, is sitting on a large, light-colored rock. She is looking out over a calm body of water towards a hazy, forested shoreline. She has a light blue backpack on her back. In the foreground, there are some dry, brownish plants. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

When representing clients with diminished capacity, California attorneys can face conflicts between their moral duty to protect their clients and their ethical duty under the Rules of Professional Conduct. The current State Bar ethic rules are not adequate to meet the needs of clients with diminished capacity without running afoul of the law.

REPRESENTING CLIENTS WITH DIMINISHED capacity raises a number of potential ethical and moral issues for attorneys. Clients whose capacity is diminished are inherently more susceptible to exploitation and abuse and have some of the greatest need for effective and ethical representation by the legal community. But the same cognitive impairments that result in diminished capacity, such as poor memory and limited ability to make rational decisions, can also act as major obstacles to providing a person who exhibits these traits with effective legal assistance.

What is the ethical legal practitioner to do when they are representing an elderly client with diminished capacity and a strong financial abuse case who suddenly is willing to settle for a fraction of what their case is worth because they need the money to invest in a project they were told would generate huge profits quickly? What if the project appears to the attorney to be another scam? What about when the person proposing the project is affiliated with the defendant in the pending case? Following the client's instructions to accept such a settlement under those circumstances, the safest course, and the one apparently least likely to conflict with the California Rules of Professional Conduct, may not actually be doing that client any good if the end result is just more exploitation.

Changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct have been proposed that would improve the ability of attorneys to seek assistance for clients with diminished capacity and nobody else willing or able to provide such assistance. However, these changes alone would not eliminate the problem.

Capacity is "measured on a sliding scale, with marital capacity requiring the least amount of capacity, followed by testamentary capacity, and on the high end of the scale is the mental capacity required to enter contracts."¹ There further exists a "rebuttable presumption affecting the burden of proof that all persons have the capacity to make decisions and to be responsible for their acts or decisions."² An attorney who harbors doubts about their client's capacity may generally comply with their duties to that client by complying with a client's direction, even when the attorney believes the directions are not in the client's best interests.

Ideally, every person with diminished capacity would have a supportive and loving network to assist them and, if necessary, to act on their behalf and in their best interests. But for far too many people, no such network exists. Not every client or potential client with diminished capacity has a competent individual available and willing to help care for them when they are unable to care for themselves.

Having a third party working with the client in a formal legal capacity as a conservator, trustee, or power of attorney—or even somebody informally authorized by the client to provide assistance—can alleviate many of the ethical obstacles for an attorney in representing the client's best interests. But when there is no competent and generally benevolent third party to assist the client who has diminished capacity, legal practitioners would be advised to tread carefully.

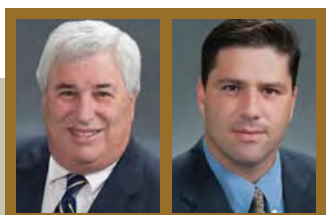
When a person is "substantially unable to manage his or her own financial resources or resist fraud or undue influence,"³ a conservatorship of the estate can be the measure of last resort to protect that individual from further financial harm.⁴ But the reality is that there is not always an appropriate conservator available and private fiduciaries cost money that may not be available. A requirement in conservatorship proceedings is to serve the proposed conservatee with a citation and petition for conservatorship,⁵ and this person will often express some opposition towards the idea of having their legal rights curtailed.

When there are allegations of wrongdoing by some third party, such as financial elder abuse, that underlie the alleged need for a conservatorship, the suspected individual may also object to the proceedings in an effort to protect themselves from becoming subject to liability.


When there is a need for a conservatorship, but no appropriate person willing to accept responsibility to institute conservatorship proceedings, government agencies, including Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Public Guardian, are supposed to be available to fill the need. More often than not, these agencies are inadequately funded and incapable of providing the sort of assistance that many clients with diminished capacity could likely benefit from.

Even when it would be possible to get APS to recommend, and the Public Guardian to pursue, instituting conservatorship proceedings, the current Rules of Professional Conduct prohibit an attorney from alerting these agencies to the need except possibly in a very general way. Rule 3-100(A) states in part that a "member shall not reveal information protected from disclosure by Business and Professions Code section 6068, subdivision (e) (1) without the informed consent of the client"⁶

In addition to the problem of obtaining informed consent from a client with severely diminished capacity, section 6068(e)(1) imposes a duty on attorneys to "maintain inviolate the confidence, and at every peril to himself or herself to preserve the secrets, of his or her client."⁷ An exception to this duty is that an attorney "may, but is not required to, reveal confidential information relating to the representation



James C. Fedalen is Managing Partner with HFL Law Group, a premier litigation firm based in Encino that offers services in business, real estate, probate and trust, financial elder abuse, and intellectual property litigation. James Fedalen can be reached at jfedalen@hfl-lawyers.com. **Michael J. Fedalen** is a Litigation Attorney with HFL. Michael Fedalen can be reached at mfedalen@hfl-lawyers.com.



Coverage You Can Trust

Did you know we are a full service insurance agency, offering everything from professional liability to personal insurance? We are here as your one-stop shop, and our knowledgeable team will deliver the personalized customer service you deserve.

We offer competitively priced, quality products from stable, highly-rated companies.

For your Legal Practice

- Professional Liability Insurance
- Health Insurance (Group and Individual)
- General Liability, Business Property Insurance
- Workers' Compensation Coverage
- Employment Practices Liability Insurance

For You, Your Family, and Staff

- Personal Auto, Homeowners, and Personal Umbrella Liability Insurance
- 401(k) Benefits
- Employee Benefits
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Term Life Insurance


Let us be your One-Stop Shop for Insurance. Call us today for a second opinion consultation at **800.371.9024**.



NARVER

**We are a supporter of the
San Fernando Valley Bar Association**





**HON.
RICHARD A.
STONE** (RET.)

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

www.JudgeRichardStone.com

ADRSM 310.201.0010
SERVICES, INC.

of a client to the extent the attorney reasonably believes the disclosure is necessary to prevent a criminal act” reasonably likely to cause death or substantial bodily harm.⁸

As self-neglect and susceptibility to undue influence are not criminal acts, an attorney may not reveal a client’s secrets even if doing so would prevent the client from acting in a manner contrary to their own self-interest.

While an attorney would probably remain in compliance with their ethical obligations by making a recommendation to APS or to the Public Guardian that a conservatorship may be appropriate if specific client confidences were not revealed, this recommendation would be unlikely to result in much benefit to the client as a result of the lack of specific factual details.

The duty of confidentiality would also make it difficult for an attorney to seek a conservatorship for their client. In California, standing to petition for a conservatorship is limited to (1) the proposed conservatee; (2) his or her spouse or domestic partner; (3) his or her relatives; (4) any interested state or local entity or agency or their agents; or (5) “any other interested person or friend of the proposed conservatee.”⁹ A creditor of the proposed conservatee will not have standing unless they fall into one or more of the first four categories.¹⁰

An attorney falling into the fifth category would likely lack standing as a creditor, but even if they were not a creditor, they would have difficulty filing a conservatorship petition because they could not reveal client secrets.¹¹ Even if such standing existed, the likelihood that such action would interfere with the representation of a client who disagrees with the need for a conservatorship would make such action impractical in most instances.

Another more practical problem with either of these potential responses to the problem of representing a client with diminished capacity is that APS and the Public Guardian in Los Angeles County are woefully underfunded and unable to handle the immense volume of individuals who could use their help. As a result, it is unlikely that a generalized report of self-neglect or potential financial abuse would lead to substantive assistance absent a demonstrable risk of immediate bodily harm or death.

At the same time that an attorney representing a client with diminished capacity struggles to address the needs of a client who continues to engage in actions contrary to their self-interests, the attorney’s ability to represent that client in whatever matter for which they were initially engaged is also made more complicated by the client’s limited cognitive abilities. Diminished capacity can also make it difficult for a client to attend meetings, depositions, or hearings; provide reliable information or testimony; or maintain a consistent will or desire to proceed with their case; making it difficult for their lawyer to help them.

While there are legitimate concerns with easing the ethical strictures against revealing private information of a client, including the potential chilling effect that such action may have on the relationship between attorney and client, failing to do so will continue to expose attorneys to the greater moral dilemma of having to either turn down representation of clients with diminished capacity or to stand by observing a client engage in ever more destructive behavior. Without some change, attorneys can find themselves obligated to help a client in regards to certain harm suffered by that client, while being unable to help the client with potentially more serious issues uncovered during the course of that representation.

California might benefit from adopting the approach taken by the American Bar Association (ABA). Under rule 1.14 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct,¹² “[w]hen the lawyer reasonably believes that the client has diminished capacity, is at risk of substantial physical, financial, or other harm unless action is taken and cannot adequately act in the client’s own interest, the lawyer may take reasonably necessary protective action . . . and, in appropriate cases, seek[] the appointment of a . . . conservator”¹³ When taking such action, “the lawyer is impliedly authorized under Rule 1.6(a) to reveal information about the client, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the client’s interests.”¹⁴

In 2010, there was a proposal in California to amend the Rules of Professional Conduct to mirror the ABA Model Rules, but the proposal has not been enacted.¹⁵ Proposed rule 1.14 would have mirrored ABA Model Rule 1.14, though it would not have authorized an attorney to petition for a conservatorship.¹⁶ Enacting this proposal would have alleviated the ethical restriction on revealing a client’s confidential information when necessary to prevent the client from suffering further harm, but would have been insufficient in many cases to truly address the client’s needs.

Even when the proposed rule would allow disclosure by an attorney, that attorney is still obligated to “as far as reasonably possible, maintain a normal lawyer-client relationship” with that person.¹⁷ But what a normal relationship entails largely depends on the extent that the client’s capacity is diminished.

The comments to the proposed rule state that, even when a client lacks the capacity to make legal decisions, the attorney is still obligated to provide the client with information that allows them to “understand, deliberate upon, and reach conclusions” about the related matters.¹⁸ The comments do not address who would be directing the attorney when their client lacks capacity to make legal decisions, other than in specific circumstances such as Probate Volunteer Panel (PVP) representation of an individual for whom a conservatorship has been proposed.¹⁹ Absent such circumstances, there may not be a practical way to represent a client’s interests if they lack capacity to make legal decisions.

When there is a family member available to assist the client with diminished capacity, the proposed rule would allow

OVER 60 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

IMMIGRATION LAW

Green Cards, Work Permits, U.S. Citizenship

**Law Offices of
Tasoff & Tasoff**

(818) 788-8900

www.tasoff.com

Founded 1949

Super Lawyers LISTED IN Best Lawyers THE WORLD'S PREMIER FIRM CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION PRESIDENT LEXISNEXIS Martindale-Hubbell AV PeerReviewRated THE ETHICAL CHAMPION AND MORE QUALITY

DELIVERING
VALUE



Jenny Chen, Partner
Specializes in serving law firms and other professional services

- * Attestation/Accounting
- * Tax Planning and Compliance (Multi-State, International)
- * Audits of Employee Benefit Plans
- * Tax Credits and Incentives
- * Controllorship
- * Business Valuation
- * Estate and Trust Planning
- * IT Systems Review and Consulting

HB


HUTCHINSON AND BLOODGOOD LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
550 N. Brand Blvd., 14th Floor Glendale, CA 91203
t 818.637.5000 www.hbllp.com

consultation with that family member without endangering attorney-client privilege and even receiving some instruction regarding the representation of the client from the family member.²⁰

Other proposed rules of professional conduct relating to the representation of clients with diminished capacity, which further mirror the ABA Model Rules, include provisions that create a sliding-scale duty to inform such clients, with the information the attorney is required to provide being related to the cognitive ability of the client to comprehend.²¹ It is unclear what level of capacity a client would have to possess in order to consent to representation by an attorney with an actual or potential conflict of interest.²²

Representing clients with diminished capacity is inherently more complicated than representing clients with full control of their faculties for the same reasons that those clients tend to have a greater need for legal representation. The current ethics rules of the State Bar of California are not adequate to meet the needs of these clients without running afoul of the rules. Updating the requirements by adopting the Proposed Rules, based on the Model Rules, would encourage more attorneys to represent clients with diminished capacity by allowing a greater ability to seek effective assistance for the client. When there is no such person readily available, there needs to be a reasonable possibility of obtaining the assistance of an appropriate

agency, such as APS. Until these changes occur, there will continue to be a significant number of clients and potential clients who have serious legal needs, but are unable to obtain representation as a result of their diminished capacity.

Attorneys may be able to discharge their ethical duties by refusing to represent clients with diminished capacity, but there is a higher moral duty that seems to require the legal community to find effective ways of helping the most vulnerable members of society. Updating the California Rules of Professional Conduct and finding ways to increase the effectiveness of assistance provided to those with diminished capacity would go a long way towards enabling attorneys to do what we are supposed to do—help our clients. 

¹ *In re Marriage of Greenway*, 217 Cal.App.4th 628, 639, 158 Cal.Rptr.3d 364 (2013).

² Cal. Prob. Code §810(a) (West, Westlaw through ch. 291 of 2015 Reg. Sess.) (emphasis added).

³ *Id.* §1801(b).

⁴ See *id.* §§1801(b), 1821(a)(3), (a)(5).

⁵ *Id.* §1824.

⁶ Cal. State Bar Rules of Prof'l Conduct ("Cal. Rules") R. 3-100(A) (current as of Jan. 1, 2015), available at www.calbar.ca.gov (follow "Ethics" hyperlink; then follow "California Rules of Professional Conduct" hyperlink) or <http://rules.calbar.ca.gov/Rules/RulesofProfessionalConduct.aspx>.

⁷ Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §6068(e)(1) (West, Westlaw through ch. 291 of 2015 Reg. Sess.).

⁸ *Id.* §6068(d)(2); accord Cal. Rules R. 3-100(B) (stating same exception).

⁹ Prob. Code §1820(a).

¹⁰ Prob. Code §1820(c); see also Prob. Code §48(a)(a) (stating a creditor can be an "interested person").

¹¹ *Cf. Suleman v. Superior Court*, 180 Cal.App.4th 1287, 1299, 103 Cal.Rptr.3d 651 (2010). Probate Code section 1510(a) states in part that "[a] relative or other person on behalf of the minor . . . may file a petition for the appointment of a guardian of the minor." (Emphasis added.) The *Suleman* court held a petitioner who files as an "other person on behalf of the minor" will have standing under section 1510 to request a guardian for the minor's estate (not a minor's person), if the petitioner "pleads ultimate facts demonstrating financial misconduct or alleges other information sufficient to warrant court intervention in the management of the minor's money or other property." An attorney who wants to petition for a guardian for their minor client's estate might lack standing because their duty of confidentiality might prevent them from pleading sufficient facts to meet their burden under *Suleman*.

¹² The ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct serve as the model for the ethics rules of every state (and the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands) except California. ABA Ctr. for Prof'l Responsibility, Model Rules of Professional Conduct, www.abanet.org (follow "Resources for Lawyers" hyperlink; then follow "Model Rules of Professional Conduct" hyperlink) or http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct.html (last visited Sep. 18, 2015).

¹³ ABA Model Rules of Prof'l Conduct ("ABA Rules") R. 1.14(b) (2015), available at www.abanet.org (follow "Resources for Lawyers" hyperlink; then follow "Model Rules of Professional Conduct" hyperlink; then follow "Model Rules Table of Contents" hyperlink) or http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html.

¹⁴ *Id.* R. 1.14(c). Rule 1.6(a) states, "[a] lawyer shall not reveal information relating to the representation of a client unless the client gives informed consent, the disclosure is impliedly authorized in order to carry out the representation or the disclosure is permitted by paragraph (b) [of Rule 1.6]."

¹⁵ Cal. State Bar Proposed Rules of Prof'l Conduct ("Cal. Proposed Rules") in *passim* (parenthetically noting below title at top that the proposed rules were adopted July 24, 2010 and September 22, 2010, but have not been approved by the Supreme Court), available at www.calbar.ca.gov (follow "Ethics" hyperlink; then follow "California Rules of Professional Conduct" hyperlink; then follow "Proposed Rules of Professional Conduct" hyperlink) or http://rules.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/10/documents/2015_CaliforniaRulesofProfessionalConduct.pdf.

¹⁶ Compare Cal. Proposed Rules R. 1.14 with ABA Rules R. 1.14.

¹⁷ Cal. Proposed Rules R. 1.14(a).

¹⁸ *Id.* R. 1.14 cmt. [1].

¹⁹ See *id.* R. 1.14 cmt. [9] (noting, inter alia, Rule 1.14 does not apply to conservatees).

²⁰ *Id.* R. 1.14 cmt. [5].

²¹ See *id.* R. 1.4 [cmt. 8].

²² See *id.* R. 1.7 [cmt. 17A].



TURNER'S APPRAISALS



**IRS Qualified and
California State
Certified Residential
Real Estate Appraiser**

Mike Turner (818) 384-6869
www.TurnersAppraisals.com

Appraisals For

● Bankruptcy	● Mediation
● Date of Death	● Prenup Agreement
● Divorce	● Probate
● Estate & Portfolio	● Retrospective








Test No. 84

This self-study activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association (SFVBA) in the amount of 1 hour. SFVBA certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.

1. In California, a higher level of capacity is necessary to execute a testamentary instrument than to enter into marriage.
☐ True ☐ False
2. After reaching the age of 65, people in California are presumed to lack contractual capacity.
☐ True ☐ False
3. A conservatorship is legally considered to be the preferred method of assisting or protecting those with diminished capacity.
☐ True ☐ False
4. The California State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct allow, but do not require, attorneys to disclose confidential information of a client with diminished capacity in order to prevent the loss of their entire estate.
☐ True ☐ False
5. Attorneys do not have standing to petition for a conservatorship of one of their clients.
☐ True ☐ False
6. When a client with diminished capacity has a legal claim, that person's diminished capacity allows the claim to be proven to a lesser standard of proof as a result.
☐ True ☐ False
7. The ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct require attorneys to reveal their client's confidential information, if that client has diminished capacity, to prevent financial harm to their client.
☐ True ☐ False
8. Attorneys representing clients with diminished capacity are not required to communicate with their client, except regarding settlement offers.
☐ True ☐ False
9. The majority of financial elder abuse happens at the hands of predatory businesses.
☐ True ☐ False
10. California attorneys must disclose their client's confidential information when necessary to prevent a criminal act likely to result in death or great bodily harm.
☐ True ☐ False
11. When there is nobody appropriate to act as the conservator of a client with diminished capacity, the Public Guardian can petition for, and act as, a conservator.
☐ True ☐ False
12. Adult Protective Services and the Public Guardian are well equipped to handle the number of referrals they receive to people with diminished capacity.
☐ True ☐ False
13. Susceptibility to undue influence allows an attorney in California to reveal limited amounts of confidential client information.
☐ True ☐ False
14. Clients with diminished capacity have a high need for legal services.
☐ True ☐ False
15. In California, attorneys of clients with diminished capacity can substitute their own judgment for that of their client in certain circumstances.
☐ True ☐ False
16. A conservatorship of the estate can be instituted over anybody who has significantly impaired memory.
☐ True ☐ False
17. The Proposed Rules of Professional Conduct in California would increase the ability of attorneys to consult with relatives of a client with diminished capacity regarding their representation.
☐ True ☐ False
18. An attorney facing a potential conflict of interest with a client with diminished capacity may obtain consent from a relative of the client to continue with the representation.
☐ True ☐ False
19. A proposed conservatee must be personally served with a citation for conservatorship prior to a conservatorship being imposed.
☐ True ☐ False
20. California attorneys can face conflicts between their ethical duties under the Rules of Professional Conduct and their moral duties to help clients with diminished capacity.
☐ True ☐ False

MCLE Answer Sheet No. 84

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Accurately complete this form.
2. Study the MCLE article in this issue.
3. Answer the test questions by marking the appropriate boxes below.
4. Mail this form and the \$20 testing fee for SFVBA members (or \$30 for non-SFVBA members) to:

San Fernando Valley Bar Association
5567 Reseda Boulevard, Suite 200
Tarzana, CA 91356

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- ☐ Check or money order payable to "SFVBA"
☐ Please charge my credit card for \$_____.

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____

Authorized Signature _____

5. Make a copy of this completed form for your records.

6. Correct answers and a CLE certificate will be mailed to you within 2 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (818) 227-0490, ext. 105.

Name _____

Law Firm/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

State Bar No. _____

ANSWERS:

Mark your answers by checking the appropriate box. Each question only has one answer.

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 6. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 7. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 8. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 9. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 10. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 11. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 12. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 13. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 14. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 15. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 16. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 17. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 18. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 19. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 20. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

VALLEY COMMUNITY LEGAL FOUNDATION OF THE SFVBA COLUMBUS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Proceeds to Benefit Homeless Veterans

*Monday, October 12, 2015**

BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB • TARZANA

**Columbus Day. Courts closed.*



9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Check-in / Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Putting Contest
11:15 AM Shotgun Start—Best Ball Format per Group
 Bar-B-Que Lunch Served at the Course / Open Bar
5:00 PM Awards Reception and Dinner

GOLFER'S PLAYER PACKAGE

- \$150** "Early Birdie" Special
(Purchase before September 1st)
- \$175** (Purchase after September 1st)
- \$560** "Early Birdie" Foursome Special
(Purchase before September 1st)
- \$540** Sponsor Active Military Personnel Foursome
(32 Invited)
- \$140** Sponsor One Active Military Personnel
- \$600** Foursome (Purchase after September 1st)
- \$150** Sitting/Retired Judges

Includes green fees, cart, tee gifts, beverages, continental breakfast, luncheon and awards reception and dinner.

FREE GIFT BASKET to each golfer. \$275 Value, including one custom built pitching wedge and one hybrid fairway metal custom built courtesy of WARRIOR CUSTOM GOLF.
(shipping not included).

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Eagle Sponsor **\$5,000**

Includes two golf foursome packages, two additional tickets for awards dinner, on-course beverage station with sign, sign at tee, name/logo prominently displayed in promotional material and banner.

Birdie Sponsor **\$2,500**

Includes one golf foursome package, one additional ticket for awards dinner, name/logo included in promotional material and sign at tee.

Hole-in-One Sponsor **\$1,500**

Sponsorship sign will be placed on a par 3 hole on course. May hand out gifts and info to the golfers at sponsored hole. Includes two tickets for awards dinner.

Tee Sponsor **\$250**

By sponsoring a tee/green sign on the course your firm or company can show support for the VCLF's goodworks. May hand out gifts and information to the golfers at sponsored hole. Includes two tickets for awards dinner.

Contact Bill Speer (818) 999-5197 or email bspeeriii@yahoo.com for player and sponsorship information.

**All sponsors receive recognition on the VCLF website, in Valley Lawyer magazine and acknowledgment at awards dinner.

OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Cocktail Reception Sponsor **\$2,000**

The awards reception will be a fun filled event! We will place sponsorship signs on the bar. Includes two tickets for awards dinner.

Lunch Sponsor – SOLD **\$1,500**



Photo Sponsor **\$1,700**

Every golfer will receive a framed picture of their foursome and an individual shot of each golfer. Your logo will be included on the frame. Includes two tickets for awards dinner.

Beverage Station Sponsor – SOLD **\$1,500**

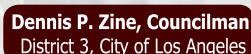
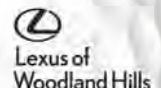
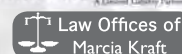


Putting Contest Sponsor **\$1,000**

We'll display a sign at the putting contest showing your support. We'll mention your sponsorship when we announce the winner of the putting contest. Includes two tickets for awards dinner.

Sponsor a Veteran **\$140 per veteran** **\$560 per foursome**

SOME OF LAST YEARS' SPONSORS



SPECIAL EDITION

VALLEY LAWYER

\$49

A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association

2015 ATTORNEY RESOURCE GUIDE

NEMECEK•COLE

Attorneys At Law

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S
PREEMINENT PROFESSIONAL
LIABILITY DEFENSE FIRM**



FRANK W. NEMECEK*

JONATHAN B. COLE*

MICHAEL MCCARTHY*

* Certified Specialist, Legal Malpractice Law, The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

15260 VENTURA BOULEVARD, SUITE 920
SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403
TEL: 818.788.9500 / FAX: 818.501.0328

WWW.NEMECEK-COLE.COM



Public Notice Publication Procedures Unclear?

WE CAN BRING THE PROCESS INTO FOCUS.

**From sea to shining sea or around the globe,
we can help you publish/place your legal advertising.**

Our service is unmatched. Our legal/public notice staff is the best and most knowledgeable in the industry. With a combined experience of over 100 years they understand the complexities and nuances of publishing and placing these notices.

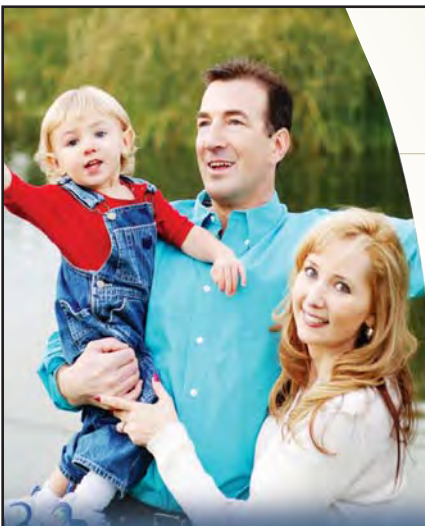
The Metropolitan News Company has eight newspapers in California. We have published and processed in excess of one million legal/public notices for thousands of customers.

***We are specialists in the area of legal/public notice publication,
providing our customers with advertising services throughout the world.***

MNC™ Metropolitan News Company

1.800.METNEWS • <http://www.metnews.com>

210 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012



The Matloff Company has been a top insurance broker to Southern California attorneys, their firms and families for over 32 years.

**RATED A+ A.M.
BEST INSURERS.**

Life Insurance

Term, Universal Life, Survivorship, Estate Planning, Key-Person

Disability Insurance

Insure your most important asset—"Your ability to earn income"
Insures you in your own occupation
Benefits keep up with inflation

Long Term Care Insurance

Several quality carriers for individuals and firms

Health Insurance

All major insurance companies for individuals & firms

MC The Matloff Company

An Insurance and Financial Services Company

Phone: (800) 468-4467

E-mail: elliott@matloffcompany.com



Elliot Matloff

www.matloffcompany.com



Membership Application

Check one: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Join online at www.sfvba.org!

JOIN BY
NOVEMBER 15
AND RECEIVE
\$50 OFF
SFVBA MEMBERSHIP
DUES!

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Firm/Company _____ No. of Attorneys in Firm _____
 Mailing Address _____ Phone _____
 City, State & Zip Code _____ Fax _____
 Email _____ Website _____
 CA State Bar Number _____ Date Admitted _____ Bar Admission in Other States _____
 Law School _____ Area of Practice (List only one) _____

2015-2016 Membership Dues Schedule

Attorney Members

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted 2015-2016 | FREE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted 2013-2014 | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted 2010-2012 | \$160 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted 2009 and earlier | \$235 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired from State Bar | \$60 |

Public Members

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Law Professor/
Government/Nonprofit Attorney | 50% off Above Rates |
|--|---------------------|

Associate Members

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Student | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal / Legal Secretary | \$75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attorney Professional | \$275 |

President's Circle

Includes all firm lawyers and paralegals

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Attorneys | 10% Off Above Rates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-20 Attorneys | \$2,150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21-49 Attorneys | \$2,550 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50 or more Attorneys | \$3,000 plus
\$50/Attorney over 50 |

THE SFVBA MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1.
 DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY ARE PRO-RATED AS
 FOLLOWS: July-January 100% of Membership Dues listed
 February-March 75% of Membership Dues listed
 April-June 50% of Membership Dues listed

Section Membership

Sections offer the opportunity to participate more fully in your fields of practice. Section members are automatically enrolled in the corresponding listserv. **Dues for each section are \$15.** Membership in the New Lawyers Section is free for attorneys practicing six (6) years or less. Section dues are not pro-rated.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Law | <input type="checkbox"/> New Lawyers (Free) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law & Real Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal (Free for paralegal members) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate & Estate Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Firm & Sole Practitioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IP, Entertainment & Internet Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation | |

Membership Dues \$ _____

Sections Dues \$ _____

Donation to Valley Community
Legal Foundation \$ _____

Donation to Blanket the Homeless \$ _____

\$50 off dues through 11/15/15 **\$ - \$50.00**

Total Enclosed \$ _____

- ☐ Check payable to SFVBA ☐ Please charge my credit card

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. ____/____

I certify that I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of California and apply for membership in the SFVBA.

»» Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

5567 Reseda Blvd., Suite 200, Tarzana, CA 91356 • Phone (818)227-0490 • Fax (818)227-0499 • www.sfvba.org

Board of Trustees and Staff

The San Fernando Valley Bar Association is governed by a 20-member Board of Trustees. Twelve trustees are elected for two-year terms by the attorney members and two trustees are appointed by the president for one-year terms, as does one Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association representative. Officers serve a one-year term. The Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Bar offices.

OFFICERS



CAROL L. NEWMAN
President
carol@anlawllp.com



KIRA S. MASTELLER
President-Elect
kmasteller@lewitthackman.com



ALAN E. KASSAN
Secretary
akassan@kantlaw.net



ANIE N. AKBARIAN
Treasurer
anieakbarian@yahoo.com



CARYN BROTTMAN SANDERS
Immediate Past President
carynsanders@sbcglobal.net

TRUSTEES



JONATHAN BIRDT
jon@jonbirdt.com



VITO A. COSTANZO
vito.costanzo@hklaw.com



WILLIAM A. DANIELS
bill@danielslaw.com



MICHELLE E. DIAZ
michelle@michellediazlaw.com



BARRY P. GOLDBERG
bpg@barrygoldberg.com



PETA-GAY GORDON
pgordon@ocslaw.com



ALEXANDER J. HARWIN
harwin@lbbbslaw.com



SEAN E. JUDGE
sean@judgemediation.com



NICOLE KAMM
nkamm@lewitthackman.com



YI SUN KIM
ykim@greenbass.com



KATHY G. NEUMANN
kathy@kathyneumannlaw.com



SAMUEL R.W. PRICE
sprice@pooleshaffery.com



MARLENE SELTZER
mseltzer@wccelaw.com



JOHN F. STEPHENS
johnfrancisstephens@gmail.com



TONI VARGAS
tvargas@nls-la.org

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES AND LIASONS

Multicultural Bar Alliance Liaison
CAROL L. NEWMAN
carol@anlawllp.com

Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association
SAMUEL R.W. PRICE
sprice@pooleshaffery.com

Valley Bar Mediation Center
MYER J. SANKARY
myersankary@gmail.com

Valley Community Legal Foundation of the SFVBA
LAURENCE N. KALDOR
phenix7@msn.com

STAFF

Access staff individually by calling (818) 227-0490 and entering extension.



ELIZABETH POST
Executive Director
Ext. 101
epost@sfbva.org



ROSIE SOTO COHEN
Director of Public Services
Ext. 104
referrals@sfbva.org



LINDA TEMKIN
Director of Education & Events
Ext. 105
events@sfbva.org



MELISSA GARCIA
Member Services Coordinator
Ext. 107
melissa@sfbva.org



LUCIA SENDA
ARS Consultant
Ext. 106
lucia@sfbva.org



FANNY ARELLANO
ARS Consultant
Ext. 100
fanny@sfbva.org

Member Benefits

Discount coupons and codes are available by contacting the Bar office or by logging into www.sfvba.org.



ABA Retirement Funds Program

ABA Retirement Funds Program provides unique and full-service 401K plans with no out-of-pocket expense for law firms of all sizes.



Amusement Parks

SFVBA members enjoy discounts to popular amusement parks and local attractions in Southern California.



Attorney Referral Service

The Attorney Referral Service of the SFVBA can help you build your practice! The ARS markets to the general

public, conducts community outreach and operates a professional call center to generate referrals for its panel members.



Avis Car Rental

SFVBA members benefit from exclusive discounts from Avis Car Rental, one of the world's best-known car rental brands with approximately 5,200 locations in more than 165 countries.



Dell Computers

Dell offers SFVBA members exclusive discounts on the latest in personal computers, tablets, software and electronics.



Conference Room Rental

The SFVBA offers our conference facilities to members for depositions, hearings and meetings.

The conference room comfortably seats 20 people and a small breakout room is available. Amenities include Wi-Fi, beverage service and free parking.



Costco Wholesale

Costco Wholesale provides a wide selection of quality brand-name merchandise at locations nationwide. SFVBA members receive

Costco Cash Cards upon signing up for Costco Executive, Business and Gold Star memberships.



Fastcase

SFVBA members can enjoy free and unlimited use of Fastcase, the online comprehensive law library. Access Fastcase by

logging into the SFVBA website to enjoy unlimited usage, unlimited printing and unlimited customer service at no cost.



LACBA Affiliate Membership

The SFVBA is an affiliate member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

SFVBA members receive a discount on LACBA dues.



