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President's Message

By Rebecca A. Roberson



2013 is nearly over, and our Holiday Luncheon is coming up on December 6th, to be held at the SOS Club. We will be installing our 2014 SCBA Officers and Board of Directors at that time, and we will be entertained by the Modesto High School Choir as well. Our holiday donations this year will be given to the California Rural Legal Assistance program (CRLA). CRLA is a local non-profit agency that provides much needed assistance to our local community. Please join the SCBA in giving to this well-deserving organization. Donations will be accepted at the holiday event, or you can send them directly to Deana at the Bar Association.

We have one last MCLE program set for December 20, 2013, to be held in the jury room from 12-1 pm, on "Elder Law: What You Need To Know," by Randy Rosā, Esq. of the Rosā Law Firm.

We also have a FREE MCLE scheduled for January 10, 2014, at noon in the jury room. This event is free to the first 100 registrants that have paid their 2014 bar membership dues. Also, we have scheduled a 2-hour "Ethics" program for January 24, 2014, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the jury room.

On October 17th, we held our annual Bench-Bar dinner at the Seasons, with this year's theme of "An Evening in the Piano Lounge." We listened to beautiful music, danced, and sang to a dueling piano show! See page 8 of the Non Sequitur for photographs of this event.

On November 15th, we enjoyed our Annual Judicial Calendar luncheon, and we want to especially thank the Honorable Loretta Begen, the Honorable Jack Jacobson, and Rebecca Fleming for their presentation concerning updates at the court.

In closing, I want to thank all of our 2013 Board Members for their excellent work in making this year very successful. And as always, a special thank you to Deana Skelton for keeping all of us in line and for her untiring efforts in overseeing our MCLE programs and other events as well! You are very much appreciated Deana.



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SCBA Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 6 Holiday Luncheon** – Friday at the SOS Club, Modesto, 12-1 PM. Please join us in sharing the holiday spirit of giving this season, as we donate to a local charity, enjoy a lunch buffet while listening to Christmas carols by a local School Choir, and the installation of the 2014 Bar Association's Officers and Directors.
- 20 MCLE: 'Elder Law: What You Need To Know,'** – Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 PM, by Randy Rosa, Esq., of the Rosa Law Firm. Receive 1 hour of MCLE credit while learning essential information regarding elder law.

JANUARY 2014

- 10 MCLE: 'Substance Abuse,'** Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 PM, by David Mann, Peer Counselor for The Other Bar. Earn 1 hour of Substance Abuse MCLE credit. Registration is **FREE** to the first 100 with their paid 2014 SCBA Member dues!
- 24 MCLE: 'Professional Responsibility & Risk Management For Practitioners,'** by Robert Hawley, Deputy Executive Director of the State Bar of California, on Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from **11:30 to 1:30 PM – special two (2) hour program**, worth two (2) hours of ETHICS credit!

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT

Adopted by the Judicial Council on October 26, 2012, & April 26, 2013

Effective on October 25, 2013

http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2013-10-25_rules.pdf

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This section contains links to short summaries of rule amendments recently adopted but the Judicial Council. Please refer to the history legend of each rule for its effective date.

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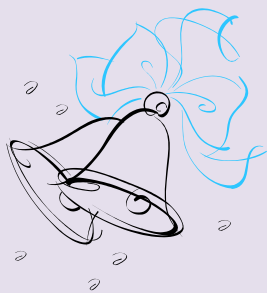
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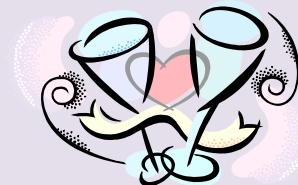


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With the holidays approaching we are reminded of the wonderful legal community we are a part of, and look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Happy researching!

Jan and Stew

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PUBLIC NOTICE* NOTICE OF COURT CLOSURE

The Court will be **closed** from **12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** on the following dates due to limited staffing:

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Please use the designated drop box located outside the Family Law and Civil Division Clerk's offices for filing papers or submitting payments. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.210(b) any document deposited in a court's drop box on these days up to and including 12:00 p.m. will be deemed to have been deposited for filing on that day.

*Government Code §68106 requires trial courts to provide notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing hours of clerks' offices by conspicuous posting within its facilities and on its public website.



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Stanislaus County Bar Association's 2013 Bench-Bar Dinner





SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENDED CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Effective Monday, September 30, 2013

Effective Monday, September 30, 2013, Stanislaus County Superior Court offices will extend service hours for the public filing windows by remaining open until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

This change does not affect Friday closures at noon, phone hours, the Self Help Office hours from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and the established court runner hours for the Civil and Family Law Divisions.

Document drop boxes are located outside the Family Law and Civil Division