Listservs

Section-sponsored listservs facilitate discussion between members and provide members with quick and easy access to

their colleagues. Access to the listservs is free and automatic with section membership.



Mailing Lists

Members may purchase the SFVBA mailing list at a discounted price to circulate relevant, Bar-approved

communications to colleagues. The mailing list can be limited according to area of practice, number of years in practice and zip code. Mailing lists are available for one-time use only and cannot be duplicated. Emails and phone numbers are never sold.



The Matloff Company

The Matloff Company offers health, life, disability and long-term care insurance for individuals and firms. As one of the

most successful local insurance agencies, The Matloff Company provides quality service to meet the client's needs and budget. SFVBA members enjoy access to quality plans to meet the needs of the firm or individual.



MCLE

The SFVBA is a State Bar-licensed provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education. The SFVBA provides members

with many convenient and affordable options for earning MCLE credits, including an annual MCLE Marathon, monthly live educational seminars, and educational articles. SFVBA members enjoy discounted pricing for all MCLE programs.



Southland Credit Union

Southland Credit Union offers a full spectrum of personal and business banking services. SFVBA members are welcome to

join Southland Credit Union and enjoy the benefits of credit union membership, including lower interest rates on loans, higher dividend savings accounts and a personalized customer service experience.



Valley Lawyer Magazine

Award winning *Valley Lawyer* is the official publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. Published

monthly and circulated to more than 2,300 lawyers and legal professionals, *Valley Lawyer* is designed to inform, engage and promote SFVBA members and the legal community-at-large. SFVBA members receive discounts on classified ads.



Versatape

Can't attend an important SFVBA seminar? Most SFVBA seminars are available on audio CD or MP3 through Versatape.

Committees

SFVBA members interested in shaping the positions and activities of the SFVBA and willing to commit the time and effort to contribute to the growth of the association are encouraged to submit their name for appointment by the president to a committee or program.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

The ARS Committee oversees and develops policy and procedures for the operation of the Attorney Referral Service of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Modest Means Program, Senior Citizen Law Program, Limited Scope Representation Panel and Speaker Service.

Co-chair **Barry P. Goldberg**
bpg@barrypgoldberg.com

Co-chair **Anne L. Thompson**
athompson@lawyersmutual.com

BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE

The Bench-Bar Committee meets regularly with leaders of the local courts to advance the smooth administration of justice and to ensure open communication between the Bench and the Bar.

Co-chair **James Felton**
jfelton@greenbass.com

Co-chair **Caryn Brotzman Sanders**
carynsanders@sbcglobal.net

BLANKET THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE

Since 1995, members have donated more than \$150,000 to purchase about 40,000 blankets for homeless and battered women shelters in the San Fernando Valley. During the holiday season, volunteers distribute the blankets and provide legal clinics for the shelters' residents.

Co-chair **Mark Blackman**
mblackman@alperrbarr.com

Co-chair **Christine Lyden**
clyden@lydenlawcorp.com

CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

SFVBA members can participate in the legislative process by joining the Resolutions Committee. The Committee drafts legislation and takes positions on resolutions to be debated by the Conference of California Bar Associations.

Chair **Tamila C. Jensen**
tamila@earthlink.net

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Valley Lawyer is the SFVBA's monthly magazine offering articles on the latest developments in law, practice management and Bar news and events. The Editorial Committee solicits and reviews articles and shapes the editorial direction and design of the publication.

Chair **David Gurnick**
dgurnick@lewitthackman.com

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Inclusion & Diversity Committee offers education and mentoring programs that encourage students of diverse backgrounds to consider a career in law.

Chair **Joanna M. Sanchez**
joanna@gantmanlaw.com

MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

The Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee provides oversight of client/attorney fee disputes and the attorneys and lay arbitrators who hear matters.

Chair **Myer J. Sankary**
myersankary@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Membership & Marketing Committee's goal is to enhance SFVBA membership by providing services and programs that improve the quality of our members' practices.

Chair **Alan E. Kassan**
akassan@kantorlaw.net

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The SFVBA provides opportunities for members to get together for social activities. The Program Committee plans our Annual Judges' Night, Installation Gala and other special events throughout the year.

Chair **Yi Sun Kim**
ykim@greenbass.com

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Sponsorship Committee works with existing affinity sponsors to enhance their experience, and identifies new sponsors to provide their services to SFVBA members.

Chair **Kathy G. Neumann**
kathy@kathyneumannlaw.com

SFVBA MCLE

Seminars on Audio

COULDN'T ATTEND AN IMPORTANT SFVBA SEMINAR?

Most SFVBA seminars since 2013 available on audio CD or MP3.

Stay current and earn MCLE credit.



Versatape

Who is Versatape?

Versatape has been recording and marketing audio copies of bar association educational seminars to California attorneys since 1983.

www.versatape.com
(800) 468-2737

Sections

SFVBA members can network and be kept abreast of developments in their practice area by participating in the SFVBA's twelve active Sections. The Sections sponsor monthly educational programs and social events.

BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION

The Bankruptcy Law Section meets in the SFVBA Conference Center, usually the fourth Friday of the month for a lunch meeting.

Chair **Steven R. Fox**
srfox@foxlaw.com

BUSINESS LAW & REAL PROPERTY SECTION

The Business Law & Real Property Section meets in the SFVBA Conference Center, usually the second Wednesday of each month for a lunch meeting.

Co-chair **Neil M. Sunkin**
nms@sunkinlaw.com

Co-chair **Stephen J. Shapero**
sshapero@shaperohurst.com

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

The Criminal Law Section meets in the SFVBA Conference Center for a dinner meeting.

Co-chair **David S. Kestenbaum**
david@kestenbaumlawgroup.com

Co-chair **Angela Berry-Jacoby**
angela@guardingyourrights.com

EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION

The Employment Law Section meets in the SFVBA Conference Center, usually the first Wednesday of the month for a lunch meeting (although day can vary dependent upon speaker availability).

Chair **Kimberly Westmoreland**
kimberlylake817@gmail.com

FAMILY LAW SECTION

The Family Law Section meets on the fourth Monday of the month for a dinner meeting at Monterey at Encino Restaurant.

Co-chair **Sandra Etue**
sandra@schulmanlawoffices.com

Co-chair **Kenneth Nahigian**
knahigian@hotmail.com

Vice-chair **Amir Aharonov**
tineroaharonov@gmail.com

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, ENTERTAINMENT & INTERNET LAW SECTION

The Intellectual Property, Entertainment & Internet Law Section meets bimonthly in the SFVBA Conference Center for a lunch meeting.

Co-chair **Thomas M. Morrow**
tmorrow@yettercoleman.com

Co-chair **John F. Stephens**
mnielsen@cislo.com

LITIGATION SECTION

The Litigation Section meets each month on a Thursday for a dinner meeting in the SFVBA Conference Center.

Chair **Christopher P. Warne**
cw@warnelaw.com

NEW LAWYERS SECTION

The New Lawyers Section hosts networking mixers and MCLE seminars for its young lawyers.

Co-chair **Hannah Sweiss**
hsweiss@lewitthackman.com

Co-chair **Christopher Blaylock**
ChrisWBlaylock@gmail.com

PROBATE & ESTATE PLANNING SECTION

The Probate & Estate Planning Section meets the second Tuesday of the month for a lunch meeting at the Monterey at Encino Restaurant. First Foundation Bank is their official sponsor.

Chair **John E. Rogers**
jer@nielsenlegal.com

SMALL FIRM & SOLE PRACTITIONER SECTION

The Small Firm & Sole Practitioner Section meets at the SFVBA Conference Center for a lunch meeting each month.

Chair **Arsalan Hayatdavoodi**
ahayatdavoodilaw@gmail.com

TAXATION LAW SECTION

The Taxation Law Section meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SFVBA Conference Center for a lunch meeting.

Co-chair **Ronald Hughes**
ronhugheslaw@aol.com

Co-chair **Hratch J. Karakachian**
hkarakachian@yahoo.com

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Workers' Compensation Section meets the third Wednesday of the month for a lunch meeting at the Monterey at Encino Restaurant.

Chair **Jeffrey S. Swartz**
jswartz@lmwslaw.com

My name is Ashley Melikian and I have been with LexisNexis® for several years. I am a Circle of Excellence winner and have worked with many law firms, state and local government agencies.

In this past year, I have been partnering with Brian Beck (former rep) in the Valley and now I'm handling the territory myself and will be your LexisNexis point of contact from this point forward.

I look forward to meeting you, working with you and learning how I can become a great asset to you and your practice.



Ashley Melikian
Territory Manager
San Fernando Valley
(559) 273-5228
ashley.melikian@lexisnexis.com

- CaseMap®
- Concordance®
- Lexis® Practice Advisor
- SmartLinx® National Public Records
- Matthew Bender® Publications
- Lexis Advance®
- Lexis® for Microsoft® Office

LexisNexis, the Knowledge Burst logo, Lexis and Lexis Advance are trademarks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc. CaseMap, Concordance and SmartLinx are trademarks of LexisNexis, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. Matthew Bender is a registered trademark of Matthew Bender Inc. Used under license. Microsoft is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation. © LexisNexis, a division of Reed Elsevier, Inc. All rights reserved.

Programs

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION PROGRAM

Family law attorneys serve as volunteer mediators in the Van Nuys and San Fernando courthouses. Mediators must be proficient with the Dissomaster software in order to compute spousal and child support.

San Fernando
Van Nuys

Sandra Etue
Barry Harlan

sandra@schulmanlawoffices.com
bharlan@lewitthackman.com

HORACE MANN PROJECT

The SFVBA Horace Mann Project offers law-related education programs for students who are 18 years of age and under. Horace Mann's purpose is to reach out to schoolchildren of diverse backgrounds to provide first-hand experiences that help young people discover and pursue their interest in the law.

Co-Chair
Co-Chair

Seymour I. Amster
Anie N. Akbarian

attyamster@aol.com
anieakbarian@yahoo.com

LIMITED SCOPE REPRESENTATION PROGRAM

The Attorney Referral Service offers pro se litigants an option for limited representation in family law matters. Limited Scope Representation (sometimes called unbundling) provides clients who may not otherwise be able to engage an attorney with the opportunity to retain adequate legal assistance on limited tasks. Attorneys participating in the program must be members of the Attorney Referral Service.

Director of Public
Services

Rosie Soto Cohen

(818) 227-0490, ext. 104
rosie@sfvba.org

MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM

The Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program is a forum for the resolution of attorney-client fee disputes. The MFA Program efficiently resolves disputes over attorney fees and costs while reducing the burden on the courts that would normally handle these matters.

Program
Administrator

Melissa Garcia

(818) 227-0490, ext. 107
melissa@sfvba.org

MODEST MEANS PROGRAM

The Attorney Referral Service provides access to the legal system for people with limited incomes. Attorneys participating in the Modest Means Program agree to charge reduced hourly rates. Clients must qualify for the program. Participation in the Modest Means Program requires membership in the Attorney Referral Service.

Director of Public
Services

Rosie Soto Cohen

(818) 227-0490, ext. 104

PRO BONO PROBATE SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

The Pro Bono Probate Settlement Program provides parties with pending matters before the Los Angeles Superior Court's Probate Department an opportunity to resolve their cases. Two experienced probate lawyers volunteer their services as settlement officers each Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. Settlement officers must have at least five years of probate experience.

Executive Director

Liz Post

(818) 227-0490, ext. 101
epost@sfvba.org

SENIOR CITIZEN LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

The Attorney Referral Service sponsors a legal services program at local senior centers. The Senior Citizen Legal Services Program provides quality legal advice to seniors at all levels of income.

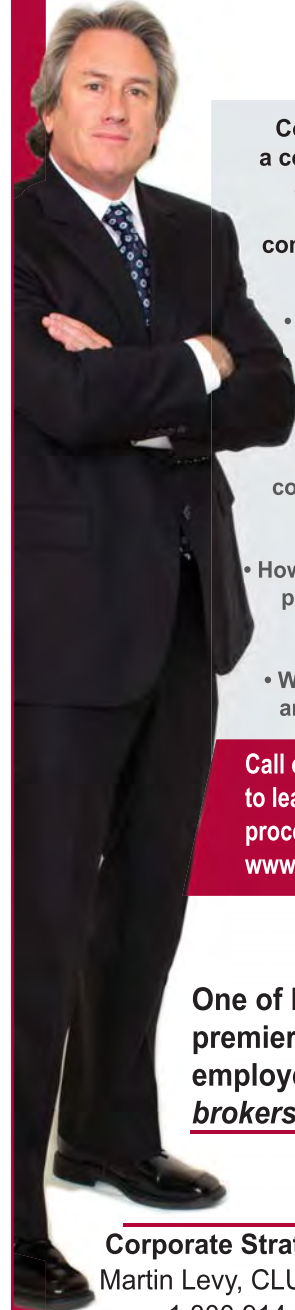
ARS Consultant

Lucia Senda

(818) 227-0490, ext. 106
lucia@sfvba.org

HEALTH CARE REFORM HAS CHANGED THE WAY YOU BUY AND DELIVER BENEFITS

IS YOUR PRESENT BROKER BRINGING YOU THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION?



Contact us for
a comprehensive
analysis of
NEW ACA
compliant plans:

- How to exploit the ACA for your benefit
- Why plan design and communication are vital
- How the exchanges play into your programs
- Wrapping plans around Kaiser

Call or Email us
to learn about our
process, or visit
www.CorpStrat.com

One of Los Angeles
premier and **largest**
employee **benefit**
brokers

Corporate Strategies Inc
Martin Levy, CLU, Principal
1 800 914 3564
www.Corpstrat.com
Ca. Lic 0C24367



WHY FIGHT TRAFFIC TO GET OVER THE HILL FOR A FEE DISPUTE?

Resolve your matter easily through the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program.

The Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program offers a neutral, efficient and cost-effective forum for resolving attorney-client fee disputes. Through the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program, your disputes can be resolved quickly and confidentially by local arbitrators.

THE MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION OFFERS

- Qualified attorney and lay arbitrators
- Confidential hearings
- A quick and less expensive alternative to court



San Fernando Valley Bar Association

Visit www.sfvba.org for more information or contact Program Administrator Melissa Garcia at (818) 227-0490, ext. 107 or melissa@sfvba.org.



Notice of Client's* Right To Fee Arbitration

Client's Name: _____ Attorney's Name: _____
Client's Address: _____ Attorney's Address: _____
Client's City, State & Zip: _____ Attorney's City, State & Zip: _____

You have an outstanding balance for fees and/or costs for professional services in the amount of \$ _____
charged to you in the matter of _____

☐ I have filed a lawsuit against you in the: Court: _____ Case No.: _____
Address: _____

☐ I have filed an arbitration proceeding against you with the: Agency: _____ Case No.: _____
Address: _____

☐ No lawsuit or arbitration proceeding has yet been filed but may be filed if we do not resolve this claim.

You have the right under Sections 6200-6206 of the California Business and Professions Code to request arbitration of these fees or costs by an independent, impartial arbitrator or panel of arbitrators through a bar association program created solely to resolve fee disputes between lawyers and clients.

You will LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ARBITRATION UNDER THIS PROGRAM if:

1. YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR ARBITRATION WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION WITHIN **30 DAYS** FROM RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE USING A FORM PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION OR STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM; OR
2. YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE AND THEN EITHER (1) ANSWER A COMPLAINT I HAVE FILED IN COURT; OR (2) FILE A RESPONSE TO ANY ARBITRATION PROCEEDING THAT I HAVE INITIATED FOR COLLECTION OF FEES, AND/OR COSTS, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING SERVED AND FILED A REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION UNDER THIS PROGRAM; OR
3. YOU FILE AN ACTION OR PLEADING IN ANY LAWSUIT WHICH SEEKS A COURT DECISION ON THIS DISPUTE OR WHICH SEEKS DAMAGES FOR ANY ALLEGED MALPRACTICE OR PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT.

I have the right to file a lawsuit against you if you give up your right to mandatory fee arbitration. If I have already filed a lawsuit or arbitration, you may have the lawsuit or arbitration postponed after you have filed an application for arbitration under this program.

I have determined that:

- ☒ There is a local program which may have jurisdiction to hear this matter. The arbitration program listed below is available to you:

Name of Program: San Fernando Valley Bar Assn - Mandatory Fee Arbitration
Address: 5567 Reseda Blvd., Suite 200
City, State & Zip: Tarzana, CA 91367
Telephone No.: (818)227-0490

You may wish to check the State Bar's website at www.calbar.ca.gov to see if there are other programs available to you.

- ☐ There is no approved local program which has jurisdiction to hear this matter.

The State Bar of California will conduct fee arbitration (1) where there is no approved local program, (2) where there is a local program but it declines for any reason to hear your case, (3) where there is a local program and you wish non-binding arbitration of this dispute and the local program refuses to allow non-binding arbitration of your dispute, or (4) if you believe you cannot receive a fair hearing before the local bar named above. If you need assistance, please contact Mandatory Fee Arbitration, State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-1639, (415) 538-2020.

Date: _____ Attorney: _____

*The request for arbitration may also be made by a person who is not the client but who may be liable for or entitled to a refund of attorney's fees or costs.

(Mandatory State Bar Approved Form Rev. March 2013)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Lee K. Alpert
Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC
Encino, CA 91316
www.alpertbarr.com
(818) 881-5000
lkalpert@alperrbarr.com

Armando Chavira
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 884-3777
armandochavira@yahoo.com

Michael L. Claessens
License Advocates Law Group LLP
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.licenseadvocates.com
(888) 406-4020
mike.claessens@licenseadvocates.com

Christine N. Han
Lemieux & O'Neill
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(805) 495-4770
christinenhan@gmail.com

Hye Jin Lee
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5235
jinlee@nls-la.org

Katherine E. Meiss
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 291-1778
kmeiss@nls-la.org

ADOPTION

Roxana Ahmadian
Law Offices of Roxana Ahmadian
Encino, CA 91316
www.roxanaahmadianlaw.com
(310) 867-3412
roxana.ahmadian@gmail.com

David H. Baum
Law Offices of David H. Baum
Encino, CA 91436
www.adoptlaw.com
(818) 501-8355
dbaum@acal.org

Archibald M. Smith
Malibu, CA 90265
www.ames-law.com
(805) 419-5293
asmith@ames-law.com

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

Hon. Armand Arabian Ret.
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 997-8900
honarabian@aol.com

W. Scott Bowersock
Law Office of W. Scott Bowersock
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 752-8085
wsb3@sbcglobal.net

Jeffrey C. Carter
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(323) 791-7577
jeffcarter1754@gmail.com

James E. Curry
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.jamescurrymediation.com
(818) 275-2242
james@jamescurrymediation.com

Wendy Fassberg
Fassberg Mediation Services, Inc.
Calabasas, CA 91302
fassbergmediation.com
(818) 222-5025
wfassberg@fassbergmediation.com

Howard M. Fields
Encino, CA 91436
www.howardfieldslaw.com
(818) 804-0860
hfields@howardfieldslaw.com

Joseph F. Gentile
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
(805) 499-4282

Darryl H. Graver
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 884-8474
darrylgraver@privateinbox.net

Sean E. Judge
Judge Mediation
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.judgemediation.com
(818) 610-8799
sean@judgemediation.com

David I. Karp
David I. Karp, Mediation Services
Van Nuys, CA 91401
karpmediation.com
(818) 515-9361
davidikarp@karpmediation.com

Albert Kaufman
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 222-4010
lawyer4@earthlink.net

Jeffrey Krivis
First Mediation Corporation
Encino, CA 91436
www.firstmediation.com
(818) 784-4544
Jkrivis@firstmediation.com

Leonard S. Levy
ADR Services, Inc.
Encino, CA 91436
www.lenlevymediate.com
(818) 981-4556
lslevy@lenlevymediate.com

Louis L. Litwin
Litwin & Barouh, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 340-3442
LouLitwin@aol.com

Stephen H. Marcus
Gittler & Bradford
Los Angeles, CA 90025
www.gblaw.net
(310) 474-4007
smarcus@gblaw.net

Steven G. Mehta
Mediation Offices of
Steven G. Mehta
Valencia, CA 91355
www.stevemehta.com
(661) 284-1818
steve@mehtamann.com

William Martin Molfetta
Northridge, CA 91343
(818) 261-1969
molfettaw@yahoo.com

I. Allan Oberman
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 999-1214
obermanlaw@bizla.rr.com
Michael Prihar
Granada Hills, CA 91394
(818) 360-2091
mprihararb@socal.rr.com

Barbra Reinecke
Encino, CA 91436
www.reineckelaw.com
(818) 981-1770
breinecke4law@aol.com

Myer J. Sankary
Sankary Advanced Mediation
Services
Studio City, CA 91604
www.sankary-mediate.com
(818) 231-2965
myersankary@gmail.com

Jan Frankel Schau
Schau Mediation
Encino, CA 91316
www.schaummediation.com
(818) 986-9876
jfschau@schaummediation.com

Alan L. Trock
Law Offices of Alan L. Trock
Valencia, CA 91355
www.trockmediation.com
(661) 253-0075
alantrock@mindspring.com

DARRYL H. GRAVER, ESQ.
**EXPERIENCED
ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR**
"Have Gavel Will Travel"™
OVER 3,000 SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSIONS
TO SCHEDULE, CALL JUDICATE WEST 800.488.8805
818.884.8474
fax **818.884.8388**

Ronald D. Wilton
Wilton & Associates
Encino, CA 91436
www.Wilton4Law.com
(818) 906-3500
Ron@Wilton4Law.com

Alec Brian Wisner
Wisner Dispute Resolution Services
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.mediate.com/wisner
(818) 776-1813
alec5649@msn.com

Irving H. Zaroff
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 886-9410
irv@zaroffandzaroff.com

Alan Z. Yudkowsky
Law Offices of Alan Z. Yudkowsky
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.azylaw.com
(888) 502-3211
Alan@AZYLaw.com

APPELLATE LAW

Douglas G. Benedon
Benedon & Serlin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.benedonserlin.com
(818) 340-1950
AppealFirm@aol.com

Janet Gusdorff
Gusdorff Law, P.C.
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.gusdorfflaw.com
(818) 877-4515
janet@gusdorfflaw.com

Paul Kujawsky
Law Office of Paul Kujawsky
Studio City, CA 91607
www.caappeals.com
(818) 389-5854
pkujawsky@caappeals.com

Greg May
Jones & Lester LLP
Oxnard, CA 93036
gregmaylaw.com
(805) 604-2655
greg@gregmaylaw.com

Lisa Perrochet
Horvitz & Levy
Encino, CA 91436
www.horvitzlevy.com
(818) 995-0800
lperrochet@horvitzlevy.com

Jeffrey Raskin
Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90036
www.gmsr.com
(310) 859-7811
jraskin@gmsr.com

Gerald Serlin
Benedon & Serlin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.benedonserlin.com
(818) 340-1950
AppealFirm@aol.com

BANKING AND FINANCE

Philip C. Ellis Jr.
Manufacturers Bank
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(818) 497-2250
philellis2@earthlink.net

Jeffrey Salvesen
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 257-7777
jsalvesen@cunb.com

Richard Paul Soter Jr.
San Francisco, CA 94127
psoter@sonic.net

BANKRUPTCY LAW

Michael Avanesian
Glendale, CA 91201
www.avanesianlaw.com
(818) 817-1725
michael@avanesianlaw.com

Faye C. Barta
Law Offices of Faye C. Barta
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 887-1033
fayebartalaw@aol.com

Robert D. Bass
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
rbass@greenbass.com

Ron Bender
Levene, Neale, Bender,
Yoo & Brill LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90067
www.lnbyb.com
(310) 229-1234
rb@lnbyb.com

Mark S. Blackman
Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC
Las Vegas, NV 89138
www.alpertbarr.com
(818) 827-5156
mblackman@alpertsbarr.com

Richard A. Brownstein
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
rbrownstein@greenbass.com

Jeffrey Lee Costell
Costell & Cornelius ALC
Santa Monica, CA 90401
www.costell-law.com
(310) 458-5959
jlcostell@costell-law.com

Patrick J. Doherty
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 546-3535
pdoherty@sbcglobal.net

Steven R. Fox
Law Offices of Steven R. Fox
Encino, CA 91316
www.foxlaw.com
(818) 774-3545
srfox@foxlaw.com

Andrew A. Goodman
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
agoodman@greenbass.com

David Gould
Gould & Gould LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.davidgouldlaw.com
(818) 222-8092
dgould@gglawllp.com

Arthur A. Greenberg
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
agreenberg@greenbass.com

Steven T. Gubner
Ezra, Brutzkus & Gubner
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.ebg-law.com
(818) 827-9000
sgubner@ebg-law.com

David R. Hagen
Merritt & Hagen
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.forbankruptcy.com
(818) 992-1940
drh@forbankruptcy.com

Jeffrey J. Hagen
Hagen & Hagen
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.hagenhagenlaw.com
(818) 501-6161
jeff@hagenhagenlaw.com

Michael Jaurigue
Jaurigue Law Group
Glendale, CA 91203
www.jauriguelaw.com
(818) 630-7280
michael@jauriguelaw.com

Steven N. Kurtz
Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.laklawyers.com
(818) 382-3434
skurtz@laklawyers.com

Named a 2013 Southern California Superlawyer®!

Law Office of Herb Fox

Civil Appeals and Writs



www.LosAngelesAppeals.com

- Certified Appellate Law Specialist since 1996
- AV Rated
- 26 Years Experience
- Former Research Attorney, State Court of Appeal
- Hourly, Flat and Contingency Fee Plans

1875 Century Park East, Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Tel: (310) 284-3184

hfox@LosAngelesAppeals.com

California State Bar, Board of Legal Specialization

Lewis R. Landau
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.landauet.com
(888) 822-4340
lew@landauet.com

Jonathan David Leventhal
Leventhal Law Group, PC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.lawfighter.com
(818) 274-3075
law@3yl.com

Paul McCullum
Santa Monica, CA 90408
(747) 444-2889
pmccullum@gmail.com

Kian Mottahedeh
SM Law Group, APC
Encino, CA 91436
www.sm-lawgroup.com
(818) 855-5950
kian@sm-lawgroup.com

Amir A. Nader
Nader Law Firm
Encino, CA 91436
www.naderlawfirm.com
(818) 788-5008
amir@naderlawfirm.com

Alan Nahmias
Mirman, Bubman & Nahmias, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.mirmanbubman.com
(818) 995-2555
anahmias@mirmanbubman.com

Douglas Mitchell Neistat
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
dneistat@greenbass.com

Rob R. Nichols
Law Office of Rob R. Nichols
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
nicholsbankruptcylaw.com
(818) 914-4741
nicholslaw2000@yahoo.com

Scott H. Noskin
Mirman, Bubman & Nahmias, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.mbnlawyers.com
(818) 451-4600
snoskin@mbnlawyers.com

Laura J. Portillo
Brinkman & Associates, PC
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(818) 597-2992
laura@brinkmanlaw.com

Rabin J. Pournazarian
Price Law Group
Encino, CA 91436
www.pricelawgroup.com
(818) 995-4540
info@pricelawgroup.com

Stuart M. Price
Price Law Group
Encino, CA 91436
www.PriceLawGroup.com
(818) 995-4540
info@pricelawgroup.com

Michael H. Raichelson
Law Offices of Michael H. Raichelson
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.cabkattorney.com
(818) 444-7770
mhr@cabkattorney.com

Todd J. Roberts
Law Office of Todd J. Roberts
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-8000
tjresq@robertsdebtsolutions.com

Lauren Rode
Consumer Action Law Group, PC
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 254-8413
lauren@calgroup.org

Lauren Ross
Burbank, CA 91505
www.bankrupt-law.com
(818) 847-0211
lauren@laurenross.com

Patricia Said
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401
(818) 789-0781
patriciasaid@netscape.net

John David Sarai
SM Law Group, APC
Encino, CA 91436
sm-lawgroup.com
(818) 855-5950
john@sm-lawgroup.com

Allan Sarver
Law Offices of Allan D. Sarver
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 981-0581
adsarver@aol.com

David S. Shevitz
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 863-0183
david@shevitzlawfirm.com

A. Lysa Simon
Law Offices of A. Lysa Simon
Northridge, CA 91325
(818) 701-5200
lsimon@culawyer.com

When Bankruptcy May Be the Best Solution...

Choose an experienced & knowledgeable attorney who provides personal & timely attention and recommends bankruptcy only when it is the best solution.



Law Offices of Steven R. Fox
Bankruptcy & Related Matters

Debtor and Creditor Representation
Chapter 11 Reorganization
Bankruptcy Litigation
Developing and Rebuilding Companies

17835 Ventura Blvd., Suite 306
Encino, CA 91316 ■ (818) 774-3545
SRFox@FoxLaw.com

Thomas B. Ure
Ure Law Firm
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.urelawfirm.com
(800) 250-5175
TBUesq@aol.com

Robert Vosburg
Law Office of Robert Vosburg
Encino, CA 91436
(323) 559-6756
vosburglaw@gmail.com

Martin Ryan Weingarten
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 992-1980
martin_weingarten@yahoo.com

Allan S. Williams
Williams Law Group A.P.C.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 451-1111
allan@aswlawgroup.com

BUSINESS LAW

George Gregory Aftergood
Law Offices of G. Greg Aftergood
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 702-9222
gga@aftergoodlaw.com

Frank Albino
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6598
falbino@pmcos.com

Tina M. Alleguez
Alleguez & Newman, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 225-0056
tina@anlawllp.com

Jonathan Arnold
Arnold & Associates
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 332-4332
jonathanlaw@pacbell.net

Richard I. Arshonsky
Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.laklawyers.com
(818) 382-3434
rarshonsky@laklawyers.com

Zane Averbach
Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-4414
zaverbach@gsalaw.com

Mark Bernsley
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 981-1776
mark@bernslaw.com

Kim Cameron
North Hollywood, CA 91602
(818) 761-6150
kc@buchercameron.com

Robert J. Carlson
Carlson & Cohen, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-4979
rjcarlson@mindspring.com

Dale Cunningham
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
(818) 789-7909
dale.cunningham33@gmail.com

Robert Engilman
Law Offices of Robert H. Engilman
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 344-3491
rhengil@yahoo.com

Gary D. Fidler
Greene, Fidler Chaplan & Hicks, LLP
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(310) 315-1700
gfidlerlaw@aol.com

Dennis W. Fried
Law Offices of Dennis W. Fried
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 461-0211
dfried@friedlegal.com

Roshni F. Gandhi
Law Offices of Roshni F. Gandhi
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
www.roshnigandhilaw.com
(310) 564-1400
roshni@roshnigandhilaw.com

Stanley H. Getz
Woodland Hills, CA 91365
(818) 884-4450
sgetz@getzlaw.com

Jonas M. Grant
Law Office of Jonas M. Grant, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.jonasmgrant.com
(818) 786-4876
jonas@jonasmgrant.com

N. Matthew Grossman
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6591
mgrossman@pmcos.com

Arsalan Hayatdavoodi
Encino, CA 91436
www.ahayatdavoodilaw.com
(818) 995-9181
ahayatdavoodilaw@gmail.com

Larry Hymes
Anker, Hymes & Schreiber LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.ahslawyers.com
(818) 501-5800
lhymes@ahslawyers.com

John J. Jamgotchian
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.jjjlaw.com
(818) 592-0214
jjjlaw87@gmail.com

Jack E. Kaufman
Kaufman, Kaufman & Miller, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.kaufmanmiller.com
(818) 788-5767
jkaufman@kaufmanmiller.com

Julie J. Kim
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
kim.j.julie@gmail.com

Daniel S. Latter
Law Offices of Daniel S. Latter
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
(310) 275-1844
dlatter@earthlink.net

Asher Aaron Levin
Law Offices of Asher A. Levin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.asherlevinlaw.com
(818) 704-4789
asher@asherlevinlaw.com

Douglas O. Meyer
Law Offices of Douglas O. Meyer
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 703-7969
funlaw@sbcglobal.net

James G. Morris
Morris & Associates
Burbank, CA 91506
www.shermanoakslaw.com
(818) 524-2336
jmorris@jgmmorrislaw.com

Michael C. Murphy
Law Offices of Michael C. Murphy
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.michaelcmurphyllaw.com
(805) 494-8929
murphlaw@cs.com

Steven Makoto Nakasone
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
snakasone@pmcos.com

Michael J. Narvid
Narvid Scott LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.narvidscott.com
(818) 907-8986
mnarvid@narvidscott.com

Teri E. Neville
Rotorcraft Support Inc.
Van Nuys, CA 91406
rotorcraftsupport.com
(818) 997-7667
teri@rotorcraftsupport.com

Steven Niebow
Niebow Law
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.niebowlaw.com
(818) 999-5553
snn@niebowlaw.com

Christopher P. O'Connell
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6678
coconnell@pmcos.com

Armen F. Papazian
Papazian Law
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 784-6084
armen@papazianlawfirm.com

Kresimir Peharda
Kresimir Peharda Law
Camarillo, CA 93010
kpehardalaw.com
(424) 258-0643
kresimir@kpehardalaw.com

Edgar Poghosyan
Law Office of Edgar Poghosyan
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 646-3433
edanalaw@gmail.com

Kenneth P. Roberts
Law Offices of Kenneth P. Roberts
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 888-3553
kroberts@kprlawinc.com

Richard D. Robins
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6573
rrobins@pmcos.com

Weston B. Rockers
The Burbank Firm, L.C.
Burbank, CA 91506
www.theburbankfirm.com
(818) 524-2336
wrockers@theburbankfirm.com

Sapana K. Shah
Shah Grossi
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(213) 927-6980
sapana@shahgrossi.com

Brian T. Smith
Tarzana, CA 91356
(310) 824-3576
bsmith493@sbcglobal.net

William Christopher Staley
Law Office of William C. Staley
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.staleylaw.com
(818) 936-3490
bill@staleylaw.com

Rea Stelmach
Law Offices of Shai Oved
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 523-1433
rea.stelmach@gmail.com

Jason M. Stone
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
(310) 415-5685

Deborah S. Sweeney
MyCorporation.com
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.mycorporation.com
(818) 224-7642
dsweeney@mycorporation.com

Christopher C. Todd
Inter Alia Legal, APC
Studio City, CA 91602
(818) 667-8285
chriscllydetodd@gmail.com

Christina Yu Wang
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 632-5583
christina_wang@att.net

BUSINESS LITIGATION

Gary L. Barr
Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC
Encino, CA 91316
www.alpertbarr.com
(818) 881-5000
gbarr@alpertsbarr.com

Paul C. Bauducco
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 907-3245
pbauducco@lewitthackman.com

Edward M. Bialack
Law Offices of Edward M. Bialack
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 992-0195
emblaw@sbcglobal.net

Jonathan E. Burke
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
jburre@pmcos.com

Helen Kim Colindres
Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.laklawyers.com
(818) 382-3434
hcolindres@laklawyers.com

Leonard J. Comden
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 705-6800
ljc@leonardjcomdenlaw.com

David J. Davis
Davis Law Group, PLC
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
www.dlglawcorp.com
(424) 256-0070
jdavis@dlglawcorp.com

Kristi W. Dean
Stone | Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
kdean@scdlawllp.com

Jordan Esensten
Esensten Law
Tarzana, CA 91356
(310) 273-3090
jesensten@esenstenlaw.com

Robert L. Esensten
Esensten Law
Los Angeles, CA 90025
(310) 273-3090
resensten@esenstenlaw.com

James Felton
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
jfelton@greenbass.com

Vin A. Fichter
Law Offices of Vin A. Fichter
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(818) 710-8873
fichlaw@earthlink.net

Brent M. Finch
Finch Law
Westlake Village, CA 91362
www.socalbusinessattorney.com
(818) 436-6411
bfinch@brentfinchlaw.com

Veronica W. Glaze
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.pswlaw.com
(818) 788-8300
vglaze@pswlaw.com

Michael Goch
Law Offices of Michael Goch, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.michaelgoch.com
(818) 710-7190
gochmichael@aol.com

Adam D.H. Grant
Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC
Encino, CA 91316
www.alpertbarr.com
(818) 827-5155
agrant@alpertsbarr.com

A. Hillary Grosberg
Law Offices of A. Hillary Grosberg
Encino, CA 91436
www.annhillary.com
(818) 789-1593
hillary@annhillary.com

David Gurnick
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
dgurnick@lewitthackman.com

Sabina Helton
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
shelton@pmcos.com

Julie A. Herzog
Law Offices of Julie A. Herzog
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 888-6659
lawwings@earthlink.net

Mark Edward Hinton
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 830-5830
mhintonesq@yahoo.com

Richard M. Hoefflin
Hoefflin Burrows, ALC
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.hoefflinlaw.com
(805) 497-8605
rmhoefflin@hoefflinlaw.com

Stephen T. Holzer
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3299
sholzer@lewitthackman.com

Joseph L. Hong
Law Offices of
Lydia Bouzaglou-Newcomb
Brea, CA 92822
(714) 674-4578
joseph.hong@thehartford.com

Nicholas S. Kanter
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
nkanter@lewitthackman.com

Alexander S. Kasendorf
Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC
Encino, CA 91316
www.alpertbarr.com
(818) 881-5000
akasendorf@alpertsbarr.com

Yi Sun Kim
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 382-6200
ykim@greenbass.com

Michael G. Kline
Thomson Reuters
San Francisco, CA 94105
(818) 679-6797
michael.kline@thomsonreuters.com

Ken Kronstadt
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90067
www.kelleydrye.com/attorneys/
kenneth_kronstadt
(310) 712-6199
kkronstadt@kelleydrye.com

Howard M. Loeb
Howard M. Loeb P.C.
Westlake Village, CA 91362
www.howardloebllaw.com
(818) 706-1800
hloeb@howardloebllaw.com

Christine C. Lyden
Lyden Law Corporation
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 888-8866
judy@lydenlawcorp.com

Natalie Nicole Mutz
Kulik Gottesman & Siegel LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.kgslaw.com
(818) 817-3600
nmutz@kgslaw.com

Samuel R. W. Price
Poole & Shaffery LLP
Valencia, CA 91355
www.pooleshaffery.com
(661) 290-2991
sprice@pooleshaffery.com

Arsine B. Phillips
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6514
aphillips@pmcos.com

Gregg Rapoport
Law Office of
Gregg A. Rapoport, APLC
Pasadena, CA 91105
www.garlaw.us
(626) 585-0155
gar@garlaw.us

Jonathan I. Reich
DeCastro, West, Chodorow,
Mendler, Glickfeld & Nass, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA 90024
www.dwclaw.com
(310) 445-7663
jreich@dwclaw.com

Alexander R. Safyan
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.psswplaw.com
(818) 788-8300
asafyan@pswllaw.com

Mark E. Saltzman
Law Offices of Mark E. Saltzman
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 343-0600
BusinessAttorney@yahoo.com

Alexandra Samofalova
Los Angeles, CA 90068
(818) 509-7272
alexandrasamofalova@gmail.com

Caryn Brottman Sanders
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 775-9873
carynsanders@sbcglobal.net

Steven J. Shapero
Shapero, Shapero & Hurst
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.shaperohurst.com
(818) 710-1200
sshapero@shaperohurst.com

Mark S. Shipow
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 710-1906
mshipow@socal.rr.com

Thomas E. Shuck
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
tshuck@pmcoss.com

Thomas J. Smith
Law Office of Thomas J. Smith
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-4676
tjssmil@sbcglobal.net

Eric A. Spencer
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
www.ssmlaw.com
(818) 784-8700
eric@ssmlaw.com

Daniel B. Spitzer
Law Offices of Daniel B. Spitzer
Encino, CA 91436
www.danielbspitzer.com
(818) 990-9700
dspitzer@spitzeresq.com

Gregory E. Stone
Stone | Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
gstone@stonedeanlaw.com

Neil M. Sunkin
Law Office of Neil M. Sunkin, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 876-9975
nms@sunkinlaw.com

Gary Tokumori
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
gtokumori@pmcoss.com

John R. Yates
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
jyates@greenbass.com

BUSINESS VALUATIONS

Robert M. Weinstock
Strategic Valuation Group, LLC
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.svgvalue.com
(818) 591-9285
rweinstock@svgvalue.com

CIVIL LAW

David M. Bilman
North Hills, CA 91343
(818) 915-0443
david@bilmanlaw.com

William A. Daniels
Bill Daniels | Law Offices
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.billdanielslaw.com
(818) 907-8073 x156
Bill@DanielsLaw.com

Greg Diarian
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 681-3129
diarian11@yahoo.com

Kristina L. Farnum
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
kfarnum@pmcoss.com

Sidney Franklin
Law Office of Sidney Franklin
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
(818) 285-4900
sidfranklaw@yahoo.com

Lisa Grace-Kellogg
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(310) 924-1138
lisagrackellogg@reagan.com

Kathy Q. Hao
University of West Los Angeles
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.uwla.edu
(818) 518-4557
kathyqhao@gmail.com

David A. Obrand
Harbor City, CA 90710
www.linkedin.com/pub/david-obrand/1b/240/24
(310) 951-1032
obrand68@gmail.com

Harmon Sieff
Harmon Sieff, ALC
Encino, CA 91436
www.SieffLaw.com
(818) 986-4563
SieffLaw@aol.com

Gagik Stepanyan
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 314-3595
gagikstep@gmail.com

Jelisaveta Ellie Sweeney
Gomez & Simone PC
Glendale, CA 91203
(855) 219-3333 ext. 107
jes217@gmail.com

CIVIL LITIGATION

Gary M. Aardema
Aardema & London
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 981-4940
aardema1@aol.com

Jonathan W. Birdt
Law Office of Jonathan W. Birdt
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
www.jonbirdt.com
(818) 400-4485
jon@jonbirdt.com

Daniel A. Cantor
Glendale, CA 91202
(213) 618-6004
danielcantor@sbcglobal.net

David B. Casselman
Casselmann Law Group
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.casselmannlawgroup.com
(818) 609-2300
dbc@casselmannlawgroup.com

Amy M. Cohen
Cohen Law, APLC
Valencia, CA 91355
www.cohenlawplc.com
(661) 257-2887
amy@cohenlawplc.com

Evan R. Cole
Law Offices of Brian J. Ferber
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(310) 924-0404
evancole421@outlook.com

Kirk S. Comer
Casselmann Law Group
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.casselmannlawgroup.com
(818) 609-2300
ksc@casselmannlawgroup.com

Cody R. Cooper
Canyon Country, CA 91351
(661) 607-6752
Cody_Cooper@alumni.baylor.edu

James S. Cooper
Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.laklawyers.com
(818) 382-3434
jcooper@laklawyers.com

Jonathan B. Daks
Law Offices of Jonathan B. Daks
Encino, CA 91436
www.dakslaw.com
(818) 789-4950
jdaks@dakslaw.com

Anahit Danielyan
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 572-3844
anahit.daniel@gmail.com

Gary C. Eisenberg
Law Offices of Gary C. Eisenberg
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 591-8058
gcelaw@gmail.com

Richard G. Flanagan
Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 830-5830
flanhint@socal.rr.com

Diane Goldman
Law Office of Diane Goldman
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.dianegoldmanlaw.com
(818) 883-3344
diane@dianegoldmanlaw.com

Brenton F. Goodrich
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 891-0319
bgoodrich@pmcoss.com

Jason H. Gorowitz
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(310) 279-3220
jgorowitz@gorowitzlaw.com

Nathan B. Hoffman
Hoffman Law Firm
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 710-6099
nathanbhoffman@thehoffmanlawfirm.com

Lyndon H. Hong
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.hongfirm.com
(877) 501-6882
lyndon@hongfirm.com

Steven J. Horn
Law Offices of Steven J. Horn
Encino, CA 91436
www.stevenhornlaw.com
(818) 385-1050
hornlawyer@sbcglobal.net

Mohammad R. Jahangard
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 919-6846
jahan102@mail.chapman.edu

Kevin Kanooni
Winnetka, CA 91306
(818) 518-4119
kevin.kanooni@gmail.com

David M. Karen
DK Law Group
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
www.dk4law.com
(805) 498-1212
dk4law@aol.com

Jeffrey E. Karpel
Law Offices of Jeffrey E. Karpel
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.karpellawfirm.com
(818) 461-1919
jeffrey.karpel@karpellawfirm.com

Aghavni V. Kasparian
KP Law
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.kplitigators.com
(213) 223-2110
akasparian@kplitigators.com

Ilene Kurtzman
Law Offices of Ilene Kurtzman
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 876-9981
ilene4law@aol.com

William R. Lively
Law Offices of William R. Lively
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 287-3600
William.lively@livelylegal.com

Etan Z. Lorant
Law Offices of Etan Z. Lorant
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 990-3990
esq8ton@aol.com

Michael M. Marzban
Bob M. Cohen & Associates
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-3332
mike@bigverdict.com

Gregory S. Miller
Stone I Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
gmiller@scdlawllp.com

Richard T. Miller
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 994-8234
rtm@richardtmillerlaw.com

Ronald M. Monitz
Zimmerman, Walker & Monitz LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.zwmlaw.com
(818) 222-9889
rmonitz@zwmlaw.com

Clifford H. Pearson
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.pswlaw.com
(818) 788-8300
cpearson@pswlaw.com

David B. Pillemer
Pillemer & Pillemer
Encino, CA 91316
www.pillemerlaw.com
(818) 994-4321
dpillemer@pillemerlaw.com

Joshua Praw
Calendo Puckett et al.
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 543-1119
jpraw@cpsd.com

Javier Ramirez
Doumanian & Associates
La Crescenta, CA 91214
(818) 248-4700
javier@doumanianlaw.com

Anthony Allen Roach
Law Office of Anthony A. Roach
Chatsworth, CA 91311
www.AnthonyARoachEsquire.com
(818) 705-1112
Anthony@AnthonyARoachEsquire.com

Matthew R. Rungaitis
Law Offices of
Matthew R. Rungaitis
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
(661) 259-0358
rungaitis@sbcglobal.net

Glenn K. Rush
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805) 341-5060
gkrushlaw@gmail.com

Stuart R. Simone
Gomez & Simone PC
Los Angeles, CA 90010
www.gomezsmonelaw.com
(818) 937-4937
ssimone@gomezsmonelaw.com

Benjamin Soffer
The Soffer Law Firm PC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
soffer-law.com
(818) 963-8998
BSoffer@soffer-law.com

Terence M. Sternberg
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 710-7801
TerryS@TSternberglaw.com

Jess Whitehill Jr.
Encino, CA 91416
(818) 609-7554
jessatty@gmail.com

Samuel C. Wolf
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 618-2822
sam.wolf86@gmail.com

CIVIL RIGHTS

Neal Steven Dudovitz
Neighborhood Legal
Services of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7590
ndudovitz@nls-la.org

Morris Steven Getzels
Morris S. Getzels Law Office
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 881-5550
morris@getzelslaw.com

CLASS ACTIONS

Paul C. Bauducco
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 907-3245
pbauducco@lewittackman.com

Daniel L. Germain
Rosman & Germain LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 788-0877
germain@lalawyer.com

Jesse B. Levin
Roxborough Pomerance Nye &
Adreani
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 992-9999
jbl@rpnalaw.com

Matthew A. Pearson
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.pswlaw.com
(818) 788-8300
mapearson@pswlaw.com

Bobby Pouya
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.pswlaw.com
(818) 788-8300
bpouya@pswlaw.com

COLLECTIONS

Joseph Graziano
Attorney Recovery Systems, Inc.
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 774-1420

Ronald L. Gruzen
Law Office of Ronald L. Gruzen
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(323) 852-9500
rgruzen@rgruzenlaw.com

Bruce A. Hatkoff
Hatkoff & Minassian,
A Law Corporation
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.hatkofflaw.com
(818) 990-5180
bhatkoff@hatkofflaw.com

Allan Herzlich
Herzlich & Blum, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.herzlich-blum.com
(818) 783-8991
allan@herzlich-blum.com

Keith Levey
Law Offices of Keith Levey
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 407-1001
kl@keithleveylaw.com

Matthew C. Mickelson
Law Offices of
Matthew C. Mickelson
Encino, CA 91436
www.mickelsonlegal.com
(818) 382-3360
mattmickelson@bizla.rr.com

Natalia Minassian
Hatkoff & Minassian,
A Law Corporation
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 990-5180
nminassian@hatkofflaw.com

Reid L. Steinfeld
Grant & Weber
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.grantweber.com
(818) 880-3786
reid.steinfeld@grantweber.com

COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Keith T. Zimmet
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 907-3283
kzimmet@lewittackman.com

Pouyan Zivari
Anchor Loans, Inc.
Calabasas, CA 91302
(310) 395-0010
pouyanz@anchorloans.com

CONDOMINIUM/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAW

Debra L. Sheppard
Debra L. Sheppard & Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.sheppard-law.com
(818) 676-0848
dsheppard@sheppard-law.com

CONSERVATORSHIPS

Jeffrey Shuwarger
Law Office of Jeffrey Shuwarger
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 348-4683
jeff-law@earthlink.net

Joel M. Simon
Alperstein, Simon, Farkas, Gillin & Scott, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.asfgslaw.com
(818) 501-3100
jms@asfgslaw.com

Taylor N. Burras
Michelman & Robinson LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 783-5530
taylorburras@gmail.com

CONSTRUCTION LAW

Houman Esmailpour
Murtaugh Meyer Nelson & Treglia LLP
Irvine, CA 92614
www.mmnt.com
(949) 794-4000
hesmailpour@mmnt.com

Gary W. Faulkes
Law Office of Gary W. Faulkes
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(805) 777-1141
garywfaulkeslaw@aol.com

Jeffrey D. Horowitz
The Horowitz Law Firm
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
www.jdhorowitzlaw.com
(818) 907-8000
jeff@jdhorowitzlaw.com

Richard Kavonian Jr.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 723-0046
americaproud1@aol.com

Lauren R. Lee
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
llee7271@gmail.com

David Polinsky
Casselmann Law Group
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.casselmannlawgroup.com
(818) 609-2300
dp@casselmannlawgroup.com

James Tenner
North Hollywood, CA 91606
(818) 760-4700
lawjlt@aol.com

Mark J. Uyeno
Robertson & Associates, LLP
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.arobertsonlaw.com
(818) 851-3850
muyeno@arobertsonlaw.com

Robert A. Weissman
Weissman & Weissman
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.ww4law.com
(805) 371-0500
raw4law@verizon.net

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Steven A. Simons
Law Offices of Steven A. Simons
Sepulveda, CA 91343
www.onesmartlawyer.com
(818) 368-9642
simonslaw@verizon.net

CONTRACT ATTORNEY

Robin Springer
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 835-2529
robin@robinesq.com

CONTRACTS

Charles A. Domokos
Winnetka, CA 91306
(818) 998-1983
charlesdomokos@aol.com

Earl H. Fagin
Northridge, CA 91327
(818) 832-2007
Earlfaginlaw@aol.com

Robert A. Wilkins Jr.
Styskal, Wiese & Melchione
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 214-0103
robert.wilkins@swmlp.com

COPYRIGHT

Josephine E. Chang
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
josephine.chang@cph.com

CORPORATE COUNSEL

Michael J. Allegretti
Allegretti & Company
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 341-4800
mike@allegrettico.com

Jo-Ann Whitney Grace
Metropolitan News Company
Los Angeles, CA 90012
www.mnc.net
(213) 346-0033
jo-ann@mnc.net

Alan J. Skobin
Galpin Ford
North Hills, CA 91343
(818) 778-2970
askobin@galpin.com

Michael D. Stevens
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 728-5200
mstevens@natcem.com

Christopher P. Warne
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(310) 359-9448
cw@warnelaw.com

CORPORATE LAW

David Adelman
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
www.greenbass.com
(818) 382-6200
dadelman@greenbass.com

Marsha C. Brilliant
Silver & Arsht
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.silverandarsht.com
(805) 495-4044
mbrilliant@silverandarsht.com

Michael Hackman
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3221
mhackman@lewitthackman.com

Robert Hull
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
rhull@lewitthackman.com

Leon Lewitt
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3216
llewitt@lewitthackman.com

Maurice Lewitt
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
mleewitt@lewitthackman.com

James Leon Moultrie III
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 923-8078
j.moultrie@outlook.com

Kevin E. Rex
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3214
krex@lewitthackman.com

Raul C. Silvestre
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(805) 402-7494
rsilvestre@earthlink.net

Louis A. Wharton
Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.stubbsalderton.com
(818) 444-4500
lwharton@stubbsalderton.com

Keith T. Zimmet
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3283
kzimmet@lewitthackman.com

CREDITORS' RIGHTS

David K. Eldan
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
deldan@pmcoss.com

Alan Goldstein
Encino, CA 91436
(917) 991-8050
AlanGoldsteinEsq@gmail.com

Larry G. Ivanjack
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
livanjack@pmcoss.com

Alan M. Mirman
Mirman, Bubman & Nahmias, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.mbnlawyers.com
(818) 451-4600
amirman@mbnlawyers.com

Richard A. Shaffer
Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 227-5920
rick@raslaw.com

CRIMINAL LAW

Orly Ahrony
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(818) 979-6400
orlyahrony@hotmail.com

Seymour I. Amster
Granada Hills, CA 91344
www.lacriminaldefenders.com
(818) 375-4939
Attynamster@yahoo.com

Grace E. Ayers
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
www.lalawyerlady.com
(310) 278-8544
grace.ayers@gmail.com

Angela Berry-Jacoby
Berry-Jacoby, APLC
Encino, CA 91436
www.guardingyourrights.com
(866) 285-1529
angela@guardingyourrights.com

James E. Blatt
Law Offices of James E. Blatt, APC
Los Angeles, CA 90069
www.jamesblatt.com
(310) 385-8066
j.blatt@jamesblatt.com

Christopher W. Blaylock
Law Offices of C.W. Blaylock
Santa Monica, CA 90401
chrisblaylocklaw.com
(888) 553-3989
ChrisWBlaylock@gmail.com

Matthew L. Boardman
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 599-3478
mlboardman@aol.com

Linda K. Bradlyn
Sylmar, CA 91342
lbradlyn@da.lacounty.gov

Mark P. Brandt
Law Office of Mark P. Brandt
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 222-2257
mpbrandt@me.com

Scott Chu
Stockton, CA 95207
sechu@usfca.edu

Robert Diamond
Law Offices of Robert L. Diamond
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 999-2144
onejewel4@yahoo.com

Bob Farahan
Law Offices of Bob Farahan
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 687-1084
bfarahan@yahoo.com

Andrew Reed Flier
Flier & Flier
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-9500
andrew@flierandflier.com

Gerald L. Fogelman
Law Office of Gerald L. Fogelman
Encino, CA 91436
www.geraldfogelmanlaw.com
(818) 906-9941
zsavant2@aol.com

Ariana R.M. Gebauer
Pasadena, CA 91101
(530) 917-9617
armgebauer@gmail.com

Michael A. Goldstein
Law Offices of Michael A. Goldstein
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.goldsteinlawgroup.com
(818) 905-7272
mg@goldsteinlawgroup.com

Kristen N. Gozawa
Westlake Village, CA 91359
(805) 813-3208
kristen_gozawa@yahoo.com

Jennifer S. Gutenberg
Anthony M. Solis, APLC
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 489-5880
jennifer.gutenberg@gmail.com

Garo Hagopian
Hagopian & Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 206-4864
Garo@hagopianlawgroup.com

Barry F. Hammond
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 988-0457
barham106@aol.com

Gladys F. James
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(310) 619-8629
gfjames.law@gmail.com

Bruce M. Kaufman
Kaufman, Kaufman & Miller, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.kaufmanmiller.com
(818) 788-5767
bkaufman@kaufmanmiller.com

Naser J. Khoury
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 654-0001
naseratlaw@aol.com

Louis V. Kosnett
Kosnett Law Firm
Los Angeles, CA 90064
www.educationlawyer.org
(310) 445-5900
louiskosnett@kosnettllaw.com

Paul Krantz
Tarzana, CA 91356
(800) 878-1732
paulk@krantzlegal.com

Andrea Lemberg
Law Offices of Andrea C. Lemberg
West Hills, CA 91307
(213) 448-4993
andrealemborg@yahoo.com

Jeremy Ian Lessem
Lessem & Newstat, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 582-3087
jillessem@yahoo.com

Lisa H. Mattern
Mattern & Mendoza, LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.matternmendozalaw.com
(310) 342-8254
lisa@matternmendozalaw.com

Lonnie L. McDowell
McDowell Forster Attorneys
Los Angeles, CA 90013
www.McDowellForster.com
(213) 401-2322
Lonnie@MFAlegal.com

James E. McNamara
McNamara & McNamara
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.Mcandmclaw.com
(818) 465-0222
JamesMc@Mcandmclaw.com

Todd L. Melnik
Norton & Melnik
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.toddmelnik.com
(818) 995-7777
todd@toddmelnik.com

Margaret Mendoza
Mattern & Mendoza, LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90045
matternmendozalaw.com
(310) 342-8254
margaret@matternmendozalaw.com

Brian Michaels
Law Office of Brian Michaels, APLC
Encino, CA 91436
www.exlaprosecutor.com
(310) 991-9179
brmlaw@aol.com

Lawrence A. Miller
Kraft and Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
larry@kraftlawoffices.com

Poleta Minasian
Glendale, CA 91202
(818) 523-7697
poletaminasian@gmail.com

Sandy S. Rabadi
Law Office of Sandy Rabadi
Encino, CA 91316
(800) 604-2060
sandyrabadi@gmail.com

Craig Renetzky
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.renetzky.com
(818) 888-5000
info@usimmlaw.net

Jeffrey J. Rosanswank
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
(818) 398-0881
Jeffrey.Rosanswank.Law@gmail.com

Lawrence S. Rosenberg
Rosenberg Law Offices
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.valleylaw.com
(818) 989-2434
lawrose@valleylaw.com

Henry Sack
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-3600
Henrysacklaw@gmail.com

Ira Salzman
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 578-0043
imsesq@aol.com

Ellery Sorkin
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-4367
ellerysorkin.attorney@gmail.com

Oscar R. Swinton
Law Offices of Oscar R. Swinton
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.swintoncriminalandduilaw.com
(818) 701-6411
oscarrswinton@earthlink.net

Diane E. Tasoff
Tasoff & Tasoff
Encino, CA 91436
www.tasoff.com
(818) 788-8900
dianeten10@gmail.com

Liana Ter-oganesyan
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 645-1983
Liana433@yahoo.com

Jeffrey S. Weiss
Law Offices of Jeffrey S. Weiss
North Hollywood, CA 91602
(818) 509-0311
jsweiss49@gmail.com

Debra S. White
Law Offices of Debra S. White
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.dwhitecriminaldefense.com
(818) 609-1800
Debra@dwhitecriminaldefense.com

Francisco M. Zavala
Law Offices of Francisco M. Zavala
Valencia, CA 91355
(818) 988-3234
uclalaw1996@gmail.com

Shep A. Zebberman
Encino, CA 91436
www.zebermanlaw.com
(855) 770-1836
shep@zebermanlaw.com

DEPENDENCY LAW

L. Ernestine Fields
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.courtkids.org
(818) 981-6623
tdybearatty@earthlink.net

Helen Lee
Sherman & Associates
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.kpsandassociates.com
(626) 796-1600
helen@kpsandassociates.com

DISCRIMINATION

Suzanne E. Rand-Lewis
Gary Rand & Suzanne
Rand-Lewis, PLCs
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411
(818) 779-1720
srand-lewis@randandrand-lewisplcs.com

DUI

David S. Kestenbaum
Kestenbaum Law Group, APC
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.kestenaumlawgroup.com
(818) 616-4312
david@kestenaumlawgroup.com

Eric Partovi
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 456-8135
epartovi@gmail.com

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

Robert W. Brown
University of West Los Angeles
Inglewood, CA 90301
www.uwla.edu
(310) 342-5225
rbrown@uwla.edu

Angela L. Gilmartin
Law Offices of Angela L. Gilmartin
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 703-0700
agilmartin77@gmail.com

Kim Kawatani
Green Dot Public Schools
Los Angeles, CA 90023
www.greendot.org
(323) 780-1259
kkawatani@animo.org

Eric Menyuk
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(818) 597-1506
emenyuk@sbcglobal.net

Jennifer A. Nohavandi
Rosengarten & Associates
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 225-5070
jen.jasgur@gmail.com

Martha A. Torgow
The Torgow Law Firm
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 772-4990
matorgow@socal.rr.com

Valerie Vanaman
Newman Aaronson Vanaman
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
www.navlaw.net
(818) 990-7722
vvanaman@navlaw.net

ELDER ABUSE

Leslie A. Blozan
Stone | Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
lblozan@scdlawllp.com

Katherine A. Bowles
Law Offices of Steven Goldsobel
Los Angeles, CA 90067
(310) 552-4848
kate@sgoldsobel.com

Michael J. Fedalen
Huang, Fedalen & Lin LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 377-9000
mfedalen@hfl-lawyers.com

Artin Gharibian
Gharibian Law
Encino, CA 91436
www.gharibianlaw.com
(818) 272-8535
artgharibian@gmail.com

Daniel W. Johnson
Berglund & Johnson
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.berglundandjohnson.com
(818) 992-1500
danwjohanson@bjslawfirm.com

ELDER LAW

Tamila C. Jensen
Law Offices of Tamila Jensen, APC
Granada Hills, CA 91344
www.tjensenlaw.com
(818) 363-6733
tamila@earthlink.net

Morton A. Kamzan
Agoura Hills, CA 91376
(805) 230-2850
MEDMAL21@gmail.com

Mitchell A. Karasov
Law Offices of Mitchell A. Karasov
Valley Village, CA 91607
www.karasovelderlaw.com
(818) 508-7192
info@mkarasov-elderlaw.com

Jody C. Moore
Johnson Moore Trial Attorneys
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
www.jodymoorelaw.com
(805) 988-3661
jody@jodymoorelaw.com

Caren Ross Nielsen
Nielsen & Rogers LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.nielsenlegal.com
(818) 227-8010
crn@nielsenlegal.com

Steven C. Peck
Peck Law Group, APC
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.thepecklawgroup.com
(818) 908-0509
stevenpeck@thepecklawgroup.com

Mina N. Sirkin
Sirkin & Sirkin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 340-4479
sirkinlaw@aol.com

Jennifer M. Williamson
Law Offices of Stuart D. Zimring
North Hollywood, CA 91607
www.elderlawla.com
(818) 755-4848
jwilliamson@elderlawla.com

Stuart D. Zimring
Law Offices of Stuart D. Zimring
North Hollywood, CA 91607
www.elderlawla.com
(818) 755-4848 ext. 103
zimzim@elderlawla.com

ELECTION LAW

Bradley W. Hertz
Sutton Law Firm
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.campaignlawyers.com
(818) 593-2949
bhertz@campaignlawyers.com

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Aisha G. Oyarekhua
Tarzana, CA 91357
(618) 412-6410
aisha45_2000@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT LAW

Halleh Attai
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 421-8438
hattai07@gmail.com

Christopher Blake
Burbank, CA 91510
(917) 593-1304
chris.blake@mac.com

Lauren Fahlbeck
NBC Universal
Universal City, CA 91608
(508) 878-6967
lfahlb@gmail.com

Caroline Brown Fawley
Emeryville, CA 94608
(510) 808-7058
carolinefawley@gmail.com

Lynne C. Greene
Granada Hills, CA 91326
(818) 366-8876
lcruise@comcast.net

Michael J. Kaiser
Northridge, CA 91326
(818) 321-0828
michaeljkaiser@gmail.com

Alyssa A. Mervyn
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 620-3556
alyssamervyn@gmail.com

Mishawn L. Nolan
Mishawn Nolan, Esq., APLC
Encino, CA 91436
www.Nolanesq.com
(818) 574-5710
mishawn@nolanesq.com

Dorothy Blake Richardson
Law Office of
Dorothy B. Richardson
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 992-2926
drichardson@dbrlaw.net

Kori L. Schneider
Gottleson, Witzer & O'Connor
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 574-0703
kschneider@getwitz.com

John F. Stephens
Sedgwick LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.sdma.com
(213) 426-6900
johnfrancisstephens@gmail.com

Houtan Yaghmai
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411
(760) 799-5520
houtany@yahoo.com

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Brent G. Cheney
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmc.com
(213) 683-6575
bcheney@pmc.com

Stephen T. Holzer
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittshackman.com
(818) 907-3299
sholzer@lewittshackman.com

Gary A. Meyer
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6683
gmeyer@pmc.com

EQUINE LAW

Robert B. Scapa
Scapa Law Group, PC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 710-1881
rob@scapalaw.com

ERISA

Sheryl Bayani-Alzona
Brucker & Morra, APC
Los Angeles, CA 90024
www.pensionlawyers.com
(310) 954-2180
salzona@pensionlawyers.com

Brent Dorian Brehm
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
bbrehm@kantorlaw.net

Corinne Chandler
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
cchandler@kantorlaw.net

Elizabeth K. Green
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
egreen@kantorlaw.net

Glenn R. Kantor
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
gkantor@kantorlaw.net

James David Oswalt
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
doswalt@kantorlaw.net

Beth A. Perez
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
bdavis@kantorlaw.net

Peter S. Sessions
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
psessions@kantorlaw.net

ESTATE PLANNING, WILLS AND TRUSTS

Lisa D. Aminnia
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.TrustLawLA.com
(818) 224-6063
trustlisa@gmail.com

Randall D. Armour
Law Office of Randall D. Armour
Santa Clarita, CA 91381
(661) 259-0003
armourlaw@hotmail.com

Michael N. Balikian
Law Offices of Michael N. Balikian
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.balikianlaw.com
(818) 347-3700
mike@balikianlaw.com

Michael J. Berger
Encino, CA 91436
www.mjbergerlaw.com
(818) 906-7776
trustmjb@aol.com

Barbara Bergstein
Law Office of Barbara Bergstein
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
(818) 995-1120
bbergstein@sbcglobal.net

Julie S. Berkus
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
jberkus@ocslaw.com

Ronald Berman
Berman & Berman, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 593-5050
rberman@berman-law.com

Michael Bilson
Law Office of Michael Bilson
North Hollywood, CA 91602
(818) 980-8393
bilsonm@aol.com

Bonnie Braiker-Gordon
Gordon & Braiker-Gordon
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 710-1511
lawbraiker@aol.com

Brittany N. Britton
The Law Office of Brittany Britton
Valley Village, CA 91617
www.brittanybrittonlaw.com
(626) 390-5953
brittany@brittanybrittonlaw.com

David P. Burger
Rodeo Realty
Encino, CA 91316
www.rodeore.com
(818) 517-6544
davidburger@rodeore.com

Mary I. Carbajal
Valley Village, CA 91607
(818) 980-7295
mary.carbajal.law@gmail.com

R. Kyle Catterlin
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 349-6774
kcjccat@sbcglobal.net

David Coleman
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
dcoleman@ocslaw.com

Susan J. Cooley
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
scooley@ocslaw.com

Roya Dehghani
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
royadehghani@earthlink.net

Robert D. Ebin
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 854-4473
robert.ebin32@gmail.com

Marc L. Edwards
Law Office of Marc L. Edwards
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.marcledwards.com
(818) 344-8200
marc@marcledwards.com

Savannah B. Estenson
Law Offices of Alice A. Salvo
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 887-3333
savannah@salvolaw.com

Yacoba A. Feldman
Law Offices of Yacoba A. Feldman
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.jacilaw.com
(818) 905-2424
jaci@jacilaw.com

Megan L. Ferkel Earhart
Calleton, Merritt,
De Francisco & Bannon, LLP
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.cmdblaw.com
(626) 395-0860
megan@cmdblaw.com

Christina P. Gabar
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
www.oldmancooley.com
(818) 986-8080
cgabar@ocslaw.com

Albert J. Ghirardelli
Law Offices of Michael S. Overing
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.digitalmedialaw.com
(626) 564-8600 ext. 105
ajghirardelli@gmail.com

Marshall A. Glick
Glick Atalla, APLC
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.glicklaw.com
(818) 345-2223
glicklaw@sbcglobal.net

Eric J. Gold
Law Offices of Eric J. Gold
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.EGoldLaw.com
(818) 279-2737
egold@egoldlaw.com

Peta-Gay Gordon
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
pgordon@ocslaw.com

Daryl Grosberg
Law Offices of Daryl Grosberg
Northridge, CA 91327
(818) 501-4263
darylglaw@earthlink.net

Jason Toolin Grutter
Morris & Associates
Burbank, CA 91506
(818) 524-2336
jgrutter@jgmorrislaw.com

Michael Hackman
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3221
mhackman@lewitthackman.com

Jonathan E. Harrell
Law Offices of Jonathan E. Harrell
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 832-6092
harrellj@harrelllaw.com

Kevin J. Heimler
Fuller & Fuller
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.fullerandfullerlaw.com
(818) 888-3112
kevinheimler@gmail.com

Crista B. Hermance
Law Office of Crista B. Hermance
Simi Valley, CA 93065
www.hermancelaw.com
(805) 218-1788
crista@hermancelaw.com

J. Micheal Hibler
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 992-8238

Norman J. Hoffman
Law Offices of
Norman J. Hoffman, Inc.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-6676
njhinc@aol.com

Robert Hull
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
rhull@lewitthackman.com

Thomas Daniel Johns III
Bell Canyon, CA 91307
(805) 279-5658
Tjohns004@yahoo.com

Barbara Ellen Johnson
North Hollywood, CA 91607
(818) 755-4848 ext. 136
bej2@earthlink.net

Roxanna B. Kaz
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 788-8747
rbkaz@sbcglobal.net

H. John Khoukaz
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(818) 264-0604
jkhkoukaz@yahoo.com

Melvin J. Kreger
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
www.Meltaxlaw.com
(818) 506-4723
Mel@Meltaxlaw.com

James Lambert Leestma
Advance Inheritance, LLC
Canoga Park, CA 91303
www.advanceinheritance.com
(818) 407-5070
james@advanceinheritance.com

James Lerman
James Lerman, ALIC
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
(323) 651-0813
jamesler@aol.com

Charles W. Lin
Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach
Encino, CA 91436
www.gsalaw.com
(818) 990-4414
clin@gsalaw.com

Steven L. Lundberg
Kraft and Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
lundberg0159@msn.com

Gina G. MacDonald
Law Office of Gina G. MacDonald
Valencia, CA 91355
www.ginamacdonald.com
(661) 294-6464
gina@ginamacdonald.com

LeAnne E. Maillian
Law Offices of LeAnne E. Maillian
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 817-9200
LeAnne@maillianlaw.com

Patrick Moore Malone
Kraft and Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
patrick@kraftlawoffices.com

J. Anthony Marino
Chatsworth, CA 91313
(818) 774-3636
tonymarino@aol.com

Kira S. Masteller
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewithubackman.com
(818) 907-3244
kmasteller@lewithubackman.com

Jacqueline A. Melvin
Law Office of Jacqueline A. Melvin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 592-2700
jamelvin@pacbell.net

Robert S. Miles
Law Offices of Robert S. Miles
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 884-3400
Robertmiles@rsmllaw.org

Kim Suzanne Millman
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kimmillmanlaw.com
(818) 340-5765
kim@kimmillmanlaw.com

Terrence S. Nunan
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
tnunan@pmcoss.com

Joyce J. Pearson
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 713-8600
joyce@pearsonlawcorp.com

Judith L. Perez
Perez & Hawes LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.perezhawes.com
(818) 884-3991
jperez@perezhawes.com

Mark J. Phillips
Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-4414
mphilips@gsalaw.com

Stephen Piecuch
Van Nuys, CA 91409
(818) 908-4032
piecuchsteve@yahoo.com

Roslyn Pinkus
Law Office of Roslyn Pinkus
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 905-5365
rfpinkus@sbcglobal.net

Jack A. Rameson III
Law Offices of Jack Rameson III, Inc.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.Ramesonlaw.com
(818) 703-7500
Jack@Ramesonlaw.com

Mark R. Raphael
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 501-4781
mrrbj@aol.com

Rex J. Rawlinson
Rawlinson & Ewen, Inc.
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 992-7740
rrowlinso@yahoo.com

Nancy A. Reinhardt
Law Offices of Nancy Reinhardt
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 340-6200
nancy@nreinhardtllaw.com

Shelley Rizzotti
Burbank, CA 91505
www.RizzottiLaw.com
(818) 641-1692
srizzotti@rizzottillaw.com

Jay A. Rose
Law Offices of Jay A. Rose
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.trust4u.com
(818) 932-0200
attyrose@trust4u.com

Judith M. Sack
Encino, CA 91416
www.jmsack.com
(800) 369-5854
jmsack@sbcglobal.net

Artemio Santiago
Santiago & Jones
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 657-5600
asantiago@santiagojoneslaw.com

Jeffrey T. Schoenherr
Chatsworth, CA 91311
www.ldolaw.com
(818) 773-9850
Jeff@ldolaw.com

Carlo Sima
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6628
cslma@pmcoss.com

Evan Sirkin
Sirkin & Sirkin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 340-4479
sirkinlaw@aol.com

David A. Solitare
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.solitarelaw.com
(818) 702-8877
David@solitarelaw.com

Ty R. Supancic
The Law Collaborative Los Angeles
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.thelawcollaborative.com
(818) 348-6700
ty@thelawcollaborative.com

Barbara L. Taaff
Kenneth E. Devore & Associates
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.trustplanner.net
(818) 338-3252
btaaff@trustplanner.net

Erika L. Tarankow
Thompson, Malone & Conti
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 703-7700
tarankow@gmail.com

George S. Vorgitch
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.vorgitch.com
(818) 591-9580
gsv@att.net

Paul Weisman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-9525

Fredrick J. Weitkamp
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 363-3144
fredweitkamp@aol.com

Jonathan A. Wershow
Wershow & Cole LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.wershowcole.com
(818) 789-1190
jwershow@wershowcole.com

Susan L. Windsor
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 223-8282

Leslie Wolin
Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-4414
lwolin@gsalaw.com

FAMILY LAW

Bruce Abramson
Law Offices of Bruce D. Abramson
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 883-2920
lawyerbda@msn.com

Robert S. Ackrich
Law Offices of Robert S. Ackrich
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 808-0685
ackrich@earthlink.net

Anne C. Adams
Law Offices of Anne Adams
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(818) 715-0015
anneadamslaw@gmail.com

Robert A. Adelman
Adelman & Seide, LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.adelman-seide.com
(818) 222-0010
mensche@mindspring.com

Amir Aharonov
Tinero, Aharonov & Associates,
A Family Law Practice, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.tineroaharonov.com
(818) 995-0405
amir.aharonov@gmail.com

Jeffrey Alpert
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 285-5370
jeff@alpertlawgroup.com

Barbara G. Azimov
Law Offices of Robert Gantman
Encino, CA 91436
www.gantmanlaw.com
(818) 981-8585
bga@azimovlaw.com

Mark Brian Baer
Pasadena, CA 91103
www.markbaeresq.com
(626) 389-8929
mark@markbaeresq.com

Martin S. Bakst
Law Offices of Martin S. Bakst
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 981-1400
msb@mbakst.com

Leon F. Bennett
Law Offices of Leon F. Bennett
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.leonfbennettlaw.com
(818) 888-7731
email@leonfbennettlaw.com

Cynthia Berman
Berman & Berman, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 593-5050
ccbberman@hotmail.com

Constance Bessada
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.bessadalaw.com
(818) 988-9992
bessadalaw@gmail.com

Jacqueline Y. Blade
Law Office of Jacqueline Y. Blade
Westlake Village, CA 91362
www.bladelawfirm.com
(805) 496-2311
jyb@bladelawfirm.com

Taline Boyamian
Ardalan & Associates
Glendale, CA 91203
www.ardalanlaw.com
(818) 547-5300
tkizirian@ardalanlaw.com

Matthew A. Breddan
Reape-Rickett, APC
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.divorcedigest.com
(818) 888-1144
mbreddan@gmail.com

Ronald F. Brot
Brot & Gross, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.brotgross.com
(818) 594-0800
brot@brotgross.com

Elizabeth Castaneda
Law Offices of Elizabeth Castaneda
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 510-4518
castanedalaw@gmail.com

Beatriz Chen
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(818) 716-2803
BettyVChen@gmail.com

John R. DaCorsi
DaCorsi Placencio PC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 884-6666
dacorsi@aol.com

Nisha K. Dandekar
Pines Law Group
Encino, CA 91436
www.pineslawgroup.com
(818) 995-0036
nisha@pineslawgroup.com

Lori Darakjian
Canoga Park, CA 91306
(818) 346-3170
ldarakjian@adelman-seide.com

Deborah Davis
Law Offices of Deborah Davis
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 907-1978
deborah@ddavisesq.com

Daniel B. Davisson
Davisson & Davisson
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 989-2118
danielbdavisson@sbcglobal.net

Sandra R. Davisson
Davisson & Davisson
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 989-2118
sandidavisson@sbcglobal.net

Cynthia A. de Petris
Los Angeles, CA 90038
(818) 981-2200
cynthiaadepetris@gmail.com

Ann Marie Yolanda DeSimone
Kloper & Ravden LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 380-1300
annmarie@krfamilylaw.com

Michelle E. Diaz
Law Office of Michelle E. Diaz
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 917-5486
michelle@michellediazlaw.com

Aimee Doherty
Ekerling & Doherty
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 761-8818
aimeelaw@yahoo.com

Melody Heinemann Dosch
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 612-5054
melodydoschlaw@gmail.com

Sonia B. Dujan
Law Office of Sonia B. Dujan
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 888-2323
dujanlaw@aol.com

Richard J. Early
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 895-1000
R.Early@att.net

Laura Eaton
Tinero, Aharonov & Associates,
A Family Law Practice, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.tineroaharonov.com
(818) 995-0405
tineroaharonov@gmail.com

Emily Shappell Edelman
Law Office of Emily
Shappell Edelman
Century City, CA 90067
(310) 556-3600
fe620@aol.com

Howard L. Ekerling
Ekerling & Doherty
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 761-8808
ekerlinganddoherty@gmail.com

Todd Ellis
Law Office of Todd Ellis
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 914-9005
todds1@sbcglobal.net

Fred H. Emmer
Harriett Buhai Center for
Family Law
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 388-7505
fredemmer@sbcglobal.net

Donna M. Encinas
Law Office of Donna M. Encinas
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-9314
dmelaw@earthlink.net

Larry Epstein
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 905-0531
lepsteinlaw@aol.com

Sandra Etue
Law Offices of Michael D.
Schulman
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.schulmanlawoffices.com
(818) 999-5553
sandra@schulmanlawoffices.com

Daniel G. Felding Jr.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-7663
dfelding@pacbell.net

Wendy Forrester
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.wendyforrestermediation.com
(818) 225-7039
wendyforrester85@gmail.com

Jami K. Fosgate
Burbank, CA 91505
www.fosgatefamilylaw.com
(818) 827-7157
jfosgate@fosgatefamilylaw.com

Frank Oliver Fox
Law Firm of Fox and Fox
Los Angeles, CA 90010
www.foxandfox.com
(323) 937-4422
frank@foxandfox.com

Karen C. Freitas
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmc.com
(213) 683-6500
kfreitas@pmc.com

Michele Cobin Friedlander
Law Offices of Michele Cobin
Friedlander
Encino, CA 91436
www.friedlanderlegal.com
(818) 986-1900
michele@friedlanderlegal.com

Scott Gailen
Scott Gailen, Inc.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
www.gailenlaw.com
(818) 340-5151
gailenlaw@pacbell.net

Marcia Galindo
Galindo & Fox
Granada Hills, CA 91344
www.galindofoxlaw.com
(818) 363-0633
galindofoxlaw@aol.com

George L. Gamez
Los Angeles, CA 90034
www.georgegamez.com
(323) 655-8777
gg@georgegamez.com

Robert J. Gantman
Law Offices of Robert Gantman
Encino, CA 91436
www.gantmanlaw.com
(818) 981-8585
rgantman@earthlink.net

Ana Maria Garcia
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 291-1788
anamariagarcia@nls-la.org

Melanie Gardner-Pawlak
Gardner-Pawlak & Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 883-4400
melanie.gardner.pawlak@gmail.com

Paula S. Glickstein
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 386-2048
glickstein.law@sbcglobal.net

Amy Goldman
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(800) 433-6251
amygoldman@nls-la.org

Karen L. Goldman
Goldman Seeger, APC
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 347-9900
karen@goldmanseeger.com

Stephen James Goodin
Simi Valley, CA 93062
(805) 583-1869
sgoodin1921@gmail.com

Darren J. Goodman
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.qdroprep.com
(805) 494-0322
qdroprep@aol.com

Diane Goodman
Law & Mediation Office of
Diane M. Goodman, APC
Encino, CA 91316
www.goodmanmediation.com
(818) 386-2889
diane@goodmanmediation.com

Eric S. Gordon
Gordon & Braiker-Gordon
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 710-1511
gbglaw@aol.com

Mark P. Gross
Brot & Gross, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.brotgross.com
(818) 594-0800
gross@brotgross.com

Diana D. Hagopian
Hagopian & Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 206-4864
Diana@hagopianlawgroup.com

Barry T. Harlan
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3279
bharlan@lewitthackman.com

Ray M. Hassanlou
Law Office of Ray M. Hassanlou
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 784-8484
ray@hassanloulaw.com

Donald A. Hayes
Law Office of Donald A. Hayes, Esq
Valencia, CA 91355
www.mylegalexpert.com
(661) 295-8395
hayeslaw@mylegalexpert.com

Yolanda Holland
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 259-9407
yholland51@gmail.com

Rochelle Hom
Tinero, Aharonov & Associates,
A Family Law Practice, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-0405
rochellehom@gmail.com

Mike R. Horwitz
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 713-0504
mrhz1855@gmail.com

David L. Ingram
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 223-8282
dlingramlaw@aol.com

Peggy Meyers Jarvel
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 907-8986
peggy@jarvellaw.com

Laurence N. Kaldor
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.kaldorforjudge.com
(310) 467-3379
Phenix7@msn.com

Soheila Kazimi
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 416-6913
soheilakazimi@aol.com

Jack L. Kendall
Law Office of Jack L. Kendall
San Fernando, CA 91340
(818) 362-6200
jacklewiskendall@gmail.com

Sandra Canaday Knapp
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805) 494-1750
sandracknapp@gmail.com

Andrew Krikorian
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 523-2522
krikorian.andrew@gmail.com

Isay Krupnik
Valley Glen, CA 91606
(818) 665-5220
iskrupnik@gmail.com

Annette R. Kulik
Law Offices of Allan P. Loewe
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.allanloewe.com
(818) 593-6161
a.r.k.double18@gmail.com

Eun J. Kwon
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 480-0348
polykwon2013@gmail.com

Alfred J. Lakritz
Law Offices of Alfred J. Lakritz, A.P.C.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 789-0466
ritz_2@msn.com

Lindsay P. Lang
Briskin, Latzanich & Pene LLP
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 881-2090
lpa-bl@pacbell.net

Donna A. Laurent CFLS
Laurent Legal
Encino, CA 91436
www.laurentlegal.com
(818) 946-3100
donna@laurentlegal.com

Matthew E. Lax
Cutter & Lax
Encino, CA 91436
www.sanfernandodivorceattorney.com
(818) 648-4379
matthewlax@aol.com

Aaron Leetch
Law Office of Aaron Leetch
Los Angeles, CA 90049
aaronleetchlaw.com
(323) 405-7194
aaronleetch@gmail.com

Richard A. Lewis
Law Offices of Richard A. Lewis
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.RichardLewis.com
(818) 704-0585
rlewis@richardlewis.com

Hugh A. Lipton
Lipton & Margolin
North Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 508-7100
4949fanz@msn.com

Lauren M. Longoretta
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-9314
llongoretta@aol.com



visit us online @ www.uwla.edu
UWLA is strength in knowledge

The University of West Los Angeles Founded in 1966
serves the Westside and Valley communities.

- UWLA School of Law and School of Graduate Studies.
- Juris Doctorate and Master of Science in Administration programs.

In seat and all online programs designed to help you
achieve your goals.

Shane F. Loomis
Loomis Law Firm
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.theloomislawfirm.com
(805) 494-7811
shane@theloomislawfirm.com

Cynthia Luna
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(800) 433-6251
cynthialuna@nls-la.org

Irene Mak
Law Offices of Irene M. Mak
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 997-6955
imak88@gmail.com

Eric D. Martinelli
Martinelli Law Group
Valencia, CA 91355
www.martinelli-lawgroup.com
(661) 294-0050
Eric@Martinelli-LawGroup.com

Alfonso J. Martinez
Law Office of Alfonso Martinez
Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 372-1889
alfonsomartinezlaw@gmail.com

Sheila M. McKeown
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Lancaster, CA 93534
www.nls-la.org
(661) 974-7395
smckeown@aol.com

Melissa McNair
Law Office of Melissa D. McNair
Los Angeles, CA 90010
www.mcnairlegal.com
(213) 223-6713
melissa@mcnairlegal.com

Alexandra K. Mells
Law Offices of Alexandra K. Mells
Culver City, CA 90230
(213) 247-1649
alexandra.mells@earthlink.net

Joy Kraft Miles
Kraft and Associates
Los Angeles, CA 90034
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
joykraft@mac.com

Lovette Mioni
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 990-2120
lmioni@lewittackman.com

Limor Mojdehiazad
Kraft and Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
limormojdehiazad@gmail.com

Kevin J. Mooney
Minyard Morris
Newport Beach, CA 92660
www.minyardmorris.com
(949) 724-1111
kmooney@minyardmorris.com

Sue A. Moravec
Law Office of Sue A. Moravec,
APLC
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-2022
sue@familylawpractice.net

Claudia Munoz
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 779-1337
cm@lawsolutiongroup.com

Kenneth R. Nahigian
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 264-0209
knahigian@hotmail.com

Larry L. Nash
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 993-8522
larrynashlaw@pacbell.net

Vanessa Nellis
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 990-2120
vnellis@lewittackman.com

Kathy G. Neumann
Law Office of Kathy G. Neumann
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(818) 292-8658
kathy@kathyneumannlaw.com

Leslie S. Nordon
Kraft and Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
leslie@kraftlawoffices.com

Allison Novik
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(818) 601-4683
allisonmsteele@gmail.com

Nicole C. Oden
Law Offices of Leon F. Bennett
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.leonbennettlaw.com
(818) 888-7731
nicolecoden@gmail.com

Bernal Ojeda
Law Offices of Bernal P. Ojeda
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 876-9606
bernalojeda@ymail.com

Connolly Oyler
Enenstein, Ribakoff, LaVita &
Pham APC
Los Angeles, CA 90025
www.ensteinlaw.com
(310) 899-2070
coyler@ensteinlaw.com

Maria O. Padgett
Valencia, CA 91355
www.santaclaritalawfirm.com
(661) 414-5230
liospadglaw@aol.com

Inna Parizher
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
El Monte, CA 91731
www.nls-la.org
innaparizher@nls-la.org

Gregory J. Pedrick
Encino, CA 91436
www.pedricklaw.com
(818) 325-3934
gjp@pedricklaw.com

Arna M. Pillemer
Pillemer & Pillemer
Encino, CA 91316
www.pillemerlaw.com
(818) 994-4321
apillemer@pillemerlaw.com

Cari M. Pines
Pines Law Group
Encino, CA 91436
www.pineslawgroup.com
(818) 995-0036
cari@pineslawgroup.com

Denise S. Placencio
DaCorsi Placencio PC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 884-6666
dplacencio@dacorsi.net

James P. Reape
Reape-Rickett, APC
Valencia, CA 91355
www.divorcedigest.com
(661) 288-1000
jreape@reaperickett.com

Julie Rivera-Coo
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
El Monte, CA 91731
www.nls-la.org
(626) 307-3667
julieriveracoo@nls-la.org

Michelle S. Robins
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 907-3291
mrobins@lewittackman.com

Emily F. Robinson
Dion Law Group
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.dionlawgroup.com
(818) 998-5555
robinsonfamilylaw@gmail.com

Daniel B. Rubanowitz
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.rubanowitzfamilylaw.com
(818) 887-2702
DansFamilyLaw@aol.com

Chio C. Saephanh
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Pomona, CA 91766
www.nls-la.org
(909) 620-3094
chiosaephanh@nls-la.org

Natalie Samarjian
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 291-1794
nataliesamarjian@nls-la.org

Corinne Sanchez
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
(818) 377-2027
corinnesq@aol.com

Joanna M. Sanchez
Law Offices of Robert Gantman
Encino, CA 91436
www.gantmanlaw.com
(818) 981-8585
joanna@gantmanlaw.com

George N. Seide CFLS
Adelman & Seide, LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.adelman-seide.com
(818) 222-0010
george@adelman-seide.com

Latanya L. Sewell
Law Offices of Latanya Sewell
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 300-4818
latanyasewell@aol.com

Carole C. Shandler
Los Angeles, CA 90021
(818) 905-9889
Carolesandler@yahoo.com

Loren D. Sherman
Sherman & Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 340-9400
shermanlaw@sbcglobal.net

Donald S. Sherwyn
Reape-Rickett, APC
Valencia, CA 91355
www.divorcedigest.com
(661) 288-1000
dsherwyn@reaperickett.com

Maya Shulman
Adelman & Seide, LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.adelman-seide.com
(818) 222-0010
info@adelman-seide.com

Stanley Silver
San Fernando, CA 91340
(818) 361-0171

Nicole Silverstein
Pines Law Group
Encino, CA 91436
www.pineslawgroup.com
(818) 995-0036
nicole@pineslawgroup.com

Caron Smith
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7537
caronsmith@nls-la.org

Mona Sobhani
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 645-1340
msobhani9@gmail.com

Karen S. Socher
Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 258-3906
socherlaw@hotmail.com

Lynn Soodik
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
LSoodik@lewitthackman.com

Richard F. Sperling
Law Offices of Richard F. Sperling
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(818) 991-0345
sperlinglaw@hotmail.com

Marian L. Stanton
Encino, CA 91436
stantonlaw@aol.com
(818) 906-2877
mlstantonlaw@aol.com

Robert Rocky Star
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 788-3270
rrslaw@sbcglobal.net

Carol Sternberg
Law Offices of Carol Sternberg
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 907-9924
familylaw605@sbcglobal.net

Todd B. Sternberg
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 907-9924
stern19@gmail.com

Anthony D. Storm
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3248
astorm@lewitthackman.com

Jill M. Streets
Brot & Gross, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.brotgross.com
(818) 594-0800
streets@brotgross.com

Martha E. Stulman
Law Office of Martha Stulman
Van Nuys, CA 91406
www.stulmanlaw.com
(818) 523-8445
martha@stulmanlaw.com

Benjamin Swartzman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 788-1595
Dissoman78@gmail.com

Christine McClane Tesi
McClane Law Corporation
Chatsworth, CA 91311
www.mcclane-law.com
(818) 885-6074
camt@mcclanelawcorp.com

Russell H. Thaw
Reape-Rickett, APC
Valencia, CA 91355
www.divorcedigest.com
(661) 288-1000
russell@reaperickett.com

Kendra Thomas
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.law-thomas.com
(877) 479-7970
kthomas@law-thomas.com

Ellen Friedman Tinero
Tinero, Aharonov & Associates,
A Family Law Practice, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.tineroaharonov.com
(818) 995-0405
tineroaharonov@gmail.com

Paul M. Volchok
Volchok, Volchok & Zayon
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 993-6557
vvz@bizla.rr.com

Marshall W. Waller
Feinberg & Waller, APC
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.feinbergwaller.com
(818) 224-7900 ext. 7909
mwaller@lectriclaw.com

Peter M. Walzer
Walzer & Melcher LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 591-3700
pmw@walzermelcher.com

Thomas H. Warden
Warden Law Corporation
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 710-8131
thomaswarden@netzero.net

Christopher D. Wasson
Law Offices of Robert S. Ackrich
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.ackrichlaw.com
(818) 808-0685
cdw.lawrsa@earthlink.net

Sara A. Weinstein
Los Angeles, CA 90064
(310) 445-3938
famlawsw@aol.com

Gary J. Weyman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-3616

Douglas J. Wolf
Douglas J. Wolf, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 888-0033
doug@wolffamilylaw.com

Bruce P. Wolfe
Bruce P. Wolfe, APC
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 988-9840
bpwlf@aol.com

Lee Evans Zavatsky
Schwartz & Naderi
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 837-7700
lzavat@gmail.com

Donald Zelinsky
Law Offices of Donald Zelinsky, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 702-9600
zelinskylaw@aol.com

Barbara Irshay Zipperman
Law Office of Barbara Irshay
Zipperman
Encino, CA 91436
www.zippermanlaw.com
(818) 995-8600
barbara@zippermanlaw.com

Diana P. Zitser
Law Offices of Diana P. Zitser
North Hollywood, CA 91601
www.zitserlaw.com
(818) 763-5274
diana@zitserlaw.com

FDA

W. Patrick Noonan
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.wpnpc.com
(818) 887-5600
wpnoonan@aol.com

FRANCHISE

Elayne C. Berg-Wilion
Encino, CA 91416
(818) 783-7930
elayne.bergwilion@gmail.com

Barry Kurtz
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-2120
bkurtz@lewitthackman.com

Taylor M. Vernon
Vernon Law Group
Los Angeles, CA 90077
www.vernonlawgroup.com
(310) 295-2016
tvernon@vernonlawgroup.com

GAMING

Stephen A. Lenske
Lenske, Lenske & Abramson ALC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.lenskelaw.com
(818) 716-1444
slenske@lenskelaw.com

GENERAL PRACTICE

Sherri L. Andrews
Tujunga, CA 91042
(818) 951-9238
mesherri@pobox.com

Mark G. Goshgarian
Goshgarian & Marshall
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.gmlawplc.net
(818) 591-9000
mgoshgarian@gmlawplc.net

Kelvin P. Green
South Jordan, UT 84095
(801) 432-0461
Kelvin@kelvingreenlaw.com

Tadashi Inayama
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805) 312-4160
inayamatad@gmail.com

Joseph W. Kellener
Kellener and Kellener
Encino, CA 91436
kellenerandkellener.com
(818) 901-8600
jkellener@gmail.com

Johnathon Kim
Goshgarian & Marshall
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.gmlawplc.net
(818) 591-9000
JKim@gmlawplc.net

Marcia L. Kraft
Kraft and Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kraftlawoffices.com
(818) 883-1330
marcia@kraftlawoffices.com

Joyce L. Malleen
Joyce L. Malleen & Associates
Northridge, CA 91326
(818) 349-3000
jmalleen@earthlink.net

Steven M. Mayer
Mayer Law Group, A.P.C.
Encino, CA 91436
www.MayerLawLA.com
(818) 528-2858
smayer@MayerLawLA.com

Stephen R. McLeod
Law Offices of Stephen R. McLeod
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
mcleodlaw.us
(818) 905-0902
smcl@sbcglobal.net

John F. Nicholson
Law Offices of John F. Nicholson
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 348-3806
johnfnicholsonlaw@gmail.com

Kelly O'Brien
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 885-8780

Marshall C. Sanders
Van Nuys, CA 91409
(818) 368-5345
marshallcsandersattorney@gmail.com

Steven D. Spile
Spile, Leff & Goor, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.spilelaw.com
(818) 784-6899
sspile@spilelaw.com

Brian L. Taylor
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 300-5465
Brian.Taylor.706@gmail.com

June Teecher
Menifee, CA 92584
(818) 988-3878

A. Verne Tjarks Jr.
North Hills, CA 91343
(818) 783-1400

Alexander Joshua Zeesman
Zeesman Attorney Group LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.zeesmanlaw.com
(818) 990-8899
alex@zeesmanlaw.com

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT LAW

Matija M. Gotovac
Gotovac Law
West Hills, CA 91308
(818) 224-6614
mat@gotovaclaw.com

HEALTH LAW

Michael Goldsmith
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 585-2976
michael.l.goldsmith@gmail.com

David M. Kane
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7524
davidkane@nls-la.org

Stephanie K. Lee
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5213
stephanielee@nls-la.org

Maurice Lewitt
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 990-2120
mleewitt@lewittackman.com

John B. Marshall
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 907-3228
jmarshall@lewittackman.com

Catherine S. Murphy
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5246
katiemurphy@nls-la.org

Corilee K. Racela
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 433-6251
coriracela@nls-la.org

Alan J. Sedley
Irvine, CA 92612
(949) 553-4900
asedley@smhealthlaw.com

Gary L. Tysch
Law Office of Gary L. Tysch
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-9555
gltysch@pacbell.net

Toni Vargas
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7558
tvargas@nls-la.org

HOUSING

Cassandra Goodman
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
El Monte, CA 91731
www.nls-la.org
(626) 307-3657
cassandragoodman@nls-la.org

Hunter H. Landerholm
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7547
hunterlanderholm@nls-la.org

Fred T. Nakamura
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
El Monte, CA 91731
www.nls-la.org
(626) 307-3647
fnakamura@nls-la.org

Maria Palomares
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5242
mariapalomares@nls-la.org

Alexander B. Prieto
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Los Angeles, CA 90029
www.nls-la.org
(415) 240-1911
alexanderprieto@nls-la.org

FIND A SOLUTION!
SPECIALIZING IN MEDIATION OF CROSSOVER
ISSUES AT AFFORDABLE RATES



Marcia L. Kraft
Mediation/Arbitration

- * Family Law
- * Guardianships
- * Conservatorships
- * Probates and Trusts
- * Personal Injuries
- * Bankruptcy

*Commitment to provide superior service with
professionalism and integrity*

CALL NOW!
818.883.1330

6355 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Suite 419
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.mlkmediation.com

Sara Sheikh
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
San Fernando, CA 91340
www.nls-la.org
(818) 898-2578
sarasheikh@nls-la.org

Gerson R. Sorto
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
gersonsorto@nls-la.org

Xasha J. Valderrama
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5254
xashavalderrama@nls-la.org

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Lara Akinlude
Larhdell Law
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.larhdelllaw.com
(310) 943-6352
info@laraakinlude.com

Violett Beyder
Los Angeles, CA 90048
(323) 989-3332
violett.beyder@gmail.com

Zuleima Chavarria
Chavarria & Associates, PC
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 357-5356
zulilaw@gmail.com

Gary Orin Haase
www.ethos-law.jp
(831) 402-5360
g-haase@ethos-law.jp

Casey L. Kozoll
Central American Resource Center
Los Angeles, CA 90005
www.carecen-la.org
(213) 385-7800 ext. 178
casekzoll@hotmail.com

Valentina Y. Matiji
Law Office of Valentina Matiji
Los Angeles, CA 90046
www.matijilaw.com
(323) 876-5842
matijilaw@yahoo.com

Nathan Osorio
Law Office of Nathan Osorio
San Fernando, CA 91340
www.osoriolawoffice.com
(818) 233-0238
nathan@osoriolawoffice.com

Rebecca I. Pathak
Pathak Law Firm
Burbank, CA 91505
www.pathaklaw.com
(818) 238-9444
rebeccaipathak@gmail.com

Jonathan T. Rose
Global Immigration Partners
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(818) 914-6482
jtr@gotcherlaw.com

Jay J. Tanenbaum
Law Offices of Jay Tanenbaum
Encino, CA 91436
www.jaytanenbaum.com
(818) 907-6600
ltig8r@aol.com

Jay R. Tioleco
Law Offices of Jay R. Tioleco
North Hollywood, CA 91601
www.tiolecolaw.com
(818) 478-9362
jtioleco@tiolecolaw.com

Juan F. Villatoro
Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 987-3276
jfernervillalaw@gmail.com

Michelle A. Wedderburn
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(310) 497-2672
michellea.wedderburn@gmail.com

Jesus Zelada
Law Office of Jesus Zelada
Panorama City, CA 91402
www.zeladalaw.com
(818) 714-2025
jzelada@zeladalaw.com

INSURANCE BAD FAITH

Joshua S. Davis
Gianelli & Morris
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.gmlawyers.com
(213) 489-1600
joshua.davis@gmlawyers.com

Stacy R. Goldscher
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
sgoldscher@nemecek-cole.com

Mitchell Hefter
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
mheftor@kantorlaw.net

James Douglas Hepworth
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
jhepworth@nemecek-cole.com

Andrew M. Kantor
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
akantor@kantorlaw.net

Lisa S. Kantor
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
lkantor@kantorlaw.net

Alan E. Kassan
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
akassan@kantorlaw.net

Matthew Levi Morris
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.Morrisjustice.com
(818) 423-9287
matt.levi.morris@gmail.com

Timothy J. Rozelle
Kantor & Kantor, LLP
Northridge, CA 91324
www.kantorlaw.net
(818) 886-2525
trozelle@kantorlaw.net

INSURANCE DEFENSE

Melissa Barcena
Northrup Schlueter APLC
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(818) 707-2600
mbarcena@nspc.com

Janette S. Bodenstein
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
jbodenstein@nemecek-cole.com

Marshall R. Cole
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
mcole@nemecek-cole.com

Mark G. Cunningham
Law Offices of Mark G. Cunningham
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.mgclawyer.com
(818) 999-9205
mcunningham@mgclawyer.com

Michael Feenberg
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
mfeenberg@nemecek-cole.com

OVER 60 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

IMMIGRATION LAW

Green Cards, Work Permits, U.S. Citizenship



Law Offices of Tasoff & Tasoff

(818) 788-8900

www.tasoff.com

Founded 1949






Suzanne R. Feffer
Stone I Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
sfeffer@scdlawllp.com

Robert F. Flagg
Farmers Claims Litigation
Administration
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 876-3604
robert.flagg@farmersinsurance.com

Tommy Q. Gallardo
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
tgallardo@nemecek-cole.com

Matthew Hafey
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
mhafey@nemecek-cole.com

D. Wayne Jeffries
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
wjjeffries@nemecek-cole.com

Kenneth A. Maranga
Maranga Morgenstern, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.marmorlaw.com
(818) 587-9146
ken.maranga@marmorlaw.com

Lucy H. Mekhael
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
lmekhael@nemecek-cole.com

Amanda Marie Moghaddam
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
amoghaddam@nemecek-cole.com

David A. Myers
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
dmyers@nemecek-cole.com

Jon D. Robinson
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
jrobinson@nemecek-cole.com

Vikram Sohal
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
vsohal@nemecek-cole.com

Jonathan M. Starre
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
jstarre@nemecek-cole.com

Claudia Stone
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
cstone@nemecek-cole.com

INSURANCE LAW

Allen Haroutounian
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
aharoutounian@nemecek-cole.com

Jack D. Hull
Goldsmith & Hull, APC
Northridge, CA 91343
www.goldsmithcalaw.com
(818) 990-6600
jhull@goldsmithcalaw.com

Dana Nasser
Northridge, CA 91326
(818) 727-1516
danan818@aol.com

Scott A. Quigley
Winnetka, CA 91306
(207) 240-5481
squigley777@gmail.com

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Aaron Borrowman
Kelly & Kelley, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.klkpatentlaw.com
(818) 347-7900
aaron@KLKPatentLaw.com

Daniel M. Cislo
Cislo & Thomas LLP
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.cisloandthomas.com
(310) 451-0647
Dan@cislo.com

Vito A. Costanzo
Holland & Knight, LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.hklaw.com
(213) 896-2409
vito.costanzo@hklaw.com

Sevag Demirjian
Demirjian Law Offices
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.demirjianlaw.com
(310) 870-3977
sevag@demirjianlaw.com

Michael A. DiNardo
Kelly & Kelley, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kelly-kelleylaw.com
(818) 347-7900 ext. 28
mike@kelly-kelleylaw.com

Justin Ehresmann
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
justin.ehresmann@cph.com

Robert Louis Finkel
Robert Louis Finkel,
Attorney At Law
Lake Balboa, CA 91406
(818) 786-9861
rfinkel@finkel-iplaw.com

Jeffery D. Frazier
Redwood City, CA 94061
www.patentlyinnovative.com
(650) 275-2112
jeff@patentlyinnovative.com

Mark Garscia
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
meg@cph.com

Tal Grinblat
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
tgrinblat@lewitthackman.com

Art Hasan
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
art.hasan@cph.com

Clarice Hovsepian
Capstone Turbine Corporation
Chatsworth, CA 91311
www.capstoneturbine.com
(818) 734-5137
chovsepian@capstoneturbine.com

Jun-Young E. Jeon
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
jej@cph.com

Scott W. Kelley
Kelly & Kelley, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kelly-kelleylaw.com
(818) 347-7900
scott@kelly-kelleylaw.com

John E. Kelly
Kelly & Kelley, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kelly-kelleylaw.com
(818) 347-7900
johnk@kelly-kelleylaw.com

Howard A. Kroll
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
hak@cph.com

Gregory S. Lampert
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
gregory.lampert@cph.com

Neill A. Levy
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 998-3462
nlevy@nlevylaw.com

Bradford Mattes
Kleinberg & Lerner, LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90067
www.kleinberglerner.com
(310) 557-1511
bemattes@kleinberglerner.com

Thomas M. Morrow
Yetter Coleman LLP
Newbury Park, CA 91320
www.yettercoleman.com
(805) 499-2999
tmorrow@yettercoleman.com

Jessica W. Rosen
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
(310) 492-5104
jessicawrosen@gmail.com

Lauren E. Schneider
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
lauren.schneider@cph.com

David A. Schnider
Schniderlaw
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.schniderlaw.com
(213) 615-8057
david@schniderlaw.com

Brad Sniderman
Law Offices of Bradley Sniderman
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.bmslawpractice.com
(818) 706-0631
brad@bmslawpractice.com

Raymond R. Tabandeh
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
rrt@cph.com

Rhodah Van Der Schyff
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmc.com
(213) 683-6500
rvanderschyff@pmc.com

Paloma Velez
PDC/Brady Corp.
Valencia, CA 91355
pvelez999@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL LAW

David J. Habib
Law Office of David J. Habib
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.habiblaw.com
(805) 494-7393
davidh@habiblaw.com

JUVENILE LAW

Angela Pierce di Donato
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
www.lachildlaw.com
(626) 796-7771
Angela@lachildlaw.com

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Martin I. Aarons
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.aaronslawfirm.com
(818) 794-9250
maarons@aaronslawfirm.com

Barry M. Appell
Appell Shapiro, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.asattorney.com
(818) 305-6294
barry@asattorney.com

Scott I. Barer
Law Office of Scott I. Barer
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 831-5205
sbarer@scottbarerlaw.com

Susanne Bendavid
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
sbendavid@lewittthackman.com

Tal Burnouski-Yeyni
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
tyeyni@lewittthackman.com

Daniel Robert Chaleff
Rehwal, Glasner & Chaleff
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.rehwalldlaw.com
(818) 703-7500 ext. 125
dchaleff@rehwalldlaw.com

Jean H. Choi
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
El Monte, CA 91731
www.nls-la.org
(626) 307-3648
jeanchoi@nls-la.org

Brandon Coen
Department of Fair Employment
and Housing
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 503-0353
brandoncoen@gmail.com

Stephen Danz
Stephen Danz & Associates
Encino, CA 91436
www.employmentattorneyca.com
(877) 789-9707
stephen.danz@employmentattorneyca.com

Lauren A. Dean
Magnanimo & Dean, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.magdeanlaw.com
(818) 305-3450
lauren@magdeanlaw.com

Flor Dery
Horton Law Firm
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 407-0700 ext. 5
flor@horton-law.com

Daniel F. Gaines
Gaines & Gaines, APLC
Calabasas, CA 91301
www.gaineslawfirm.com
(818) 703-8985
daniel@gaineslawfirm.com

Evan S. Gaines
Gaines & Gaines, APLC
Calabasas, CA 91301
www.gaineslawfirm.com
(818) 703-8985
evan@gaineslawfirm.com

Randi R. Geffner
Esensten Law
Los Angeles, CA 90025
(818) 344-0412
rgeffner@esenstenlaw.com

James H. Goudge
Dennison, Bennett & Press
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.dennisonbennettpress.com
(818) 716-7200
jimmgoudge@gmail.com

Arash Hakakzadeh
Encino, CA 91436
www.encinofirm.com
(818) 275-0007
ahakak@msn.com

Alexander J. Harwin
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.lbbbslaw.com
(213) 250-1800
harwin@lbbbslaw.com

Robert Corey Hayden
Rheuban & Gresen
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 815-2727
rchayden@earthlink.net

Laura L. Horton
Horton Law Firm
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 407-0700 ext. 1
laura@horton-law.com

Jared Irmes
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 441-4130
jirmes@gmail.com

David G. Jones
Santiago & Jones
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 657-5600
djones@santiago-joneslaw.com

Nicole Kamm
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
nkamm@lewittthackman.com

Kurt W. Kampe III
Santa Clarita, CA 91322
(661) 255-9955
kampe.law@sbcglobal.net

Ilana M. Kaufman
Kaufman, Kaufman & Miller, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.kaufmanmiller.com
(818) 788-5767
ikaufman@kaufmanmiller.com

Mitchell Kaufman
Kaufman, Kaufman & Miller, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.kaufmanmiller.com
(818) 788-5767
mkaufman@kaufmanmiller.com

Rudolph G. Klapper
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.parkermilliken.com
(213) 683-6500
rklapper@pmc.com

Susan K. Laffer
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(805) 379-4411
susanlaffer@gmail.com

Stephen F. McAndrew
Law Office of
Stephen F. McAndrew
Encino, CA 91436
www.mcandrewlaw.net
(818) 332-1416
steve@mcandrewlaw.net

Robyn M. McKibbin
Stone | Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
rmckibbin@scdlawllp.com

Michael B. Mellema
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmc.com
(213) 683-6500
mmellema@pmc.com

Lee A. Miller
Kaufman, Kaufman & Miller, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.kaufmanmiller.com
(818) 788-5767
lmiller@kaufmanmiller.com

Tom Moser
Tom Moser, A Law Corporation
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(818) 735-9990
moser5707@sbcglobal.net

Jordan Oslin
The Bloom Firm
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.thebloomfirm.com/attorney-
profiles/jord
(888) 962-5666
jordan@thebloomfirm.com

Gary Rand
Gary Rand & Suzanne
Rand-Lewis, PLCs
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411
(818) 779-1720
grand@randandrand-lewisplcs.com

Diana Guzman Ratcliff
Peterson & Bradford, LLP
Burbank, CA 91502
(818) 562-5800
dratcliff@pbblp.com

Karen A. Rooney
Karen Rooney Law
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.rooneylawla.com
(818) 783-0700
krooney@rooneylawla.com

Kenneth J. Rose
The Rose Group, APLC
San Diego, CA 92131
www.rosegroup.us
(619) 822-1088 ext. 101
krose@rosegroup.us

Judith Sharon Rosen
Calabasas, CA 91302
(408) 839-4885
judithrosen@gmail.com

Richard S. Rosenberg
Ballard, Rosenberg, Golper & Savitt
Glendale, CA 91203
www.brgslaw.com
(818) 508-3700
rrosenberg@brgslaw.com

Linda Miller Savitt
Ballard, Rosenberg, Golper & Savitt
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 508-3700
lsavitt@brgslaw.com

Karl A. Schmidt
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6518
kschmidt@pmcos.com

Ian G. Sterling
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 253-1575
igsesqca@gmail.com

Hannah Sweiss
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
hannah.eltoukhy@gmail.com

Kimberly A. Westmoreland
Klinedinst PC
Los Angeles, CA 90017
www.klinedinstlaw.com
(213) 406-1100 ext. 3361
kimberlylake817@gmail.com

Dan B. Yakobian
Encino, CA 91416
dyakobian@gmail.com

LAND USE

Fred N. Gaines
Gaines & Stacey, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.gaineslaw.com
(818) 933-0200
fgaines@gaineslaw.com

Neil M. Popowitz
Freilich & Popowitz LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90024
www.freilichpopowitz.com
(310) 475-8134
nmp@freilichpopowitz.com

LANDLORD/TENANT

Roger Franklin
Encino, CA 91436
www.RogerFranklin.org
(818) 986-5253
rogerfranklin@prodigy.net

Antonio Hicks
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7589
antoniohicks@nls-la.org

Diana Leon
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5253
dianaleon@nls-la.org

Magda Madrigal
Los Angeles, CA 90057
http://edn.la
(213) 385-8112
MagdaMadrigal@earthlink.net

Jennifer Phan
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
El Monte, CA 91731
www.nls-la.org
(626) 307-3644
jenniferphan@nls-la.org

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Allison Morse
Allison Morse Consulting
Studio City, CA 91604
www.allisonmorse.com
(818) 203-8430
amorse91@yahoo.com

LEGAL MALPRACTICE

Diana K. Rodgers
Robie & Matthai
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.romalaw.com
(213) 706-8000
drodgers@romalaw.com

LEMON LAW

Jack L. Chegwidan
Law Offices of Jack L. Chegwidan
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 990-4130
jchegwidan@sbcglobal.net

LITIGATION

Bahareh Nicole Aghajani
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 521-6555
aghajanib@gmail.com

Amy E. Asher
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(310) 277-4510
amyasher32@gmail.com

Stephanie C. Asher
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(310) 277-4510
asher.stephanie@gmail.com

Warren Bleeker
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
warren.bleeker@cph.com

Jill S. Casselman
Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi
Los Angeles, CA 90067
(310) 552-0130
jscasselman@rkmc.com

Richard A. Clark
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6569
rclark@pmcos.com

Steven L. Crane
Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach
Encino, CA 91436
www.gsalaw.com
(818) 990-4414
scrane@gsalaw.com

Natasha N. Dawood
Calabasas, CA 91301
ndawoodparrent@gmail.com

David Dillard
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
david.dillard@cph.com

Merak Eskigian
Goshgarian & Marshall
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.gmlawplc.net
(818) 591-9000
MEskigian@gmlawplc.net

Carl Etting
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 346-1511

James C. Fedalen
Huang, Fedalen & Lin LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.hfl-lawyers.com
(818) 377-9000
jfedalen@hfl-lawyers.com

Juliana C. Ferraz
Tarzana, CA 91356
(702) 810-1068
jcferrazlv@gmail.com

J. Patrick Francis
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-8600
pat@patrickfranceseq.com

Gary Ganchrow
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6535
gganchrow@pmcos.com

Irina Geller
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(818) 284-9935
gelleririna@icloud.com

John M. Genga
Genga & Associates, P.C.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.gengalaw.com
(818) 444-4580
jgenga@gengalaw.com

John P. Goffin
Law Office of John P. Goffin
North Hollywood, CA 91607
(818) 755-4848 ext. 142
johngoffin@aol.com

Daniel S. Gruber
Gruber & Gruber
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.gruberlawfirm.com
(818) 981-0066
dgruber@gruberlawfirm.com

Michael Hackman
Irvine, CA 92614
(213) 909-5905
mhackman@outlook.com

Michael M. Hernandez
DaCorsi Placencio PC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 884-6666
mhernandez@dacorsi.net

Thomas L. Hoegh
Law Offices of Thomas Hoegh
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
hoeghlaw.com
(818) 466-5535
tom@hoeghlaw.com

Joshua S. Hopstone
Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP
Ventura, CA 93004
www.fcoplaw.com
(805) 659-6800
jhopstone@fcoplaw.com

Samantha E. Jackson
DeHay & Elliston LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90017
www.dehay.com
(213) 271-2727
sjackson@swlaw.edu

Claire D. Johnson
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6526
cjohnson@pmcos.com

Stephen M. Joyce
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-1500
sjoycelaw@aol.com

Robert A. Kahn
Law Office of Robert A. Kahn
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.kahnlaw.us
(818) 888-9171
rkahn@kahnroven.com

Kyle Kellar
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
kyle.kellar@cph.com

Kathleen Kelso
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435
www.katekelso.com
(561) 596-6049
katekelso@gmail.com

Joanne Kim
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 522-5477
joannekim86@gmail.com

Lisa Lee
Stone | Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawlp.com
(818) 999-2232
llee@stonedeanlaw.com

John B. Marcin
Marcin Lambirth, LLP
Tarzana, CA 91356
www.marcin.com
(818) 305-2800
jbm@marcin.com

Marjorie A. Marenus
Law Office of Marjorie A. Marenus
Los Angeles, CA 90057
www.marenuslaw.com
(213) 738-8175
marenuslaw@aol.com

John A. Marshall
Goshgarian & Marshall
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.gmlawplc.net
(818) 591-9000
jmarshall@gmlawplc.net

Pedram F. Mazgani
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 683-6686
pmazgani@pmcos.com

Jyoti Mittal
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
jmittal@enterprisecounsel.com

Robert A. Morgenstern
Maranga Morgenstern, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 587-9146
bob.morgenstern@marmorlaw.com

W. Robert Morrow
Northridge, CA 91325
(818) 349-7499
bmorrow310@aol.com

Kenneth R. Myers
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 501-8900
ken2esq@yahoo.com

Aileen Ocon
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 472-0267
aileenocoon@aol.com

Kimberly K. Offenbacher
DK Law Group
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
www.dk4law.com
(805) 498-1212
ko@dk4law.com

David S. Pallack
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 835-7520
dpallack@nls-la.org

Thomas P. Pattenau
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 389-7924
Thomas@TPPLawfirm.com

Michael H. Pearson
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.psswplaw.com
(818) 788-8300
mpearson@pswlaw.com

Steven R. Platt
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
splatt@pmcos.com

Mark S. Reusch
Goshgarian & Marshall
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.gmlawplc.net
(818) 591-9000
MReusch@gmlawplc.net

Nilofar Rezvanpoor
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
(949) 394-5362
rezvanpoorlaw@gmail.com

Susan B. Rosenblat
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
www.ocslaw.com
(818) 986-8080
srosenblat@ocslaw.com

Polina Ross
Law Offices of Polina Ross
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-9667
polina@polinarosslaw.com

Adam Satnick
R2 Law Group, LLP
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.r2lg.com
(818) 610-3222
asatnick@r2lg.com

Edward Schwartz
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
edward.schwartz@cph.com

Steven M. Sepassi
Sepassi & Tarighati, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 887-2000
steve@sepasilaw.com

Robert Simmonds
Studio City, CA 91604
www.linkedin.com/in/
robertjsimmonds
(412) 780-8872
RobertJSimmonds@gmail.com

Isaac B. Simon
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
isimon@pmcos.com

Lisa K. Skaist
Landsberg & Associates
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 855-5900
lskaist@landsberg-law.com

Roger Louis Stanard
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 710-7197
rs@stanardlaw.com

Mark O. Suttle
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6637
msuttle@pmcos.com

Ralph W. Tarr
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 591-7846
ralphwtarr@gmail.com

Edward C. Tu
Law Offices of Edward C. Tu
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.ed2law.com
(626) 844-3588
etu@ed2law.com

Michael Adam Tudzin
Law Offices of Michael Tudzin
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.tudzinlaw.com
(818) 887-1000
mtudzin@tudzinlaw.com

Ceil E. Walker
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
cwalker@pmcos.com

Daniel L. Warshaw
Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.pswlaw.com
(818) 788-8300
dwarshaw@pswlaw.com

William E. Weinberger
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6665
wweinberger@pmcos.com

Alan D. Weinfeld
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.pmcoss.com
(213) 683-6500
aweinfeld@pmcos.com

I. Donald Weissman
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 704-5151
dweissman@idwlaw.com

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

James E. Fox
Fox & Fox ALC
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 986-4494
foxandfox@sbcglobal.net

Lyle F. Greenberg
Law Office of Lyle F. Greenberg
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.lfglaw.com
(818) 884-5100
lgreenberg@lfglaw.com

Marvin S. Shebby
Law Offices of Marvin S. Shebby
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 595-0100
shebbylaw@att.net

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Leon Lewitt
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3216
llewitt@lewitthackman.com

Kevin E. Rex
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3214
krex@lewitthackman.com

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Heather P. Glick-Atalla
Glick Atalla, APLC
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.glicklaw.com
(818) 345-2223
hglick@glicklaw.com

Christine M. Kudija
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
(661) 904-2360
cmkudija@gmail.com

Yvonne Maria Jimenez
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 834-7531
yMariajimenez@nls-la.org

PALIMONY

Carol L. Newman
Alleguez & Newman, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 225-0056
carol@anlawllp.com

PATENT

Eileen Aghnami
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
eileen.aghnami@cph.com

Oliver Bajracharya
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
osb@cph.com

Joshua T. Chu
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Irvine, CA 92612
www.cph.com
(949) 476-0757
joshua.chu@cph.com

Michael Curry
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
michael.curry@cph.com

Thomas Daly
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
thomas.daly@cph.com

Robert A. Green
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
robert.green@cph.com

David L. Hoffman
Hoffman Law Offices
Valencia, CA 91355
www.dlhpattent.com
(661) 775-0300
david@dlhpattent.com

Peter C. Hsueh
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
pch@cph.com

Jimmy Kwun
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
jimmy.kwun@cph.com

Douglas N. Larson
Brooks Acordia Intellectual
Property Law, P.C.
Simi Valley, CA 93065
(805) 579-2500
dlarson@brooksacordia.com

Faustina Lee
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
faustina.lee@cph.com

Shaun Lee
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
shaun.lee@cph.com

Constantine Marantidis
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
cm@cph.com

Jason C. Martone
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Irvine, CA 92612
www.cph.com
(949) 476-0757
jason.martone@cph.com

Abazar Miresghhi
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
abazar.miresghhi@cph.com

Mark D. Nielsen
Cislo & Thomas LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90025
www.cisloandthomas.com
(310) 451-0647
mnielsen@cislo.com

David A. Plumley
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
david.plumley@cph.com

Katherine L. Quigley
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
katherine.quigley@cph.com

Martin W. Regehr
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
mregehr_public@yahoo.com

Dustin R. Szakalski
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
dustin.szakalski@cph.com

Bruce A. Wagar
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
bruce.wagar@cph.com

Anne Wang
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
anne.wang@cph.com

PERSONAL INJURY

Elie Aghabi
Valley Village, CA 91607
aghabilaw.com
(818) 644-7726
elieaghabi@gmail.com

Anie N. Akbarian
Law Offices of Anie N. Akbarian, APC
Glendale, CA 91203
www.akbarianlaw.com
(818) 247-9322
anieakbarian@yahoo.com

Aryan Aliakbarzadeh
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 718-2522
barzalaw@gmail.com

Mher Asatryan
Law Offices of Mher Asatryan
Van Nuys, CA 91411
www.asatryanlaw.com
(818) 781-0179
mher@asatryanlaw.com

Jonathan Bakhsheshian
The Brahman Law Office
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.brahmanlaw.com
(310) 859-8638
jonathan.bakhsheshian@gmail.com

David B. Bobrosky
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
dbobrosky@lewitthackman.com

Henry William Bockman
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 986-2884
xbockman@sbcglobal.net

Jeffrey F. Briskin
Briskin, Latzanich & Pene LLP
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 881-2090
jfb-bl@pacbell.net

Thomas Cecil
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 907-3292
tcecil@lewittackman.com

Peter S. Clarkson
Law Office of Peter S. Clarkson
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 313-9130
k-p.clarkson@sbcglobal.net

Inna Demin
Injury Justice Law Firm LLP
Van Nuys, CA 91401
injuryjusticeattorney.com
(818) 642-5229
injuryjusticeattorney@gmail.com

Steven B. Effres
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
www.effres.com
(818) 222-9720
steve@effres.com

Alexander H. Escandari
L.A. Trial Lawyers Inc. APLC
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
www.latriallawyers.com
(310) 492-2000
escandariesq@aol.com

Richard Alan Fisher
Law Offices of Richard A. Fisher
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-9194
fisherlaw65@gmail.com

Barry P. Goldberg
Barry P. Goldberg, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.barrypgoldberg.com
(818) 222-6994
bpg@barrypgoldberg.com

Lawrence P. Grassini
Grassini Wrinkle & Johnson
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.gwandjlaw.com
(818) 348-1717
lgrassini@gwandjlaw.com

Lawrence J. Hanna
Fullerton & Hanna, LLP
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 902-1454
fullertonhanna@sbcglobal.net

Tamiko B. Herron
Owen, Patterson & Owen
Valencia, CA 91355
www.opolaw.com
(661) 799-3899
tamiko@owenpatterson.com

Benjamin J. Jesudasson
Berglund & Johnson
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.18004ifhurt.com
(818) 992-1500
ben@bjslawfirm.com

Lars C. Johnson
Grassini Wrinkle & Johnson
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.jwandjlaw.com
(818) 348-1717
ljohnson@grassiniandwrinkle.com

Babak Kheiri
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 926-0703
babak.kheiri@yahoo.com

Lawrence Dorian Kleinman
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 288-7007
lkleinman08@gmail.com

Zipora Tsipi Kohanim
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 884-5542
zipkohlaw@yahoo.com

Charles E. Koro
Brown, Koro & Romag, LLP
Studio City, CA 91604
www.brownkoro.com
(818) 377-6280
chuck@brownkoro.com

William S. Leonard
Law Offices of William S. Leonard
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 205-9992
wsllaw@yahoo.com

Robert J. Mandell
The Mandell Law Firm
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 886-6600
rmandell@mandelllaw.com

Gerald L. Marcus
Law Offices of Gerald L. Marcus
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.injurynetwork.org
(818) 784-8544
GeraldMarcuslaw@aol.com

Amanda Marz
Girardi & Keese
Los Angeles, CA 90017
girardikeese.com
(213) 977-0211 375
amarz@girardikeese.com

James A. Morris Jr.
Weitz and Luxenberg
Los Angeles, CA 90067
www.weitzlux.com
(310) 247-0921
jmorris@weitzlux.com

Robin E. Paley
Law Offices of Robin E. Paley, APLC
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 386-2995
paleylawoffices@gmail.com

Jacob O. Partiyeli
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(310) 801-1919
jacob@jacobfights.com

Katherine B. Pene
Briskin, Latzanich & Pene LLP
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 881-2090
kbp-bl@pacbell.net

Mason Rashtian
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
mrscvlaw.com
(818) 700-8422
mason@mrscvlaw.com

Louis B. Robman
Law Offices of Louis B. Robman
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.robmanlaw.com
(805) 230-0088
lbr@robmanlaw.com

John P. Rosenberg
The Law Offices of John P.
Rosenberg, P.L.C
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.jrosenberg.com
(818) 716-6400
jrosenberg@jrosenberg.com

Andrew L. Shapiro
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewittackman.com
(818) 907-3230
ashapiro@lewittackman.com

Ike Sherman
MCIS Lawyers
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
mcislawyers.com
(818) 999-1184
isherman@mcislawyers.com

Maria Skinner
Mark R. Weiner & Associates
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 543-4000
maria.skinner.q0dg@statefarm.com

Ryan C. Stanley
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
818-422-6296
Ryancstanley@me.com

Martin E. Stearn
Law Offices of Martin E. Stearn
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 384-7822
martin1987@aol.com

Steven R. Vartazarian
The Vartazarian Law Firm, APC
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
thevlf.com
(818) 990-9949
steve@thevlf.com

David Edward Weeks
Law Offices of David E. Weeks
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.dweekslaw.com
(818) 302-3426
david@dweekslaw.com

Armen Zadourian
Montrose, CA 91020
(818) 929-0654
zadourianlaw@gmail.com

Jeffrey Zinder
Zinder, Koch & McBratney
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 760-0100
jezinder@zkmllaw.com

PRO BONO

Jack R. Thompson
Telluride, CO 81435
(602) 418-2594
jack@jthompson-law.com

PROBATE

Dale A. Arens
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 783-2800
lawdale@sbcglobal.net

James R. Birnberg
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
www.ocslaw.com
(818) 986-8080
jbirnberg@ocslaw.com

Howard S. Bodenheimer
Law Office of Howard S.
Bodenheimer
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-9434
hbodenheimer@yahoo.com

Barbara E. Bowersock
Law Offices of John D. Mickus
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 780-1909
bbsock3@aol.com

Jonathan M. Cole
Wershow & Cole LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.wershowcole.com
(818) 789-1190
jcole@wershowcole.com

Joel B. Connor
Law Offices of Joel B. Connor
North Hollywood, CA 91602
(818) 506-7500
jbconnor@pacbell.net

Laura G. Conti
Thompson, Malone & Conti
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 703-7700
tmc.law@aol.com

Kenneth D. Cooper
Cooper & Lewis
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 594-0011
ken@cooperlewislaw.com

Leonardo Drubach
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 981-9981
zlaw578@yahoo.com

Justin Gold
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
jgold@ocslaw.com

Jamie N. Gonzalez
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
jgonzalez@ocslaw.com

Darrell C. Harriman
Law Offices of Darrell C. Harriman
North Hills, CA 91343
www.harrimanlaw.com
(818) 892-7093
harrimanlaw@socal.rr.com

Kathleen F. Hazan
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
khazan@ocslaw.com

Susan Jabkowski
Hinojosa & Wallet
Los Angeles, CA 90064
(310) 473-7000
sjabkowski@handwlaw.com

KC Marie Knox
Anker, Hymes & Schreiber LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.ahslawyers.com
(818) 501-5800
kknox@ahslawyers.com

John D. Mickus
Law Offices of John D. Mickus
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 780-1909
jdmickus@aol.com

Dilair S. Nafsoosi
Gifford, Dearing &
Abernathy, LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.gdalaw.com
(213) 626-4481
dnafoosi@gmail.com

Marshal A. Oldman
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
mao@ocslaw.com

Anthony James Rinaldi
Anthony Rinaldi Law
Glendale, CA 91201
(818) 999-9003
ajrlaw@pacbell.net

Denis Robinson
Law Offices of Denis Robinson
Winnetka, CA 91306
(818) 882-9870
denisrobinson@att.net

John E. Rogers
Nielsen & Rogers LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.nielsenlegal.com
(818) 227-8010
jer@nielsenlegal.com

Jordan W. Rouss
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
www.ocslaw.com
(818) 986-8080
jrouss@ocslaw.com

Marc L. Sallus
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
www.ocslaw.com
(818) 986-8080
msallus@ocslaw.com

Howard A. Schnee
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 999-1434
hschnee106@aol.com

Marlene S. Seltzer
Wasserman Law Group
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 705-6800
mss@wassermanlawgroup.com

Brian Sheppard
Encino, CA 91316
www.briansheppardlaw.com
(818) 342-5799
bjsheppard@aol.com

Mary-Felicia Smith Apanius
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
mfapanius@ocslaw.com

Sarah Talei
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,
Birnberg & Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
sarahtalei@yahoo.com

Brent Edward Vallens
Law Offices of
Brent Edward Vallens
Chatsworth, CA 91311
www.vallenslaw.com
(818) 717-1885
brentesq54@aol.com

Nancy A. Young
Law Office of Nancy A. Young
Sylmar, CA 91342
(818) 367-5200
nyoung441@verizon.net

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Richard L. Bisetti
Magana, Cathcart & McCarthy
Los Angeles, CA 90067
www.mcmc-law.com
(310) 553-6630
rlb@mcmc-law.com

Kenneth Michael Sprouse
Northridge, CA 91325
(818) 701-9303
kenneth.m.sprouse@prodigy.net

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Shawnell J. Russell
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
srussell@nemecek-cole.com

PUBLIC INTEREST

Yeymi M. Flores
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
yeymiflores@nlsia.org

The Ultimate Solution.

Probate Specialists

**Any notice.
Published.
Anywhere.**

1.800.METNEWS

MNC Metropolitan News Company

Anita Garcia Velasco
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 492-5215
anitavelasco@nls-la.org

Shannon M. Grube
Alliance for Children's Rights
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 368-6010
smgrube@gmail.com

Lilly S. Hanna
California Department of Social
Services
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 430-7584
Lilly.Hanna.Esq@gmail.com

Sheyda Joolharzadeh
Glendale, CA 91204
(818) 624-1782
s.joolharzadeh@gmail.com

Shoshana J. Krieger
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
www.nls-la.org
(818) 291-1784
shoshanakrieger@nls-la.org

Daniel A. Moss
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(805) 390-2593
damoss@uci.edu

Beatrice Royster
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pomona, CA 91766
www.nls-la.org
(909) 620-3042
broyster@nls-la.org

Amy K. Shayne
Valley Village, CA 91617
amy.shayne@gmail.com

Roberta Stovitz
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.nls-la.org
(818) 374-2100
rstovitz@nls-la.org

Ruth Zacarias
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
www.nls-la.org
(818) 896-5211
rzacarias@nls-la.org

REAL PROPERTY

Christopher L. Beck
Ventura, CA 93003
(661) 406-5581
cbeckesq@gmail.com

Jason M. Burrows
Hoefflin Burrows, ALC
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.hoefflinlaw.com
(805) 497-8605
jburrows@hoefflinlaw.com

Natalya Byzova
Byzova Law Firm
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.byzovalaw.com
(213) 263-8161
natalya@byzovalaw.com

Christopher E. Delaplane
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.delaplanelaw.com
(818) 721-8881
ced@delaplanelaw.com

Douglas S. Draper
Douglas S. Draper, ALC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.draper-law.com
(818) 710-7801
draperlaw@aol.com

Deborah L. Feldman
Feldman I Berman I Schwartz, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 707-1465
dfeldman@fbisllp.com

Steven L. Feldman
Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-4414
sfeldman@gsalaw.com

Stephen M. Fenster
Schwartz & Fenster
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 346-7300
sfenster@schwartz-fenster.com

Craig B. Forry
Forry Law Group
Mission Hills, CA 91345
www.forrylaw.com
(818) 361-1321
craig@forrylaw.com

Harry J. Gerrity
Law Offices of Harry J. Gerrity
West Hills, CA 91304
www.realpropertylitigation.com
(818) 702-9546
hgerrity@socal.rr.com

Morgan M. Halford
Carlson & Cohen, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.carlsoncohen.com
(818) 986-4979
mhalford@carlsoncohen.com

Dennis G. Harkavy
Law Offices of Dennis G. Harkavy
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 591-1758
dgharkavy@yahoo.com

Shaunt Kodaverdian
Pircher Nichols & Meeks
Los Angeles, CA 90067
(818) 314-8269
kodaverdian@gmail.com

William D. Koehler
William D. Koehler, APC
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 506-8322
wdklaw1@aol.com

Rosemary Lemmis
Davies Lemmis Raphaely Law
Corporation
Calabasas, CA 91302
daviesslawcorp.com
(818) 206-0570
rlemmis@daviesslawcorp.com

John B. Marshall
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3228
jmarshall@lewitthackman.com

Joseph McNabb
Studio City, CA 91602
(818) 731-1171
jmcnabb31@gmail.com

Richard S. Miller
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 783-6000
dickmillerlaw@yahoo.com

Golnar V. Monfared
Seuthe & Associates
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
(310) 277-8020
GolnarMonfared@yahoo.com

Tilden Moschetti
Sperry Van Ness - Moschetti CRE
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.moschetti-cre.com
(818) 570-0590
tilden.moschetti@svn.com

Michael P. Ribons
Law Offices of
Michael P. Ribons, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 884-3200 ext. 301
mribons@mprlaw.net

Martin S. Rudoy
Rudoy Fleck, APLC
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
www.rudoylaw.com
(818) 488-1043
marty@rudoylaw.com

Steven S. Sadd
Los Angeles, CA 90067
(310) 553-0877
sssaddlaw@aol.com

Michael B. Scott
Narvid Scott LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.narvidscott.com
(818) 907-8986
mscott@narvidscott.com

Moran Stelmach
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 317-1344
moranistelmach@gmail.com

Julias Stewart
Stewart-Reed Law Group, INC
West Hills, CA 91304
www.stewart-legal.com
(818) 264-4888
JStewart@Stewart-Legal.com

Joanne Williamson
Administrative Office of the Courts
Burbank, CA 91504
(818) 558-3116
joanne.williamson@jud.ca.gov

Keith T. Zimmet
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 907-3283
kzimmet@lewitthackman.com

RECEIVERSHIPS

Edythe L. Bronston
Law Offices of Edythe L. Bronston
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
www.bronstonlaw.com
(818) 528-2893
ebronston@bronstonlaw.com

Richard Weissman
Richard Weissman, APC
Los Angeles, CA 90067
www.richardweissmanreceiver.com
(310) 481-6780
rweissman@rweceiver.com

SECURITIES

Bryan H. Clements
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
bclements@lewitthackman.com

Sharan S. Ramchandani
Rosen & Associates PC
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 362-1000
sramchandani@swlaw.edu

SECURITIES ARBITRATION

Jonathan W. Evans
Jonathan W. Evans & Associates
Studio City, CA 91604
www.stocklaw.com
(818) 760-9880
dukejwe@aol.com

**SOCIAL SECURITY,
SOCIAL SECURITY
DISABILITY AND SSI**

Janna K. Lowenstein
Lowenstein Disability Lawyers, ALC
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 905-6611
sharon_lowenstein@yahoo.com

Irene Ruzin
Law Offices of Irene Ruzin
Encino, CA 91436
www.socialdisabilitylawyer.net
(818) 325-2888
ireneruzin@earthlink.net

Harold W. Wax
Wax & Wax
Glendale, CA 91203
www.waxlawfirm.com
(818) 247-1001
halwax@prodigy.net

SPORTS LAW

Baron J. Cerioni
Parker Milliken et al.
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.parkermilliken.com
(213) 683-6500
bcerioni@pmcos.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST:
APPELLATE LAW**

Bruce Adelstein
Law Office of Bruce Adelstein
Encino, CA 91436
www.appellatelaw.com
(818) 788-0866
adelstein@appellatelaw.com

Herb Fox
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
www.foxappeals.com
(805) 899-4777
hfox@foxappeals.com

Mark Schaeffer
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
mschaeffer@nemecek-cole.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST:
BANKRUPTCY LAW**

Stella A. Havkin
Litwak & Havkin
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.havkinandshrago.com
(818) 999-1568 ext. 42
havkinlaw@earthlink.net

Shai Oved
Law Offices of Shai Oved
Canoga Park, CA 91303
www.shaioved.com
(818) 992-6588
ssoesq@aol.com

R. Grace Rodriguez
Chatsworth, CA 91311
lorgr.com
(818) 734-7223
rgracelaw@gmail.com

Larry D. Simons
Law Offices of Larry D. Simons
Mission Hills, CA 91345
www.lsimonslaw.com
(818) 672-1778
larry@lsimonslaw.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST: ESTATE
PLANNING, TRUST AND
PROBATE LAW**

Tony C. Beller
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 704-5000
acbeller@att.net

Bonnie M. Bursk
Savin & Bursk
Granada Hills, CA 91344
www.savinbursklaw.com
(818) 368-8646
savinbursk@aol.com

David A. Esquibias
Law Office of
David A. Esquibias
Westlake Village, CA 91361
www.californiitrustattorney.com
(805) 267-1141
dae@trustandfamilylaw.com

Jack C. Glantz
Law Offices of Jack C. Glantz, APLC
Encino, CA 91436
www.glantzlegal.com
(818) 501-3100
jcg@glantzlegal.com

Kenneth W. Kossoff
Panitz & Kossoff, LLP
Westlake Village, CA 91362
www.pkestatelaw.com
(818) 865-0766
kww@pktaxlaw.com

Alice A. Salvo
Law Offices of Alice A. Salvo
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.salvolaw.com
(818) 887-3333
aliceann@salvolaw.com

Doron M. Tisser
Tisser & Standing LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.tisserlaw.com
(818) 226-9125
Doron.Tisser@tisserlaw.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST: FAMILY LAW**

Dana L. Blatt
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.danablatt.com
(818) 340-9600
dblatt@att.net

Robert Borsky
Law Offices of Robert Borsky
Van Nuys, CA 91401
www.podcastlawyer.com
(818) 780-7664
resource1@roadrunner.com

Gail Cohen
Nemiroff & Cohen LLP
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 901-8900
gcohen@nemcolaw.com

James E Cox
James E. Cox, APC
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 784-8100
jcox@jecoxlaw.com

Stephen A. Gershman
Law Offices of Stephen A.
Gershman
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.losangelesfamilylawyer.com
(818) 990-6505
saglawyer@aol.com

Abbas Hadjian
Law Offices of Abbas Hadjian
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 783-3330
abbashadjian@sbcglobal.net

Rand Harris
North Hollywood, CA 91607
(818) 755-4848 ext. 134
rffhere@aol.com

Linda A. Luke
Luke & Barron
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 733-9505
ll-lb@pacbell.net

Randy W. Medina
Law Office of Randy W. Medina
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.rwmedina.com
(626) 432-1975
rwmesq@gmail.com

David E. Rickett
Reape-Rickett, APC
Valencia, CA 91355
www.divorcedigest.com
(661) 288-1000
drickett@reaperickett.com

Lynette Berg Robe
Encino, CA 91436
www.lynettebergrobela.com
(818) 980-9964
portia1000@aol.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST: FRANCHISE
AND DISTRIBUTION LAW**

Tal Grinblat
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
tgrinblat@lewitthackman.com

David Gurnick
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewitthackman.com
(818) 990-2120
dgurnick@lewitthackman.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST: IMMIGRATION
AND NATIONALITY LAW**

Brian David Lerner
Law Office of Brian D. Lerner, APC
Long Beach, CA 90803
www.californiaimmigration.us
(562) 495-0554
blerner@californiaimmigration.us

Ronald J. Tasoff
Tasoff & Tasoff
Encino, CA 91436
www.tasoff.com
(818) 788-8900
ron@tasoff.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST: LEGAL
MALPRACTICE LAW**

Jonathan B. Cole
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
jcole@nemecek-cole.com

Kenneth C. Feldman
Lewis Brisbois
Bisgaard & Smith LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90071
www.lbbslaw.com
(213) 250-1800
feldman@lbbslaw.com

Michael McCarthy
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
mmccarthy@nemecek-cole.com

Frank W. Nemecek
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 788-9500
fnemecek@nemecek-cole.com

David B. Owen
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
dowen@nemecek-cole.com

**STATE BAR
CERTIFIED SPECIALIST:
TAXATION LAW**

Richard A. Block
Tax Law Office of Richard A. Block
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 716-1585
BlockRA@aol.com

Michael Hackman
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
www.lewithackman.com
(818) 907-3221
mhackman@lewithackman.com

Mark D. Pastor
Mark D. Pastor, ALC
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-1900
lataxlaw@gmail.com

Brian H. Standing
Tisser & Standing LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.tisserlaw.com
(818) 226-9125
brian@tisserlaw.com

**STATE BAR CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST: WORKERS'
COMPENSATION LAW**

Ronald Feenberg
Rose, Klein & Marias LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 626-0571
z.lara@rkmlaw.net

Jack Goodchild
Law Offices of Goodchild
and Duffy
Encino, CA 91436
www.jobinjuryhelp.com
(818) 380-1600
jgoodchild@goodchildlaw.com

Michael H. Pinchak
Law Offices of Michael H. Pinchak
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 609-9393
mhplawofc@gmail.com

David M. Skaggs
Pacific Compensation Insurance
Company
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
www.pacificcomp.com
(818) 597-7486
dskaggs@pacificcomp.com

TAXATION LAW

Aran H. Dokovna
Valencia, CA 91354
(818) 782-5444
ahdokovna@srdsccpas.com

John D. Faucher
Westlake Village, CA 91362
www.venturataxlawyer.com
(818) 889-8080
jdf@johndfaucher.com

Allan Feinberg
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 325-2800
Allancpa@aol.com

Ming-Hua Fong
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 366-8935
fong.minghua@gmail.com

Shadi Halavi-Shaolian
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
www.halavilawgroup.com
(818) 528-7703
shadikhnm@aol.com

Ronald A. Hughes
Hughes & Dunstan, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.hughesanddunstan.com
(818) 715-9558
rhughes@hd-law.com

Jeffrey Philip Kaiser
Northridge, CA 91326
(818) 709-1222
jeffkjdcpa@aol.com

Garo Kamarian
Kamarian Law Inc.
Burbank, CA 91502
www.kamarianlaw.com
(818) 859-7090
garo@kamarianlaw.com

Hratch J. Karakachian
Glendale, CA 91209
(360) 272-8462
hkarakachian@yahoo.com

John O. Kent
Law Office of John O. Kent
Valley Village, CA 91607
www.jotisklaw.com
(818) 388-5165
jkent@jotisklaw.com

Robert F. Klueger
Klueger & Stein, LLP
Encino, CA 91436
www.lataxlawyers.com
(818) 933-3838
bob@lataxlawyers.com

Charles P. Rettig
Hochman, Salkin, Rettig,
Toscher & Perez, P.C.
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
www.taxlitigator.com
(310) 281-3200
rettig@taxlitigator.com

Kenneth R. Schild
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 621-7970
kenschild@aol.com

Steven Toscher
Hochman, Salkin, Rettig,
Toscher & Perez, P.C.
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
www.taxlitigator.com
(310) 281-3200
toscher@taxlitigator.com

Michael Yeager
Palmdale, CA 93591
(661) 350-3925
mikeyeag@gmail.com

TORTS

Steven L. Friedman
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 365-1555
stevefrdmn@aol.com

TRADEMARK

Markus B. Hopkins
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Irvine, CA 92612
www.cph.com
(949) 476-0757
markus.hopkins@cph.com

Michael MacDermott
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
mm@cph.com

Gary J. Nelson
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
www.cph.com
(626) 795-9900
gary.nelson@cph.com

TRANSPORTATION

Gregg S. Garfinkel
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
www.nemecek-cole.com
(818) 788-9500
ggarfinkel@nemecek-cole.com

Amy W. Lewis
Stone | Dean LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
www.scdlawllp.com
(818) 999-2232
alewis@scdlawllp.com

VETERANS

Michael P. Murray
Howell, MI 48843
(517) 618-9538
mikemurrayesq@gmail.com

**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION LAW**

Anne A. Arabian
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 399-8979
arabian@lbbslaw.com

Guadalupe X. Barragan
Barragan & Satzman, LLP
Los Angeles, CA 90064
(310) 730-6646
guadalupe@barrsatzlaw.com

Jonathan T. Barry
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 789-9444
jb@barrylaw.net

Louis Bermeo
Bermeo & Merluza
Glendale, CA 91202
(818) 731-5325
lbermeo@earthlink.net

Ernest A. Buongiorno
Law Offices of Ernest A. Buongiorno
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 996-9800
ebuongiorno@sbcglobal.net

Michael Burgis
Michael Burgis & Associates, P.C.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411
www.Burgislaw.com
(818) 994-9870
Mburgis@burgislaw.com

Jay S. Cohen
Mullen & Filippi, LLP
Van Nuys, CA 91411
www.mulfil.com
(818) 780-0400
vannuys@mulfil.com

Alan Joseph Cooper
Cooper Law Offices
Studio City, CA 91604
cooperlawoffices.com
(213) 986-8281
alan.cooper2@gmail.com

Lloyd A. Dent
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 812-9060
lloyd@roadrunner.com

Max Gest
Fox & Gest Inc.
Los Angeles, CA 90064
(310) 553-2700
maxgest@sbcglobal.net

Louise Leavitt Greene
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 606-0590
llgreenesq@hotmail.com

Alan Gurvey
Rowen Gurvey & Win
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 981-9960
agurvey@rgwlawfirm.com

Jaswinder K. Han
Bredfeldt, Odukoya & Suarez, LLP
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 783-5341
han@boslawyers.com

Armond Havan
Wax & Wax
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 247-1001
waxlaw.ahavan@outlook.com

Emil Larry Henen
Henen Law Corporation
Valencia, CA 91355
emilehenen@gmail.com
(661) 254-7064
ehenen@henencompensation.com

Demetra Geges Johal
Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi LLP
Pasadena, CA 91101
www.lflm.com
(626) 568-9700
djohal@lflm.com

Matthew J. King
Mullen & Filippi, LLP
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 780-0400
mking@mulfil.com

William J. Kropach
Law Offices of William J. Kropach
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 609-7005
bill@kropachlaw.com

Gold D. Lee
Lewis Marenstein et al.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.lmwslaw.com
(818) 703-6000
gold@lmwslaw.com

Thomas D. McGeever
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 933-6557
dennismcgeeve@att.net

Liora Meszaros
Tarzana, CA 91357
(818) 424-4749
liora.mesz@gmail.com

Robert L. Pearman
Law Offices of Kim H. Pearman
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 787-6500 ext. 314
pearmanlaw@aol.com

George J. Savin
Savin & Bursk
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 368-8646
savinlaw@aol.com

Jeffrey M. Shalmi
Jeffrey M. Shalmi, Attorney at Law, Inc.
Alhambra, CA 91801
www.lawyer4u88.com
(818) 472-0721
jshalmi@yahoo.com

Matthew R. Sher
Law Offices of Matthew R. Sher
Encino, CA 91436
www.lawofficesofmatthewsher.com
(818) 995-8789
msherlaw@gmail.com

Jill T. Shibata
Law Offices of William J. Kropach
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 634-3436
jill@kropachlaw.com

Mark Slipock
Law Offices of Mark Slipock
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 347-4401
Slipocklaw@aol.com

Bonnie Viets Stern
Pearlman, Borska & Wax
Encino, CA 91436
www.pbw-law.com
(818) 501-4343
bvs@4pbw.com

Jeffrey S. Stern
Pearlman, Borska & Wax
Encino, CA 91436
www.pbw-law.com
(818) 501-4343
jss@4pbw.com

Jeffrey S. Swartz
Lewis Marenstein et al.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 703-6000
jswartz@lmwslaw.com

Ashley E. Szabo
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411
(818) 427-4205
ashleyeszabo@gmail.com

John G. Vileisis
Vileisis, Brush & Goldflam
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 598-6730
vbg@vbglaw.net

Alan J. Wax
Wax & Wax
Glendale, CA 91203
www.waxlawfirm.com
(818) 247-1001
alwax@prodigy.net

The names, addresses, phone numbers, emails and other information obtained from this guide may not be used or copied for solicitation or commercial purposes.



Volunteer of the Year 2003

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

STATE CERTIFIED SPECIALIST

WILLIAM J. KROPACH

Over 35 Years Experience

- ✓ All Workers' Compensation Injuries
- ✓ Referral Fee Paid Per State Bar Rules
- ✓ Chairman, Workers' Comp Section of SFVBA (1987 to 2009)
- ✓ Director, Valley Community Legal Foundation of SFVBA (1980-2000)
- ✓ Former Trustee of SFVBA

For Workers' Compensation Referral, call **818.609.7005**

www.williamkropach.com • email: william@kropachlaw.com

ADMINISTRATIVE

Deanna Noe
Docu-Pros
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(323) 928-2699
docu-pros@outlook.com

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

Lucie Barron
ADR Services, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA 90067
(310) 201-0010
lucie@adrservices.org

Milan Slama
Focus on Solutions
Winnetka, CA 91306
www.focuson-solutions.com
(818) 400-2588
milan@focuson-solutions.com

APPELLATE

Hasan Raef Barakat
Lancaster, CA 93535
(310) 988-0523
hasan.r.barakat@gmail.com

APPRAISALS: REAL ESTATE

Patti Kraakevik
L.A. Express Appraisals
Encino, CA 91436
(310) 832-5211
pkraakevik@laexpressappraisals.com

BANKING AND FINANCE

Scott Kunitz
Manufacturers Bank
Encino, CA 91436
(213) 489-6475
skunitz@manubank.com

Anna Markarian
City National Bank
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 487-7515
anna.markarian@cnb.com

Sarah Tillman
City National Bank
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 773-4444
sarah.tillman@cnb.com

BUSINESS LAW

Susan L. Rognlie
Law Office of William C. Staley
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 936-2652
susan@staleylaw.com

BUSINESS VALUATIONS

Randy D. Lewis
LP Valuation, LLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 783-5006
rlewis@lpvals.com

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Jenny J. Chen CPA
Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 254-7663
JChen@hblp.com

Steven B. Garelick
Steven B. Garelick CPA
West Hills, CA 91304
(818) 601-4707
sbgarlickcpa@gmail.com

Chris L. Hamilton CPA, CFE, CVA
Arxis Financial, Inc.
Simi Valley, CA 93063
(805) 306-7890
chamilton@arxisgroup.com

Mel Kohn
Kirsch, Kohn & Bridge, CPAs
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 907-6500
mkohn@kkbcpa.com

Mike Krycler
Krycler, Ervin, Taubman &
Walheim, CPAs
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 995-1040
mike@ketw.com

Donald John Miod
Miod and Company, LLP, CPAs
Valencia, CA 91355
(818) 898-9911
dmiod@miod-cpa.com

Jeff Taubman
Krycler, Ervin, Taubman &
Walheim, CPAs
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 995-1040
jeff@ketw.com

CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATIONS

Ian N. Russ Ph.D.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-5740
ianrussphd@gmail.com

CONSERVATORSHIPS

Francine Teitelbaum
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 907-6097
ftconservator@aol.com

CRIMINAL

John Arason
Criminal Defense Attorney
Support (CDAS)
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 903-6123
cdas@sbcglobal.net



BOSE APPRAISAL SERVICES

Expert Witness U.S. Federal Court & L. A. Superior Court

● Bankruptcy ● Estate Planning
● Family Law ● Tax Appeals

Always Personalized Service • Fastest Turnaround

John C. Bose has over 20+ years of residential experience.

Member: San Fernando Valley Bar Assn., National Assn. of Review Appraisers

Phone: 818.225.7673 • E-mail: john@boseappraisal.com

www.boseappraisal.com

CRA Lic# AR006872

22647 Ventura Blvd., #328, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

DATA AND RECORD MANAGEMENT

Richard A. Dilgren
Konica Minolta Business Solutions
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 231-0893
rdilgren@kmbms.konicaminolta.us

DISABILITY

Julia E. Beck
Beck Consultants
Westlake Village, CA 91361
(805) 496-9052
jbeck@beckconsultants.com

DUI

Joey J. Hernandez
Joey Hernandez Insurance
Solutions
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 616-4947
joey@jhisins.com

EDUCATION

John C. Neimes
ICDC College
Burbank, CA 91504
(818) 787-0007
vergikjohn@att.net

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Martin Levy
Corporate Strategics, Inc.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 377-7260
marty@corpstrat.com

ESTATE PLANNING, WILLS AND TRUSTS

Ron Bitzer
Providence Foundation
Burbank, CA 91505
(310) 415-2796
ron.bitzer@providence.org

Joseph T. Gubbrud
First Foundation Bank
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 993-1322
jgubbrud@ff-inc.com

Stephanie Kane
Southland Title Corp.
Northridge, CA 91325
(800) 510-3520 x451
stephaniekane99@gmail.com

FAMILY LAW

Adelaida De La Torre
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-2120
adelatorre@lewithhackman.com

Ilene Fletcher
Family Visitation Services
Calabasas, CA 91302
(800) 526-5179
visitsbyilene@yahoo.com

Wayne Lorch
Lorch & Company
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(805) 496-4330
wayne@wlorchcpa.com

Susan Elizabeth Rojo
Lipton & Margolin
North Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 508-7100
SrojoParalegal@gmail.com

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/SERVICES

Barry L. Pinsky
UBS Financial Services
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 377-8823
barry.pinsky@ubs.com

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

Susan Carlisle CPA, APC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 888-3223
Carlislecpa@gmail.com

Michael G. Kaplan
Calabasas, CA 91302
www.KaplanForensics.com
(818) 599-2573
michael@kaplanforensics.com

Leah Lasseube
White, Zuckerman et al.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 981-4226
llasseube@wzwlw.com

Barbara Ann Riggs
Stern Kory Sreden & Morgan AAC
Santa Clarita, CA 91381
(661) 286-1040 x112
barbara@sksm.com

Jason Rubin
Certified Strategies, Inc.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 478-7969
jason.rubin@certifiedstrategies.com

Jeremy Salvador
Miod and Company, LLP, CPAs
Valencia, CA 91355
(818) 898-9911
Jeremy@miod-cpa.com

Robert Schreiber
CMM, LLP
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 986-5070
rschreiber@cmmcpas.com

Paul J. White CPA
White, Zuckerman et al.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 981-4226
pwhite@wzwlw.com

Reunification, Couples and Family Therapy



- Child Custody Evaluations
- Solution Focused /Parenting Plan Assessments
- Analysis and Evaluation of Child Custody Reports
- Case Consultation and Litigation Support Services
- Parenting Plans and Co-parenting
- Child and Adolescent Therapy
- Couples and Family Therapy
- Reunification Therapy
- Expert Witness

*Can Your Client
Use My Help?*



Terri L. Asanovich, M.F.T. Inc.

Two Locations

*Sherman Oaks ~ 818-906-3734
Los Angeles ~ 310.273.0500*



FAMILY VISITATION SERVICES  **Supervised Visitations
That You Can Depend On!**
Our Commitment for a Brighter Tomorrow...

Since 1986



ILENE B. FLETCHER
(818) 968-8586 • (800) 526-5179
ilenefletcher@hotmail.com

Family Visitation Services Executive Director Ilene Fletcher has provided supervised visitations since 1986, serving over 3,000 families. Ilene promotes a family-friendly approach and asserts that this is essential for the best supervised visitations. Families undergoing a highly conflicted and stressful custody battle need the experience, knowledge, and empathy that Ilene provides. We offer our services *without fear or favor toward either parent*. Providing monitors who can remain neutral to all parties is at the heart of our professional services. Effective monitoring cultivates, builds and maintains relationships that a conflict may have damaged between children and their parents.

www.FamilyVisitationServices.com

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT LAW

J.A. Gelinas
Marina del Rey, CA 90295
(818) 437-2886
jagelinas@aol.com

HEALTH LAW

Gracie Gomez
Neighborhood Legal Services
of LA County
Pacoima, CA 91331
(818) 834-7569
graciegomez@nls-la.org

HEALTHCARE

Akiva Greenfield
Los Angeles, CA 90004
www.luxhealthnetwork.com
(310) 870-7180
akiva@luxhealthnetwork.com

INVESTIGATIONS

Zeev Haskal
Mega Group Inc.
North Hollywood, CA 91602
(818) 392-5740
zeev@megagroupinvestigations.com

LANDLORD/TENANT

Richard W. Daugherty
Legal Writes
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 908-8830
publicadvocate@msn.com

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Marcia Watson Wasserman
Comprehensive Management
Solutions
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 885-9080
mwasserman@comprehensivemgmt.com

LEGAL MALPRACTICE

Al Hernandez
Lawyers Pacific Insurance
Brokerage, Inc.
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 576-9205
alhernandez@lawyerspacific.com

LEGAL RESEARCH

John Greenfield
CaseEdge
Saugus, CA 91350
(661) 310-8497
jgreenfield@caseedge.com

MARKETING

Scott Smith
Sacramento, CA 95819
(916) 453-8611
scott@bizstarz.com

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Tawnya L. Gilreath
L.A. Business Pros
North Hollywood, CA 91603
(818) 781-0082
tawnyag@labusinesspros.com

NURSE CONSULTANT

Tricia West
P.J. West and Associates, Inc.
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(818) 707-0051
twest@pjwa.com

PARALEGAL

Carolyn L. Balian
Balian & Associates
West Hills, CA 91307
(818) 702-0490
cbalian@balian-and-associates.com

Eileen Becker
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Birnberg
& Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
ebecker@ocslaw.com

Carmela B. Camp
Templeton & Associates
Winnetka, CA 91306
(818) 709-6400
cbclegal@socal.rr.com

Valarie Dean
TechnoTaries, Inc.
Tarzana, CA 91356
(310) 736-1237
vdean@perfectvirtualexecutive.com

Davi Dillon
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Birnberg
& Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
ddillon@ocslaw.com

Eleanor M. Farber
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(818) 991-1708
dadandme@aol.com

Stephen Gergely
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Birnberg
& Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
sgergely@ocslaw.com

Lynda S. Gibson
Toibb Enterprises, Inc.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 883-3215
lynda@toibb.com

Brian J. Goldenfeld
BJG Legal Support Services
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
legaleagle0326@gmail.com

DELIVERING VALUE



Jenny Chen, Partner

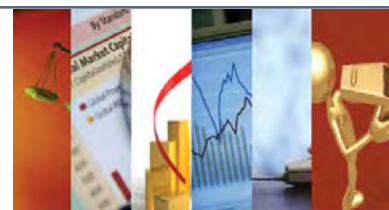
Specializes in serving law firms and other professional services

- * Attestation/Accounting
- * Tax Planning and Compliance (Multi-State, International)
- * Audits of Employee Benefit Plans
- * Tax Credits and Incentives
- * Controllershship
- * Business Valuation
- * Estate and Trust Planning
- * IT Systems Review and Consulting



HUTCHINSON AND BLOODGOOD LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
550 N. Brand Blvd., 14th Floor Glendale, CA 91203
t 818.637.5000 www.hbllp.com

FULCRUM INQUIRY



DAVID E. NOLTE

888 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET, SUITE 2000
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 213-787-4111
EMAIL: DNOLTE@FULCRUM.COM
WEB: WWW.FULCRUM.COM

Degrees/Licenses

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified Management Accounts (CMA), Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV), and MBA's in Accounting, Finance, Economics, and related subjects.

Specialties

Our analysis and research combined with unique presentation techniques have resulted in an unequalled track record in successful court cases and client recoveries. We have a depth of professional resources to deliver on near-term deadlines. We thoughtfully incorporate technology into our work to provide great results at a more reasonable cost. Our expertise encompasses damages analysis, lost profit studies, business & intangible asset valuations, fraud investigations, statistics, forensic economic analysis, royalty audits, strategic & market assessments, competitive surveys, analysis of computerized data, injury and employment damages, and a wide range of other financial advisory services. We serve the entire nation.

Justin P. Grams
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 788-9500
jgrams@nemecek-cole.com

Cindy M. Hitz
Berman & Berman, APLC
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 593-5050
cindyh@berman-law.com

Charles E. Houston
Canoga Park, CA 91304
(818) 703-8255
mod98@earthlink.net

Rebecca Johnson
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Birnberg
& Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
rjohnson@ocslaw.com

Theresa Krant
Greenberg & Bass
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 382-6200
twilliams@greenbass.com

Donna Lynn
Wasserman Law Group
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 609-2312
donna2006@gmail.com

Yvonne Maghsodi
Nemecek & Cole
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 788-9500
ymaghsodi@nemecek-cole.com

Andrea Nielsen
Newbury Park, CA 91320
(805) 498-1348
aln71199@yahoo.com

Deb Philben
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Birnberg
& Coleman
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 986-8080
dphilben@ocslaw.com

Dawn L. Roberts
Briskin, Latzanich & Pene LLP
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 881-2090
dlr-blp@pacbell.net

Cheryl K. Templeton
Templeton & Associates
Winnetka, CA 91306
(818) 709-6400
cheryl@socallrr.com

Jacque L. Vogel
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 624-7323
jacquev34@gmail.com

Lisa Whiting
Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro,
Marshall & Harlan
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-2120
lwhiting@lewittackman.com

PATENT

Amber Reilly
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(626) 795-9900
amber.reilly@cph.com

PATENT AGENT

Nicole Ballew Chang
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(626) 795-9900
nbc@cph.com

Charles E. Jensen
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(626) 795-9900
cej@cph.com

Olga Katsnelson
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(626) 795-9900
olga.katsnelson@cph.com

Daniel Ueno
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(626) 795-9900
daniel.ueno@cph.com

Yuan Yuan Zhang
Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP
Glendale, CA 91203
(626) 795-9900
yuan.zhang@cph.com

PRO BONO

Sharon Bashan
Neighborhood Legal Services of
LA County
Glendale, CA 91205
(818) 291-1797
sharonbashan@nls-la.org

PROBATE

Linda Atkinson
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 832-6849
linda@atkinsonpfs.com

Anngel Benoun
Dilbeck Real Estate
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 728-2396
Anngel4re@earthlink.net

Jonathan B. Brooks
First Probate Loans
Encino, CA 91436
(310) 487-6944
EstateLoan@Gmail.com

Lisa C. Lawson
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
(818) 225-7548
lisalawson1@sbcglobal.net

Mayra P. Santana
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 254-6277
mpsantana@sbcglobal.net

Maryann M. Tomkovicz
Wakeman Law Group, Inc.
Westlake Village, CA 91362
(805) 379-1186
maryann@wakemanlaw.com

Larry L. Weiner
Flans & Weiner, Inc.
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 501-4888
l.weiner@flansweiner.com

Kathy Whitmire
Independent Probate Paralegal
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805) 446-2799
conejokate@msn.com

PROCESS SERVICE

Sarah Beth Linn
Call Me Process Serving
Northridge, CA 91327
(818) 317-0007
callmeprocessserving@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Vincent A. Cesarani
Lawyers Liability Insurance
Services
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 874-9008
vcesarani@aol.com

REAL PROPERTY

Richard Albert
Pro Trust Real Estate
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(323) 929-7653
ralbert@protrustre.com

Margarita F. Billings
Flagship Escrow
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-3565
margarita@flagshippescrow.com

Laura Dietz
Summit Realty
North Hollywood, CA 91605
(818) 782-7422
lauradietz@earthlink.net

Harma Hartouni
Keller Williams - Harma &
Associates
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 421-7110
Harma@HarmasListings.com

James Johnson
Pinnacle Estate Properties Inc.
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 601-4633
james@pinprop.com

Ellen Katzman
Keller Williams Calabasas
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 692-6203
ellenkatzman@sbcglobal.net

Lauretta A. Martin
TMG Properties
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 709-2525 x102
tmgrealestate@socal.rr.com

Candy Peak
PEAK Premier Properties
Burbank, CA 91502
(818) 400-8485
candypeak@candypeak.com

Arthur S. Pfefferman
Coldwell Banker Commercial
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 516-0257
art@pfeffermancre.com

Carol Rushay-Otero
Rodeo Realty
Northridge, CA 91324
(818) 606-2694
carol@carolotero.com

Ben Salem
Rodeo Realty
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
(818) 266-1560
ben@bensalemproperties.com

Joyce Strazzulla
Chicago Title Company
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(310) 625-7832
strazzullaj@ctt.com

Enid E. Tobias
Flagship Escrow
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 990-3565
enid@flagshippescrow.com

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Lynne L. Tracy
Lynne Tracy & Associates
Calabasas, CA 91302
(310) 488-8450
lynnetracy@sbcglobal.net

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Dr. Stanley L. Goodman M.D.
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 986-7826
marketing@goodmanforensic.com

Jennifer W. Peters
Anthem Blue Cross, Worker's
Comp Division
Northridge, CA 91325
(818) 517-4596
jenwp@sbcglobal.net

Referring the Best Attorneys Since 1948



The Attorney Referral Service of the SFVBA is a valuable service, one that operates for the direct purpose of referring potential clients to qualified attorneys. It also pays dividends to the attorneys involved. Many of the cases referred by the ARS earn significant fees for panel attorneys.

(818) 227-0490
www.sfvbaReferral.com

At over 200 MPH, the Peregrine Falcon is the fastest animal on the planet.

Rumor has it they trained here at Atkinson-Baker.



Contact us
for your SFVBA
Special Rates!


ATKINSON BAKER
America's Court Reporters

www.depo.com

25 years of fast, accurate Court Reporting.
Call NOW to schedule with us. 800-288-3376

ERISA LAWYERS

**WE SUE INSURANCE COMPANIES
FOR WRONGFULLY DENYING:**

- **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**
- **LIFE INSURANCE CLAIMS**
- **LONG TERM DISABILITY &**
- **LONG TERM CARE CLAIMS**

**WE HANDLE INSURANCE CLAIMS UNDER
THE FEDERAL LAWS OF ERISA,
AS WELL AS INSURANCE BAD FAITH LAWS.**
[Attorney referral fees paid pursuant to State Bar rules]

Handling matters throughout California



818.886.2525 ▪ 877.783.8686 TOLL FREE
www.kantorlaw.net

Dedicated to helping people receive the insurance benefits to which they are entitled



Jack Trimarco Polygraph, Inc.

When you need to impress someone with the truth.

LAW OFFICES OF
ALISON F. TRIESSL
A CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE

WWW.ALISONTRIESSLAW.COM

15300 VENTURA BOULEVARD, SUITE 300
SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA 91403

TELEPHONE (818) 990-2033
FACSIMILE (818) 990-5531

February 10, 2013

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alison Triessl. I am a criminal defense attorney specializing in murder, third strike and drug cases. Without a doubt, Jack Trimarco's polygraphs have been an invaluable asset to my practice.


I recently represented USTA Tennis official Lois Goodman who was accused of murdering her husband. She did not commit the crime and Jack Trimarco's polygraph was instrumental in negotiations with the District Attorney which resulted in a dismissal of all of the charges.

Whenever I consider whether to have a client take a polygraph, there is only one name in the conversation – Jack Trimarco. His level of credibility, professionalism, and experience is unparalleled in the field and garners the respect of prosecutors and defense attorneys alike.

I have worked with Mr. Trimarco for over twelve years and simply put, I adore him. Not only is he the best in the field, he is an absolute pleasure to work with. He is a hardworking, dedicated professional with unquestioned qualifications and integrity.

Warm regards,


Alison Triessl


Jack Trimarco & Associates
310.247.2637

www.jacktrimarco.com • jack@jacktrimarco.com
CA PI. #20970
9454 Wilshire Blvd., 6th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

- SFVBA membership for every firm attorney and paralegal
- Prominent listing in *Valley Lawyer* and firm logo on President's Circle page of SFVBA website
- Recognition and 5% discount on tables at Bar-wide events, including Judges' Night
- Invitations to President's Circle exclusive events with bench officers, community leaders and large firms

WE RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTING THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND ITS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

Alpert Barr & Grant APLC
Christie Parker & Hale LLP
Law Offices of Goldfarb Sturman & Averbach
Goshgarian & Marshall, PLC
Kantor & Kantor LLP
Law Offices of Marcia L. Kraft
Pearson Simon & Warshaw LLP
Greenberg & Bass LLP
Oldman Cooley Sallus Birnberg & Coleman LLP
Stone | Dean LLP
Lewitt Hackman Shapiro Marshall & Harlan ALC
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Nemecek & Cole
Parker Milliken Clark O'Hara & Samuelian APC
University of West Los Angeles School of Law

Contact SFVBA Executive Director Liz Post at (818) 227-0490, ext. 101 or epost@sfvba.org to sign up your firm today!

By Elizabeth Post

SILVER ANNIVERSARY—Members of San Fernando Valley Bar Association celebrated 25th Anniversary of founding with banquet held Friday evening in San Fernando Valley Country Club, Woodland Hills, when assemblage was addressed by Stanley W. Schneider, Judge of Superior Court. Among participants, seated from left to right: Herbert A. Decker, Phil Richards and Harold Schweitzer. Standing: Charles E. Swander, James Reitz, I. Victor Tierman and Hubert W. ...



Neveel Gurnix, SFVBA founder



March 7, 2013

Valley Community Legal Foundation	\$ 100,000.00
-----------------------------------	---------------

One Hundred Thousand**

Donation

David J. Garrison SFVBA President
David L. Cohen ADS Director



Stanly M. Lintz, S.F.V.B.A. President, 1980



232

San Fernando Valley Bar Association
15th Anniversary Banquet

\$1.25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1941

Informal

**VALLEY BAR ASSN
IN DRIVE FOR
MORE COURTS**

aiming to lead the way in vigorous and untiring campaign for a Superior Court in the San Fernando Valley and for expansion of the Municipal Court program that Los Angeles County has been developing with marked success. Judge Herbert A. Denker, also president of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, announced that the association is planning to be a conspicuous factor in the bar association work of Los Angeles County for 1955.



JUDGE H. A. DECKER

[illegible]

Elizabeth Post is Executive Director of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, a position she has held since 1994, and Publisher of Valley Lawyer. She can be reached at epost@sfvba.org.

SINCE 1926, THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BAR Association (SFVBA) has played a significant role in the development of the practice of law in the Valley and the greater Los Angeles area. Established when the area was still a farming community with just a fraction of its current day population, the small group of lawyers who gathered for the association's first meeting could not have imagined how much the Valley, the profession, and the SFVBA would have grown in nearly a hundred years.

Today, the SFVBA is one of the premier local bar associations in California and the nation. It provides professional development services and networking opportunities to more than 2,000 members and is a trusted resource for law related public services and information to area residents.

Bringing the Courts to the Valley

The major driving force behind the establishment of the association was the need for a courthouse in the San Fernando Valley. Twenty-seven lawyers signed on as charter members at the SFVBA's first meeting on October 26, 1926. Robert L. Hanley was named the Bar's first president. The association's first major project was a collection of data regarding the need for a municipal court in the San Fernando Valley. At the time, justice courts in Burbank and San Fernando handled only minor matters. All other cases had to be taken to the Hall of Justice downtown, a distance of about 29 miles from the western edge of the Valley. The trip could take almost an hour and a half by the Pacific Electric red car or considerably longer by automobile.

Two months after forming the association, members presented a petition to the judges of the Los Angeles Municipal Court outlining the difficulties faced by lawyers in the Valley. Their complaints were centered on the distance from the Hall of Justice, the costs in time and money to travel there, and the growing volume of cases. Implicit in their arguments was the principle that "justice delayed is justice denied." Their work proved to be a success and in March 1927, a branch of the municipal court was established in Van Nuys.

Over the years, the SFVBA remained the area's most ardent advocate for expanded court services and modernized facilities. Its work resulted in the expansion of the municipal court in Van Nuys to hold full-time sessions, with a full-time judge assigned in 1949. Throughout the decades, the Bar opposed proposed cuts to court hours, staff and funding.

It is difficult to believe that the court services currently offered were not always available and that, in fact, the establishment of the first courthouse required a tremendous amount of study and lobbying. Thanks to the efforts of an organized group of lawyers who recognized the Valley's

growing potential and need, access to justice was possible in their own neighborhoods. We now count on courthouses in San Fernando, Sylmar, Burbank, Glendale, Van Nuys, Chatsworth and Santa Clarita.

Raising the Standards

Central to the SFVBA's mission is the professional development of its members and the promotion of "the highest standards of professionalism, competence and ethical conduct." Early in its history, the SFVBA dealt with a particularly persistent problem facing the profession: the unauthorized practice of law. Though requirements for admission to practice law in the 1930s were minimal compared to today's standards, it did not keep unscrupulous individuals from hanging out shingles without a license.

In 1933, the SFVBA joined other Los Angeles area bar associations in an effort to stamp out the unlicensed practice of law. It opposed proposed action by the California Assembly to repeal the act that had established the California State Bar and cooperated with the State Bar throughout the decade to raise professional standards for licensing.

Today, Valley attorneys are able to keep up with the latest developments in case law and best practices through the SFVBA's continuing legal education seminars. Each month, the Bar offers numerous educational seminars through its 12 practice sections. Guest speakers often include Superior Court judges and certified experts in various areas of law. Members can easily complete their MCLE requirements through these monthly programs or through the Bar's annual MCLE Marathon, a special two-day program offering seminars on legal ethics, elimination of bias and the prevention of substance abuse. For added convenience, the SFVBA also makes most of its programs available online through its recording partner, Versatape.

The SFVBA also promotes professional growth through its regular networking events. Early in its history, the Bar combined the two goals of education and networking through its monthly dinner meetings. Over the years, as the association and the number of lawyers in the Valley grew, the need emerged for dedicated networking mixers. Today, the Bar offers these events to its members free of charge.

The SFVBA also hosts formal social events twice a year: an Annual Judges' Night Dinner in February and an Installation Dinner in September. All of these events provide members with an opportunity to expand their network for referrals, exchange tips and ideas, and create camaraderie among attorneys.

A Growing Need for Legal Services

Since its establishment, the SFVBA has focused much of its attention to the improvement of access to legal services

for Valley residents. In 1948, it established a legal aid and lawyer referral service to connect community members with qualified attorneys.

By the 1960s, the area's need for legal aid was growing. Up until then, it had largely been supported by donations and fundraising. As the SFVBA was looking to expand its legal aid services, it was approached by the newly established Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) about collaborating to provide legal services to the poorest areas of the Valley. The board voted to work with NLS, marking the start of a very close relationship that continues today. By the 1970s, the SFVBA disbanded its legal aid program in favor of offering its support to NLS to better meet the legal needs of the poor. In 2000, along with NLS, it helped establish the Self-Help Center at the Van Nuys courthouse.

Though the SFVBA's legal aid was disbanded, its referral service continued to grow and is now known as the Attorney Referral Service (ARS) of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. It is one of the longest-running referral services certified by the State Bar of California. Operated and overseen by the SFVBA and its Board of Trustees, it maintains its own staff, advisory committee and budget.

The ARS is dedicated to three fundamentals: the education of its members and the public concerning the law, the legal profession, and the judicial system; the growth of the legal profession; and the promotion of meaningful access to legal representation and the justice system for all persons regardless of their economic or social conditions.

The ARS is a trusted resource for individuals, families and businesses in the Valley who are seeking to hire qualified and vetted attorneys. The public can count on the ARS to refer the right attorneys for their particular legal issues. Attorneys who participate in the ARS are able to rely on the marketing efforts and reputation of the Bar's referral service to grow their practice.

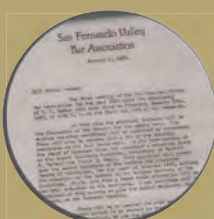
As a service to the community, the ARS also operates the Senior Citizens Legal Services Program through local senior centers to meet the needs of the Valley's aging population. Since June 1977, volunteer attorneys from the ARS have partnered with local senior citizen centers to provide low-cost consultations and legal services at reduced rates. For nearly forty years, the Senior Citizen Legal Services Program has empowered thousands of seniors, age 60 and over, to utilize and protect their legal and consumer rights.

The ARS also provides a Modest Means Program for low-income clients and a Limited Scope Representation Program for certain family law cases. These programs meet the needs of litigants in certain areas of law who cannot afford regular attorney rates but who don't qualify for free legal aid. True to the SFVBA's mission, the ARS makes available programs like these to ensure access to justice for all Valley residents.

An Avenue for Service

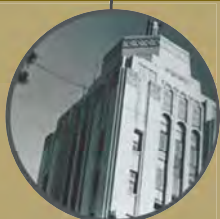
From the very beginning, the SFVBA has been dedicated to the overall positive development of the Valley community. It has supported the rule of law and the ideals of equality and justice for all. Through its charitable foundation, it supports law students and law related community programs. Through its Inclusion & Diversity Committee, it promotes the legal profession as a viable career path for communities that have been historically underrepresented in the legal field. The SFVBA remains an organization devoted to public service and provides its members with many opportunities to give back.

Formed in 1979, the Valley Community Legal Foundation (VCLF) is the charitable arm of the SFVBA. For more than 35 years, VCLF has worked tirelessly to promote respect for the law and its institutions. It has supported the legal education of hundreds of local aspiring attorneys and awarded grants to many deserving



1926
27 lawyers become charter members of San Fernando Valley Bar Association

1927
Branch of Los Angeles Municipal Court opens in Van Nuys



1947
Los Angeles Super Court opens branch in San Fernando

1948
SFVBA establishes Legal Aid and Lawyer Referral Service



1977
Lawyer Referral Service partners with senior citizen centers to provide low cost consultations

organizations, including Haven Hills, West Valley Boys & Girls Club, and the Northridge Hospital's Center for Assault Treatment Services.

VCLF was instrumental in establishing the Children's Waiting Rooms in the Van Nuys and San Fernando courthouses. The Children's Waiting Rooms offer children safe care and protection from the often bitter litigation in which their parents are engaged.

The Foundation is now also in charge of operating Blanket the Homeless, one of the SFVBA's oldest and most popular charitable events. Every year, SFVBA members donate funds to purchase new wool blankets that are distributed to local homeless and family crisis centers. The ARS also operates a free legal clinic during the blanket distribution at an area homeless shelter. Members are always eager to volunteer at this event.

The SFVBA is also proud of its longstanding dedication to diversity in the legal profession. In fact, women played an important role early in its history with celebrated attorney (and later judge) Oda Faulconer serving as the SFVBA's first vice-president in 1926. It wasn't until 1987 that the SFVBA elected Barbara Jean Penny as its first female president, who was succeeded by Terri G. Lynch in 1988. The Bar also met another milestone in 2005 when it installed its first African American president, Richard A. Lewis. In 2016, the Bar celebrates another great accomplishment with the installation of its first openly LGBT president, Carol L. Newman. The SFVBA is also an active member of the Multicultural Bar Alliance of Southern California.


The SFVBA recognizes that efforts to diversify the profession are most effective when they begin early in school. The Bar sponsored law posts in local high schools to expose students to the law, the courts and the legal profession. Its Inclusion & Diversity Committee is now in charge of law posts at community colleges.

Looking Forward

During its 89-year history, the SFVBA has been an advocate for Valley attorneys and residents. Its efforts have resulted in expanded court services and legal resources to meet the increasing needs in the area. But it recognizes that its work isn't over.

In looking towards the future and changing needs of its members, it plans to modernize its educational offerings and referral service to meet today's challenges. MCLE seminars will soon be offered through the convenience of webinars and member benefits will be upgraded through new Bar sponsorships. The ARS recently launched a new website and search engine optimization campaign to better target potential clients online. It is also continuing to improve its marketing campaign to attract even better cases from members of the public who aren't yet aware of this valuable resource.

The SFVBA is also improving the programs it makes available to the public. In addition to providing a highly-regarded Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program for the resolution of attorney-client fee disputes, the Bar has recently sponsored the launch of the Valley Bar Mediation Center (VBMC). VBMC grew out of the need for affordable mediation services to fill the void left by the dismantling of the Los Angeles Superior Court's ADR program. The VBMC is currently expanding by adding more mediators to its panel, offering mediation services to more litigants, and providing training to future mediators. Through these programs, the SFVBA continues to improve the public's access to justice while keeping disputes from being added to the court system's overburdened docket.

As it enters its tenth decade, the SFVBA moves forward with confidence that it will successfully meet the new challenges of the profession. In its current work and future projects, Valley lawyers will carry on the legacy of public service and advocacy for increased access to justice for local residents and continued professional growth for local attorneys. 

1979

SFVBA forms Valley Community Legal Foundation, the charitable arm of the SFVBA



1994

Northridge Earthquake strikes the San Fernando Valley



2013

Attorney Referral Service donates \$100,000 to VCLF



1987

SFVBA elects Barbara Jean Penny as first female president



2000

SFVBA partners with Neighborhood Legal Services to open Self-Help Legal Access Center in Van Nuys courthouse



2014

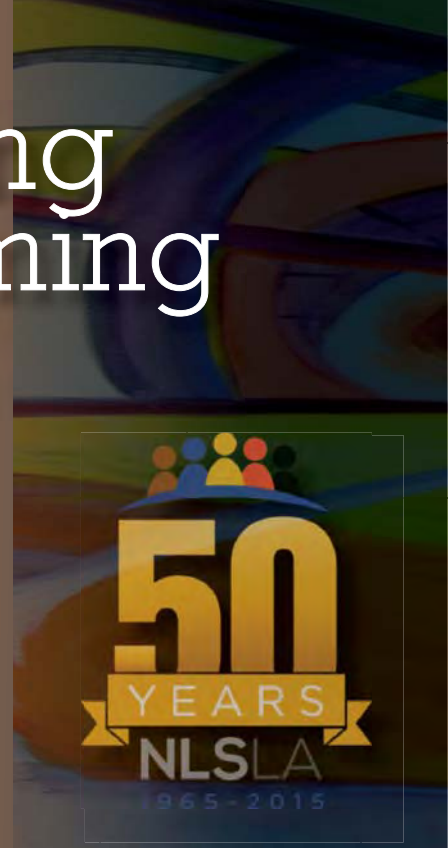
SFVBA sponsors Valley Bar Mediation Center



50 Years of Changing Lives and Transforming Communities

NLSLA Celebrates its Legacy and Looks to the Future

By Neal S. Dudovitz and Yvonne Mariajimenez



IN 1965, A GROUP OF YOUNG ATTORNEYS, MOTIVATED by a belief that the law could be a powerful tool for social and economic justice, gathered in Pacoima in a dilapidated office in the northeastern part of the San Fernando Valley. They didn't know it at the time, but they were forming what would one day become one of the largest, most influential public interest law firms in the state—a place that would transform the lives of countless people living in poverty across Los Angeles County and beyond.

But in those early years, the attorneys had more modest goals. They wanted to widen access to justice to the poorest sections of the county, areas where residents were struggling with substandard housing and a lack of access to health care, education, and employment.

"We were part of something new," said Joel Aaronson, who joined the group right out of law school in 1967 and later became its second Executive Director. "We were going to make substantive changes in the way institutions interacted with poor people, and we were going to do it through what we knew best, the legal system."

1965 was also the first year of the nation's War on Poverty, a set of initiatives that came on the heels of landmark civil rights legislation and were intended to create pathways out of poverty and alleviate its impact on

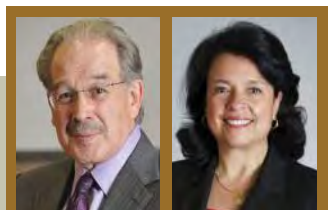
individuals, families and communities. The War on Poverty generated Medicare and Medicaid, expanded social security benefits, cemented the food stamps program, and established the Job Corps and Head Start Program.

It also created the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), which launched an initiative to establish legal aid programs across the country. The San Fernando Valley Bar Association (SFVBA), recognizing an opportunity to bring critical legal help to low-income people in the Valley, partnered with local community groups to realize that vision. San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services, today known as Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA), was a direct outgrowth of that effort.

"This was a new concept: that the federal government was going to provide legal services for those who least could afford it and who had the least amount of representation," Aaronson said. "And with that we were going to change the dynamic."

NLSLA was a small organization at the time, with only six or seven attorneys, but it was already becoming part of the fabric of the San Fernando Valley. So when the 1971 Sylmar earthquake hit, the organization rushed to find ways to help those who were impacted.

"We demanded that we get extra money to help people," Aaronson said. "And not from the office funding legal services, but as part of federal disaster relief."



Neal S. Dudovitz is Executive Director of Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County. For nearly 40 years, he has been dedicated to providing meaningful access to justice to our nation's poor. He can be reached at ndudovitz@nlsla.org. As Deputy Director of NLSLA, **Yvonne Mariajimenez** assists in overseeing its day-to-day operations, administration, fundraising and program policy. She can be reached at ymariajimenez@nlsla.org.

It was likely the first time legal aid was seen as a critical part of disaster relief. Humberto Lopez, who was a paralegal with NLSLA at the time, remembers it well.

"We got a lot of complaints from people whose homes had been damaged," he said. "Contractors were taking advantage of homeowners who got federal funds to repair homes."

The organization received funding to hire an attorney and a community outreach worker to respond to these and other earthquake-related legal issues. It was an experience that would position NLSLA to respond swiftly to the Northridge quake some 23 years later.

Aviva Bobb, who joined NLSLA the year of the Sylmar quake and succeeded Aaronson as Executive Director several years later, said the response to the earthquake was just one example of how in those early days attorneys at the organization developed expertise as needed. "We did everything," said Bobb, who went on to become a Los Angeles Superior Court judge and retired from the bench in 2009. "We were a good, hard-charging group trying to help people and do good things."

Lopez stayed with NLSLA for more than 40 years and retired in 2012. He recalled fondly those early days when a group of scrappy idealists rolled up their sleeves to do whatever needed doing. "The secretaries, the lawyers and the field reps would get together on a Saturday to paint the office," he said. "There were no frills. We used to get donated couches and we used to cover them with bed sheets. It was very grassroots."

But as the organization grew, extending its impact to impoverished communities throughout Los Angeles County, its image began to mature as well. "At some point legal services people stopped wearing jeans and started to dress more professionally," said Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Bruce Iwasaki, who joined the organization fresh out of law school in 1976. "The change was: 'We're not just a storefront; we are a law firm representing low-income people.' And that was a kind of maturation that was happening all over the country."

Just two years before Iwasaki joined the group, President Nixon, responding to congressional and bar pressure to establish legal services as a permanent part of the national fabric, signed legislation creating the Legal Services Corporation, an independent corporation that would receive funds from Congress to distribute to local legal aid organizations. The LSC, as it came to be known, cemented the role legal aid would play in addressing the core causes of poverty, supporting the development of opportunities for people to move themselves out of poverty, and protecting and enforcing the legal rights of poor people.

"It was a pivotal time for San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services, as it was called then," Iwasaki said. "In the past there was this sense of helping anybody

who walked through the door. But now we wanted to identify the needs in the community and figure out how to best address them."

Widening the Impact

The organization began to focus on the core roots of poverty, using its skills and resources strategically to produce transformative change.

"One of the things NLSLA has always been good at is having people on the staff that have strong ties with community groups, elected officials and others who understand what's going on in the community," Iwasaki said. "If you talk to elected officials, they know Neighborhood Legal Services. If you talk to community groups, whether its civil rights organizations or housing advocates or health policy advocates, they'll say 'NLSLA, we know them well. We work with them.' Why is that important? Because it's all about the community. It's about knowing what the community needs."

Those connections to the community began to shape NLSLA's advocacy model, combining direct legal services to help individuals and families with policy advocacy and high-impact litigation to transform entire neighborhoods.

In 1979, the organization sued the City of Los Angeles in an effort to change the way police officers respond to domestic violence calls. In *Thomas et al. v. City of Los Angeles*¹, the lead plaintiff, Lula Mae Thomas, had called the police each of the 15 times her husband assaulted her between 1972 and 1979, but she was largely ignored. Instead of protecting women from their attackers, police officers routinely ignored their calls, discouraged them from pressing charges by saying it was a family matter, and encouraged them to reconcile with their abuser.

"It's almost impossible to believe today, but the prevailing attitude was that assaults on women—and often children—were nothing more than family disputes," said NLSLA Deputy Director Yvonne Mariajimez, who had joined the organization as a paralegal the year before. "Police officers, in a department that at the time had very few women, felt it was not their job. They believed it was merely a family spat. They would never arrest anybody or do anything to help the women."

The *Thomas* case forced the Los Angeles Police Department to implement new policies and accept its responsibility to protect the victims of domestic violence. It also mandated extensive training for officers that the department has since embraced and institutionalized "It was a landmark case for women across Los Angeles County," Mariajimez said. "It changed the policy and practices of the LAPD, and the culture of the community's response to violence against women."

The case was the result of the passions of two remarkable women who were lifelong advocates for survivors of domestic violence: NLSLA head family law attorney Dawn

Tillman and pro bono attorney Laura Weinroth. Tillman had spent years helping women obtain restraining orders against abusive spouses. Weinroth, a sole practitioner, also ran a counseling center for domestic violence survivors.

"They spent hundreds of hours listening to 911 calls from women in serious crisis that were mostly ignored by the LAPD," Mariajimenez said. "They have both passed, but their legacy lives on in the lives of thousands of women."

The 1980s proved to be a tumultuous decade for legal aid. Shortly after the *Thomas* lawsuit was filed, President Ronald Reagan took office. Long a critic of federally-funded legal aid, President Reagan immediately began to slash its funding, forcing the country's legal services groups to try to meet an ever-growing need with drastically reduced resources.

In response, NLSLA focused on developing innovative programs that allowed the organization to leverage its resources. In 1985, the organization again joined forces with the SFVBA to open the Valley Family Law Center. The Center, relying on Valley pro bono attorneys, provided legal services on family law issues, including divorce, child custody, and domestic violence.

often leaving people homeless. "They wouldn't even give them a simple hearing," said NLSLA Director of Litigation David Pallack. "Their rights, and the facts, did not matter."

*Blackwell v. Lund*² stopped the Housing Authorities from terminating, denying or delaying Section 8 rent subsidy benefits without good cause, notice and a hearing. "They completely changed their practices," Pallack said. "Eventually, as a result of this and other lawsuits, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development enacted federal regulations requiring notice and a hearing any time a tenant was to be terminated from the Section 8 program. And it's made a world of difference."

The Big Quake

The early 1990s initially brought a period of relative calm for legal aid programs. During the first years of the Clinton administration, funding for legal aid spiked—albeit temporarily—and NLSLA extended its reach, taking over two adjoining spaces in Pacoima to accommodate the growth. In January of 1994, the organization was getting ready to celebrate the renovation of the Pacoima office that connected all three spaces. But the event would never take place.



NLSLA Board President Richard Tom and Board Member and Past President Tamila Jensen, who is also a former SFVBA president
Photo by Christopher Stewart



Even as it grew its direct services, NLSLA kept its eye on systemic change, bringing cases that had far-reaching impact throughout Los Angeles. That was especially true in the area of housing, which was a major focus for NLSLA at the time.

One example is the organization's challenge of the Los Angeles City and County Housing Authorities' practice of unilaterally terminating families' housing subsidies without even the semblance of due process, forcing families to move out of safe housing, disrupting children's education, and

In the early morning hours of January 17, 1994, a major earthquake struck the San Fernando Valley, killing 57 people, injuring thousands of others, and causing more than \$20 billion in property damages. NLSLA Executive Director Neal Dudovitz had joined the organization just six months earlier.

"I came out to the Pacoima office within a few hours of the Northridge Earthquake and it felt like a war zone," he said. "I was immediately confronted by neighbors who were outside on the streets, afraid to go inside their homes. They were desperate because they had no access to food and

water, so we dug through the rubble of what had been our office to find those big water cooler bottles and put them out for our neighbors.”

Dudovitz was struck by the devastation. “I knew right away that it was not going to be business as usual,” he said. “Our clients couldn’t function as they had before and neither could we. We had to be entirely focused on our clients’ survival and on helping them rebuild their lives. We also recognized that together, we had an incredible opportunity to rebuild our community and make it better.”

The organization mobilized a disaster response that would later become the model for legal aid groups across the country. Within 48 hours of the quake, Dudovitz was on a military helicopter with the head of FEMA and several cabinet members surveying the damage and discussing the response. The group stopped at the first disaster center, set up in Van Nuys, to talk to people who were there to get food, medical services, and shelter.

“The most obvious thing that stood out was lack of language capacity,” Dudovitz said. “They had virtually nobody who spoke Spanish. We were walking with HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and he started interpreting for people.”



NLSLA Director Neal Dudovitz and Deputy Director Yvonne Marijimenez
Photo by Daren Cornell

Within 24 hours FEMA brought interpreters to Los Angeles to staff disaster centers. NLSLA sent teams of advocates to disaster recovery centers to address individual and family needs, and worked with federal and local officials to address systemic issues. The experience catapulted NLSLA into the policy advocacy arena and made the organization a significant player in myriad advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national levels. It also allowed NLSLA to build considerable expertise in disaster legal services, so when more than a decade later Hurricane

Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, NLSLA was called upon to help.

“When Katrina hit, we worked all weekend updating our flyers and training materials, checking to see if there had been any changes in the law, getting the phone numbers for the disaster centers,” said Kate Meiss, a supervising attorney with NLSLA. “And on Monday we flew to Lafayette.”

There were no hotel rooms, so Meiss and the other NLSLA advocates slept at the house of the Louisiana Bar’s vice president. The next day they met with the bar association, lawyer referral services, legal aid organizations and Tulane Law School. “Now we have this whole group of lawyers in the south that are experts in disaster response,” Meiss said. “And when a disaster strikes, they’re the ones who go and talk to other people and train other people.”

Innovative Solutions for Emerging Needs

Even as NLSLA expanded its reach, the need for its services was growing. Each month, thousands of Angelenos needed help escaping abusive relationships, gaining custody of their children, and fighting to hold onto



NLSLA advocates (L to R): Shriver Housing Project Supervising Attorney Cassandra Goodman, Health Consumer Center Supervising Attorney Stephanie Lee, and Director of Access to Justice Initiatives Ana Maria Garcia
Photo by Christopher Stewart

their homes. The organization found it could only provide direct representation to a tiny fraction of the low-income people who needed it.

So in the first year of the new millennium, under the leadership of Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, NLSLA opened a pilot self-help legal access center in the Van Nuys courthouse—the first of its kind in the country. “Suddenly we were able to help so many more people,” said NLSLA Director of Programs Caron Smith, who helped design the self-help program.

That model center in Van Nuys is now one of ten NLSLA self-help centers—the largest network of self-help legal access centers in the United States—which have assisted more than a million people stand up and have their voices heard in the county courts.

“Through no fault of their own, purely for financial reasons, too many members of our community have found themselves locked out of our civil justice system when they most need help with family law matters, health and housing problems, and consumer, small-business or employment disputes,” retired Supervisor Yaroslavsky said. “For these residents, Neighborhood Legal Services and the Self-Help Legal Access Centers they operate are the key to the courthouse door.”

The driving force behind the centers has always been empowerment. “We teach people that they can advocate for themselves, that they’re capable of telling the judge what their needs are for their families, or why their eviction was wrongful, or how the landlord has been a bad actor,” said NLSLA’s Ana Maria Garcia, who now oversees access to justice initiatives for the organization. “People feel relief. Their anxiety is calmed. They feel they have somewhere to go.”

The 2000s also brought a razor-sharp focus on healthcare for NLSLA and on expanding access to meaningful care in communities with high poverty rates. During this time, NLSLA and its partners successfully halted the planned downsizing of an already overburdened county general hospital and the proposed closure of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, a rehabilitative hospital for people with disabilities.

In his Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision on the *Harris v. Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County*³, Judge Harry Pregerson wrote that the county was simply “not equipped to absorb indigent and uninsured patients...who would be displaced by the threatened closure of Rancho and the reduction of beds at LAC-USC.”

The County’s proposal, he said, “would delay treatment, cause avoidable death, disease, and suffering, increase risk of infections, spread of communicable diseases, and medical complications, and ultimately lead to unnecessarily lengthy and expensive hospitalizations.”

The issue had personal significance for former NLSLA health care attorney Barbara Siegel, who was the lead attorney in the hospital case. Before she became an attorney and joined NLSLA, Siegel was a physical therapist working with people with cancer and chronic physical disabilities. “I knew it was these people who would have been impacted,” she said.

Siegel’s commitment to ensuring health access for people with disabilities predates her time as a physical therapist. “I had an aunt who was very near and dear to me who had polio, and she challenged me to pay attention to people who had disabilities that were going to affect them for

the rest of their lives,” Siegel said. “Always in my mind were all of the stories that my parents and my grandmother told me about how difficult it was for her to get care.”

In an effort to significantly expand healthcare access, the organization launched the Health Consumer Center with support from The California Endowment. The Center allowed NLSLA to build valuable knowledge of health delivery systems, addressing individual issues while identifying and correcting policies to improve the process for everyone. This expertise put the organization at the forefront of health advocacy efforts in the state, and made it an integral part of the national efforts that ultimately resulted in the Affordable Care Act.

While pursuing change at the policy level, NLSLA remained focused on improving individual and community health. In 2008, NLSLA partnered with St. John’s Well Child & Family Center to open the first Medical-Legal Community Partnership in South Los Angeles, where poverty, substandard housing, unemployment, and an alarming lack of access to care have led to astoundingly high rates of cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. NLSLA attorneys, with offices inside the clinic, work with St. John’s clinic staff to address health disparities.

“We see a lot of families who live in slum housing and have health conditions as a result, and it’s incredibly frustrating that we can’t go to the landlord and say fix this unit. But a lawyer can,” said Jim Mangia, CEO at St. John’s. “I have conversations every week in the hallway with doctors who say ‘I have this patient, I referred them to NLSLA, and they took care of this and it was great.’”

Medical providers are empowered to search for the causes of certain ailments, rather than just treating the symptoms. “These are not issues you’re trained to work on in medical school—you’re very focused on the biological,” said Dennis Hsieh, a physician and attorney who helped design NLSLA’s first MLCP. “The medical-legal part allows medical providers to think about these issues in a more meaningful way. It really empowers health care providers to better care for their patients.”

Growing, but Staying True to the Mission

Today, NLSLA runs three Medical Legal Community Partnerships, including one at The Wellness Center, housed in the previously deserted Landmark General Hospital in Boyle Heights that’s now home to one of the most innovative preventive health centers in the nation. At The Wellness Center, NLSLA works with on-site health and wellness partner agencies—as well as doctors, nurses and social workers at the adjacent LAC+USC Medical campus—to eliminate barriers to care and benefits and address those issues that directly impact individual, family and community health.

“Improving health has become a goal for us in everything we do,” Marijimenez said. “And that’s true not just in our

direct health advocacy. We look at access to education, environmental justice, and anything that improves family stability and well-being as a step towards healthier lives and a path out of poverty.”

At the top of that list is access to safe, affordable housing. Los Angeles was recently named the least affordable county in the nation when it comes to housing. Rents have shot up even as incomes have stagnated, and the American dream of owning a home has become, for so many Angelenos, a pipe dream.

In response to the crisis, NLSLA leads a collaboration of four Los Angeles programs that provide legal representation to people facing eviction in some of the county’s poorest neighborhoods. The unprecedented program, developed through the leadership of former Assemblyman and current L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer, is the largest of seven pilot projects approved by the state Judicial Council to ensure representation for the poor when critical civil rights are at stake.

As part of the Shriver Housing Project, NLSLA and its partners launched the Eviction Legal Assistance Center at Stanley Mosk Courthouse, where more than 25 percent of the county’s 70,000 eviction cases are filed each year, and where poor families have no legal representation while facing landlords represented by attorneys. “The idea is to level the playing field,” Dudovitz said.

As part of the effort to preserve access to safe and affordable housing, NLSLA and its partners sued the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale for discriminating against black and Latino families participating in the Section 8 program.

For years, families participating in the program in the Antelope Valley watched with fear as their community turned against them, as their city leaders instituted policies that

stripped them of their rights, as the very program designed by the federal government to help them was used to push them out of their homes and neighborhood.

NLSLA and its partners secured unprecedented protections for Section 8 participants, preventing individual municipalities from targeting black and Latino families using the federal housing subsidies and effectively ending years of discrimination for black and Latino Section 8 participants living in the Antelope Valley area. “The Antelope Valley lawsuit was truly a team effort, and pro bono attorneys were a critical part of that team,” Dudovitz said. “As in all of our work, we count on the generosity and support of the private bar to significantly widen our impact.”

The lawsuit led to a civil rights investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice that resulted in additional protections for Antelope Valley residents as well as \$2.6 million in damages for African American families in the Section 8 program who experienced discrimination. *Community Action League et al v. City of Lancaster et al.*⁴ has special significance for Jose De Sosa, NLSLA’s longest-serving board member. As a community activist in the mid-60s, De Sosa worked with Valley attorneys to establish the organization, and officially joined its board a few years later.

De Sosa, who for decades served as president of the San Fernando Valley chapter of the NAACP, said the problems in the Antelope Valley are an example of the kind of discrimination still impacting black and Latino families in areas throughout Los Angeles County. “There’s still a lot of work to be done,” he said. “Until we see character instead of color, we need legal services to ensure minorities are not being discriminated against.”

De Sosa said he is especially proud of the geographical reach NLSLA has achieved. “We’ve expanded into areas like

Glendale and Burbank, El Monte and Pasadena. And as far as Lancaster and Palmdale,” he said. “These are areas that are not covered by anyone else.”

Tamila Jensen, a longtime NLSLA board member and past president, and a former president of the SFVBA, said she is inspired by NLSLA’s ability to stay true to its mission, even as it grows.

“It’s grown in size, complexity and sophistication,” Jensen said. “But always keeping up with the needs of the community.” 



¹ *Lula Mae Thomas v. City of Los Angeles* (L.A. Superior Court Case No. CA-000572).

² *Blackwell v. Lund*, No. No. 8-00573 TJH (Bx) (C.D.Cal. Apr. 6, 1989).

³ *Harris v. Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County* 366 F.3d 754 (9th Cir. 2004).

⁴ *Community Action League et al v. City of Lancaster et al.*, No. 2:2011cv04817 ODW (VBK) (C.D.Cal. June 7, 2011).

Do Your Blog Posts Qualify as Legal Advice?

By Deborah S. Sweeney



LAW FIRM MARKETING IS NOT PARTICULARLY straightforward. Attorneys were forbidden from formally advertising their services for seventy years until *Bates v. State Bar of Arizona*¹ was decided in 1977. And even after that reformed the rules of professional advertising, the contents of any ads were still heavily regulated. The internet and the advent of search engines radically challenged those regulations.

Professional standards lay out the responsibilities and obligations of an attorney that gives legal advice to someone, but what about if the attorney is writing a blog post? Since there is technically no specific person that post is intended for, could it still be construed as legal advice?

Blogging is fast becoming one of the most used marketing tools for law firms—82% of Am Law 200 firms blog as part of their business development strategy.² In fact, any firm with an online presence should blog. Websites that actively blog have more indexed pages, and better search engine placement, than those that do not.



Deborah S. Sweeney holds a JD/MBA from Pepperdine University, and her experience includes corporate and intellectual property law. Shortly after becoming in-house counsel at MyCorporation Business Services, Inc., she was promoted to general manager and oversaw its acquisition by Intuit. She later became CEO of MyCorporation. She can be reached at dsweeney@mycorporation.com.

According to a 2012 survey commissioned by LexisNexis, 76% of the respondents who looked to hire an attorney that year used online resources in their search.³ The question then is not whether an attorney or firm should blog, but rather how do they utilize such a powerful tool without putting themselves in danger?

Keep Posts Professional and Informative

The American Bar Association, in Formal Opinion 10-457, weighed on this very problem and commented that there were no hard lines delineating legal information from legal advice.⁴ That said, a long history of attorneys giving public lectures and writing books exists, and those acts were not legal advice. Specificity, it seems then, is key.

Education is different from advice because it is broad. It is very difficult to point and reasonably claim that one followed a specific course of action because they were told to do so by an attorney who simply wrote or lectured on the law. Any blog posts, then, need to contain information that is widely applicable and educational.

A post detailing what someone who slips at work and hurts their back should do after the accident and the recovery

they'll receive can be taken by a reader as advice specific to their situation. It is harder for a reader to do that with a post exploring a recent ruling on unpaid internships because there are plenty of people who were at some point unpaid interns and the purpose of that post is to educate.

Allow Comments on Posts but Don't Respond

An attorney or firm with a blog normally has the option to allow comments on individual posts and it is a good idea to enable that feature. Blogs, by their nature, should always be non-commercial because they have to offer something to readers. A site full of ads offers nothing and could actually hurt a firm's search engine optimization (SEO). Non-commercial blogs are also less affected by professional standards of conduct.

In *Hunter v. Virginia State Bar*, the Virginia Supreme Court pointed to the inability for users to leave comments and interact with the blog as a major indicator that the firm's blog was commercial and subject to rules on advertising.⁵ Community is integral to proving the non-commercial nature of a blog. But simply to avoid treading on dangerous ground, attorneys associated with the firm should not respond to comments or expand on the information in the post because replies are to specific people and thus may be misconstrued as advice. Simply let the blog's community flourish and delete comments when necessary.

Separate the Firm's Blog from Its Website


Attorneys and firms interested in operating a blog should do so separately from the main website and ensure there are no calls to contact the firm or author at the end of any posts. That is not to say that the blog should have nothing to do with the marketing page; it is okay to include a link to the firm's main website somewhere in the blog. But giving it its own domain is important because the firm's primary website is a marketing tool; its whole purpose for existing is to communicate with the public, explain the scope of the firm's legal services, and invite prospective clients to contact the firm. It is subject to all of the rules that normally regulate attorney advertising.

If a blog is attached to a firm's website, the State Bar of California has tentatively opined that it "will be subject to the rules regulating attorney advertising to the same extent as the website of which it is a part."⁶

Having a separate non-commercial blog manages reader expectations as to the purpose for the blog's posts. Someone who is inexperienced in hiring an attorney may believe that general information clearly attached to a firm's website is advice. It is easier to avoid accusations of misdirection with a separate blog.

The onus is on the firm and attorneys to show they comply with the rules of professional conduct. Blogging is a powerful, highly recommended tool for SEO and inbound

marketing but any lawyer or firm that uses it must do so cautiously.

The American Bar Association and State Bar of California have issued opinions on blogging, websites, and their relation to client outreach, so there are guidelines to help avoid the trappings of giving legal advice in blog posts. A quick disclaimer at the bottom of a page may not be enough.⁷ Law bloggers need to ensure all posts are informative and nonspecific and that their blog is both interactive and separate from the main website. 

¹ *Bates v. State Bar of Ariz.*, 433 U.S. 350, 97 S.Ct. 2691, 53 L.Ed.2d 810 (1977).

² LexBlog, *Am Law 200 Blog Benchmark Report 3* (2015), available at <http://www2.lexblog.com/amlaw2015> (after registering for delivery by email).

³ LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbel, *How Today's Consumers Really Search for an Attorney* 1 (2012), available at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/community/portal/lfmc/resourcepage.aspx?PostId=236206> (after creating an account) or http://cdn.lawyerist.com/lawyerist/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/How_Todays_Consumers_Really_Search_for_an_Attorney_102312.pdf (no registration required).

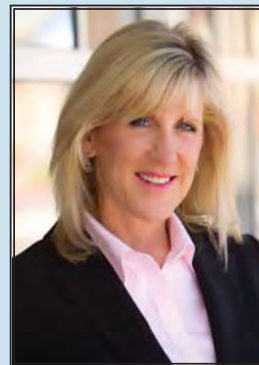
⁴ ABA Comm. on Ethics and Prof'l Responsibility 2, Formal Op. 10-457 (Lawyer Websites) (Aug. 5, 2010), available at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/pdfs/10-457.pdf>.

⁵ *Hunter v. Va. State Bar*, 285 Va. 485, 498, 744 S.E.2d 611 (2013).

⁶ Cal. State Bar Comm. on Prof'l Responsibility and Conduct 1 Digest ¶ 2, Proposed Formal Op. Interim No. 12-0006 (2014), available at www.calbar.ca.gov (follow "Public Comment" hyperlink; then follow "Proposed Formal Opinion Interim No. 12-0006 (Attorney Blogging)" hyperlink; then follow "Proposed Formal Opinion Interim No. 12-0006" hyperlink) or http://www.calbar.ca.gov/portals/0/documents/publiccomment/2014/2014_12-0006Blogging.pdf. (Although these links were last visited on September 18, 2015, public comment on this proposed opinion closed on March 23, 2015, so these links are subject to change or termination at any time.)

⁷ ABA Comm. on Ethics and Prof'l Responsibility, *supra* note 4, at 6 ("Limitations, conditions, or disclaimers of lawyer obligations will be effective only if reasonably understandable, properly placed, and not misleading.").

CAROL OTERO

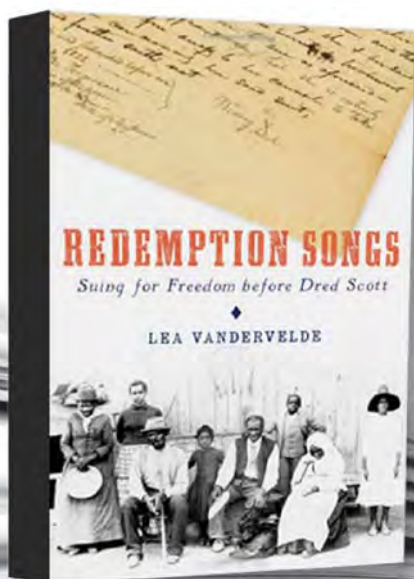


- Complimentary Market Evaluation
- D.O.D. Evaluation
- Preliminary Title Reports
- Property Profiles
- Research

I have over 30 years experience working with divorce attorneys and probate/trust attorneys, meeting their real estate needs.

818.606.2694
Carol@CarolOtero.com
CalBRE License #00864640





Examining Slave Freedom Suits in the Antebellum American Frontier

By Anthony S. Khoury

MOST AMERICANS LEARN IN HIGH SCHOOL history class about the infamous United States Supreme Court decision *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857) 60 U.S. 393. The Supreme Court held in *Dred Scott* that slaves of African heritage or descent were not and could not be American citizens because they were properly considered property. Around the same time as the *Dred Scott* decision, the issue of abolishing slavery became quite controversial and divisive, and ultimately was one of the main catalysts for the Civil War.

In *Redemption Songs: Singing for Freedom before Dred Scott* (Oxford University Press, October 2014), author Lea VanderVelde, with the aid of many dusty court records from the St. Louis Circuit courthouse, recounts in impressive detail a dozen stories about freedom suits litigated in St. Louis during the antebellum period and prior to the *Dred Scott* decision. At the time, St. Louis truly was the “Gateway to the West” and at the heart of the American frontier but that didn’t necessarily make St. Louis a bastion of progressive thought.

By way of the Missouri Compromise of 1820, Missouri entered the Union as a slave state. Nevertheless, St. Louis was a major hub and marketplace for the West and home to a substantial free black community, making it an ideal location for freedom suits. Also, unlike in many other states, slaves who were successful in litigating freedom suits were not required to leave Missouri.

In VanderVelde’s review of approximately 300 freedom suits in St. Louis during this period, she found four distinct categories of suits. One group of petitioners based their claims for freedom on having at least a partial Native American heritage. By law, Native Americans could not be enslaved; thus, any Native American heritage could serve as a basis for seeking freedom.

Another group of petitioners based their claim for freedom on mistaken status as a slave. At the time, it was common for African Americans to be presumed slaves, making it easy for free men and women to be mistaken for slaves. A third group of freedom petitioners alleged that their master had made an agreement to allow them to purchase



Anthony S. Khoury is a trial attorney who specializes in business litigation and criminal defense matters in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. He is a former prosecutor and has more than ten years of practice experience. Khoury can be reached at ask@askhourylaw.com.

their freedom, but ultimately reneged. The final, most significant, group based their claim for freedom on their residence in free territory or derivatively that their mother had resided in free territory.

This fourth group of freedom cases came to be known as “free soil” cases and represented the largest percentage of the 300 cases litigated in St. Louis. The most famous, or infamous, free soil case, of course, was *Dred Scott*. Essentially, these cases often involved slaves being transported by their master to a free territory. Slave owners were allowed to temporarily take their slaves with them when traveling through free territories to other slave states, but when slave owners settled or took up residence with their slaves in a free territory, this often presented slaves with the opportunity to escape and sue for freedom back in St. Louis.

In these cases, the slave owners never intended to make their slaves free, and the slaves in question had to have been brought to a free territory with the master’s consent. Running away and traveling to a free territory, alone, could not serve as the basis for a freedom suit. As detailed by VanderVelde, the case of Winny and her children established this legal rule of freedom by residence in 1824.

Throughout *Redemption Songs*, VanderVelde does a remarkable job of bringing these long-forgotten freedom suits to life. While she freely admits that piecing together some of the details about what happened to many of the litigants after their cases were resolved and appeals were exhausted was difficult, she is able to provide amazing insight into the courage necessary for these slaves to sue for freedom. For example, she tells the story of Peter McNelly, the first slave to sue for freedom as well as for the freedom of his wife, Queen, all the way back in 1794.


After the McNellys’ master found out about their freedom suit, he actually hired men to kidnap the McNellys in an attempt to thwart their suit. The McNellys were kidnapped, beaten, and tortured, but Peter McNelly was able to escape (without his wife) and continue to prosecute their suit until the judge who heard the McNellys’ case granted their request for freedom and declared both of them to be free. Unfortunately, VanderVelde could not find any definitive evidence as to whether or not Queen McNelly was ever released by her kidnappers or reunited with her husband despite the judge having also granted a *habeas corpus* writ for her release.

In response to the granted freedom suit, the McNellys’ former master engaged in a smear campaign against the judge, which ultimately led to the judge’s resignation. With the judge out of the way, the McNellys’ former master

pursued Peter McNelly again and was able to engage him as an indentured servant, most likely against McNelly’s will.

The story of Peter McNelly’s struggle and redemption—as with the other stories told by VanderVelde—not only reflects the dehumanizing nature of slavery, but also the stark contrast of the depravity of slave owners and their supporters vis-à-vis the relatively progressive posture of the attorneys who represented the freedom petitioners and the judges who granted the petitions.

Probably the most surprising procedural aspect of these freedom suits is that slaves were either jailed or auctioned off by the sheriff so that they could work while their freedom suits were pending. Petitions also were required to set forth allegations of beating(s) and/or imprisonment. Slaves could not simply sue for freedom because they wanted to be free as a matter of principle.

In all, VanderVelde displays an impressive knack for research and story-telling, as she had to piece together each of these dozen freedom suit stories from records that were mostly forgotten in the bowels of the St. Louis Circuit courthouse. Even for a reader with substantial knowledge of African-American history and/or the antebellum period, *Redemption Songs* is an eye-opening and sobering account of the courageous slaves who, while often unable to read or write, availed themselves of the legal system to gain their freedom. 

Bank smart. Build trust.

Customized Financing Solutions for Law Firms

Fee-free IOLTA Accounts

Call me for all your Business Banking Needs.



Arlet Hur
Senior Vice President
818.290.5717 O
818.216.6197 C
ahur@grandpointbank.com
16861 Ventura Blvd.
Encino, CA 91436
grandpointbank.com
Five-Star Superior Rating
by BauerFinancial





VBMCM Valley Bar Mediation Center

Building Community Through Mediation

- ▶ Helping diverse populations in San Fernando Valley and beyond gain access to justice
- ▶ Resolving disputes & educating the public
- ▶ For those engaged in litigation or trying to avoid it
- ▶ Highly qualified panel of professionals offering mediations at exceptionally affordable rates
- ▶ Mediators with expertise in wide variety of disputes practice highest ethical standards
- ▶ Learn the benefits of using mediation through educational and training programs

(818) 856-0232

www.valleybarmediationcenter.com

5567 Reseda Boulevard | Suite 200 | Tarzana, CA 91356

An IRS Approved 501c(3) non-profit organization

Need a Meeting Space for Mediations or Depositions?

- COFFEE AND COLD DRINKS SERVICE
- AMPLE FREE PARKING
- COPY MACHINE ACCESS
- WI-FI ACCESS
- PROFESSIONAL STAFF SUPPORT

600 square-foot conference room easily accommodates 20 people.

**Reserve meeting space
for only \$150 per day!**

Spacious Breakout Room

5567 Reseda Blvd., Suite 200 | Tarzana, CA | 91356
Tel (818) 227-0490 | Fax (818) 227-0499 | www.sfvba.org

Continuing This Year's Exciting Slate of Programming

AS WE ENTER THE LAST phase of our 2015 year with the Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association, I am satisfied to look back on all we have been able to do this year, and still know we have some exciting events on the horizon. We have been so pleased with the networking mixers and continuing education seminars we provided our members this year, and we look forward to finishing our year just as strong as we started.

A highlight of this year has been the Newhall School District High School Speech Contest which was held at West Ranch High School in April. Jeff Armendariz, a member at-large on our Board, has spearheaded this event for us since its inception. Through his efforts, we have been able to present a very special event for high school seniors in the Santa Clarita Valley.

This year, we asked high school seniors to prepare a speech discussing the issue of how the United States has met its responsibility to our servicemen and women. Specifically, we asked students to speak on whether or not we had upheld President Abraham Lincoln's call to support the welfare of veterans in his Second Inaugural Address in which he stated "let us care for him who has borne the battle."

As always, we were blown away by the content of the students' speeches as well as their astoundingly polished and professional delivery. Some of those high school seniors could teach

us attorneys a thing or two about presenting an oral argument. We were honored to have the event judged by Los Angeles Superior Court judges. And we were thrilled to be able to offer \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 scholarships to the first, second and third place winners,

AMY M. COHEN
SCVBA Immediate
Past President



amy@cohenlawplc.com

respectively. Our scholarships are made possible by the sponsorships of our generous members.

We have also been able to offer our members interesting and much needed continuing education opportunities throughout the year. Our CLEs are typically held at

DARRYL H. GRAVER, ESQ.
**EXPERIENCED
ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR**
"Have Gavel Will Travel"™
OVER 3,000 SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSIONS
TO SCHEDULE, CALL JUDICATE WEST 800.488.8805
818.884.8474
fax **818.884.8388**

City National
PROUDLY SUPPORTS
**San Fernando Valley
Bar Association**
CITY NATIONAL BANK
The way up.®
California's Premier Private and Business Bank®
CNB.COM CNB MEMBER FDIC

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN Valley Lawyer?

*Grow your practice. Promote your service.
Market your firm.*




The Tournament Players Club (TPC) in Valencia and we try to alternate offering events over lunch and dinner so that a diverse group of members are able to attend. This year we were pleased to offer CLEs on topics ranging from ethics to mediation to the ins and outs of DUIs. We were also able to present a View from the Bench seminar by Judge Monica Bachner. Each year we try to include one of those hard to get, but so necessary, CLEs on topics such as substance abuse and ethics.

We hold networking mixers in January, May, and August. Our networking mixers are free for members of the SCVBA and provide a fun atmosphere to catch up with old friends and also network and mingle with new faces.

On October 15, we will welcome back Brian Koegele of Poole & Shaffery to present his annual employment law update over lunch at TPC. Our members enjoy coming back each year to hear Brian scare us with the new laws that have come down on various topics from meal and rest periods to hiring and firing practices. I expect I am not the only one to run back to the office and review my employee policy manual after listening to this must-attend seminar.

We will hold our annual Installation Dinner on November 19 at 6:00 p.m. at TPC. At last year's Installation, we celebrated the SCVBA's tenth anniversary and we were fortunate to have every past president in attendance. It was our best attended Installation Dinner and we hope to continue that momentum this year. Samuel Price of Poole & Shaffery will be installed as our president for the 2015-2016 year. Sam has been an SCVBA board member for several years and has served many terms as our treasurer.

We look forward to continuing to bring networking opportunities and continuing education events to our members, as well as carrying on the work we do for our local schools with our annual high school speech competition and scholarship contest. 

VISIT www.sfvba.org FOR
THE 2015 MEDIA KIT



CONTACT (818) 227-0490, EXT. 101
TO PLACE YOUR AD.

Turn to smarter tools for legal research.



fastcase®

Smarter by association.

Log in at www.sfvba.org

LTN
#1

2010 Customer
Satisfaction
Survey

Available on the iPhone
App Store



Free to members of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

Members of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association now have access to Fastcase for free. Unlimited search using Fastcase's smarter legal research tools, unlimited printing, and unlimited reference support, all free to active members of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. Log in at www.sfvba.org and click the Fastcase logo. And don't forget that Fastcase's free apps for iPhone, Android and iPad connect to your bar account automatically by Mobile Sync. All free as a benefit of membership in the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

CLASSIFIEDS

ATTORNEY-TO-ATTORNEY REFERRALS

STATE BAR CERTIFIED WORKERS COMP SPECIALIST

Over 30 years experience-quality practice. 20% Referral fee paid to attorneys per State Bar rules. Goodchild & Duffy, PLC. (818) 380-1600.

SPACE AVAILABLE

CALABASAS

Two-man furnished, attractive and spacious office (13x20) to share with CPA. Large secretarial area with ample file cabinets, storage. Kitchen. Rent portion \$1,950/month. Call Dennis at (818) 591-1758 or Mike at (818) 225-7134.

WOODLAND HILLS

Window offices in Warner Center Towers, spectacular views, available immediately, secretarial bays available, flexible terms. To view this suite, please call (818) 883-5510.

SUPPORT SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL MONITORED VISITATIONS AND PARENTING COACHING

Family Visitation Services • 20 years experience "offering a family friendly approach to" high conflict custody situations • Member of SVN • Hourly or extended visitations, will travel • visitsbyllene@yahoo.com • (818) 968-8586/(800) 526-5179.

GRAPHIC ARTIST

Creating affordable, high-quality designs that will promote your business with simplicity and style. Offering a wide range of styles & personal attention, making sure your project is always delivered on time. Call Marina at (818) 606-0204.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING PER ISSUE

Member

25 words or less	\$45
Each additional word	\$1.80
Add logo	\$30

Non-Member

25 words or less	\$90
Each additional word	\$3.60
Add logo	\$55

Contact epost@sfbva.org or
(818) 227-0490, ext. 101
to place your ad.

HAS YOUR CLIENT BEEN BURNED BY A STOCKBROKER?

SECURITIES LAW

Claims Against Stockbrokers

Stock Market Losses Caused by:
Excessive Trading in Account
Unsuitable Investments
Misrepresentation Variable Annuities

**LAW OFFICES OF
JONATHAN W. EVANS &
ASSOCIATES**
39 YEARS IN PRACTICE
ARBITRATOR FOR SUPERIOR AND
MUNICIPAL COURT

NO RECOVERY – NO FEE
FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

Call today for an appointment
(818) 760-9880 • (800) 699-1881
(213) 626-1881
www.stocklaw.com

12711 Ventura Blvd., Suite 440
Studio City, CA 91604

ERISA LAWYERS

**LONG TERM DISABILITY,
LONG TERM CARE, HEALTH,
EATING DISORDER, AND LIFE
INSURANCE CLAIMS**

WE HANDLE BOTH ERISA & BAD FAITH MATTERS

- California Federal and State Courts
- More than 20 years experience
- Settlements, trials and appeals

**Referral fees as allowed
by State Bar of California**

**Handling matters
throughout California**

818.886.2525

**KANTOR
& KANTOR LLP**

www.kantorlaw.net

**Dedicated to helping people
receive the insurance
benefits to which they
are entitled**



Personal
COURT REPORTERS, INC.

Grand Opening Santa Ana

Visit all 8 of our locations

Van Nuys	Downtown LA	Ventura	Ontario <small>New!!!</small>
Santa Barbara	West LA	San Bernardino	Santa Ana

www.personalcourtreporters.com

**Court
Reporting**

**8 Great
Locations**

**The road to
success starts
with us.**

**Mediation
Rooms**

**Video
Conferencing**

**Trial
War
Rooms**

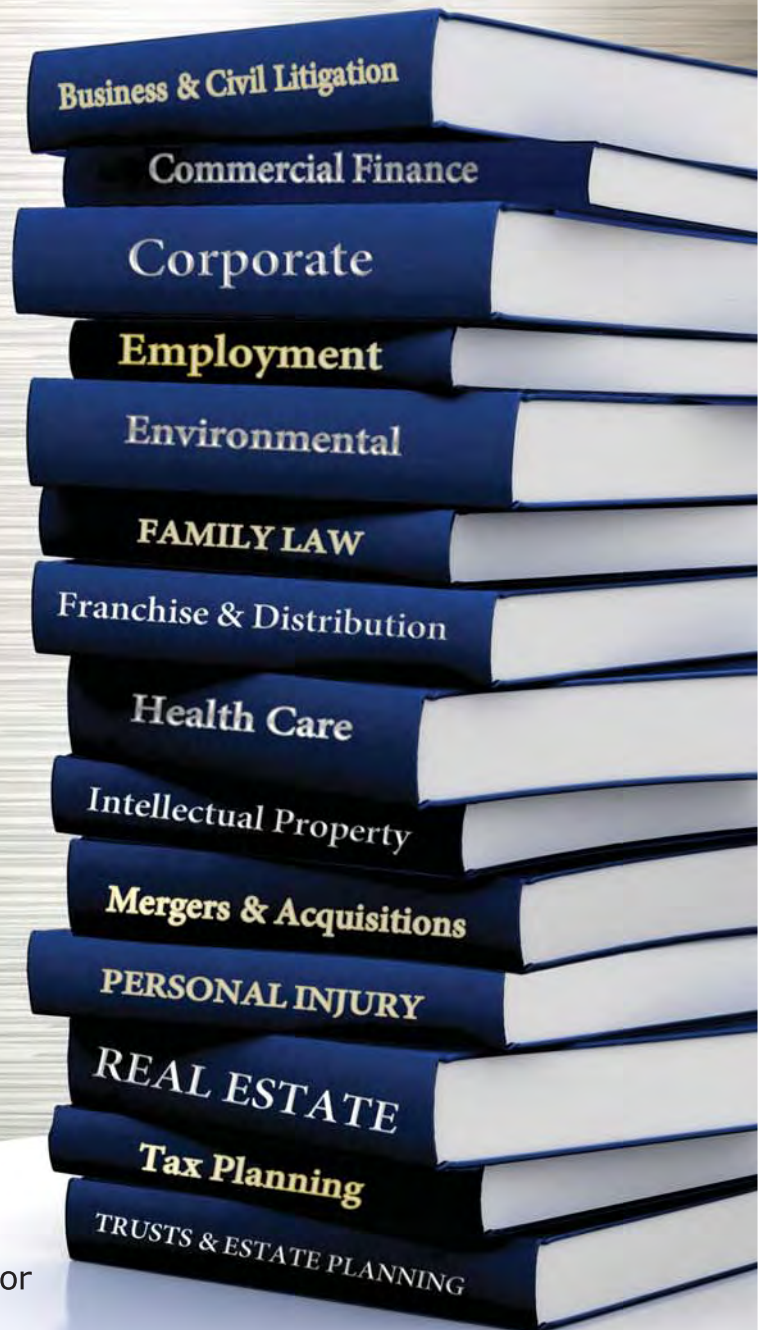
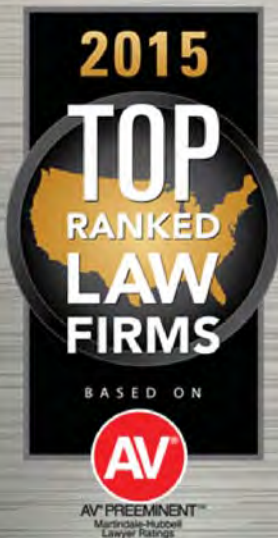
**Jury Trial
Focus Groups**

800-43-DEPOS



LEWITT HACKMAN

LEWITT, HACKMAN, SHAPIRO, MARSHALL & HARLAN
A LAW CORPORATION



16633 Ventura Boulevard, Eleventh Floor
Encino, California 91436

www.lewithackman.com
818.990.2120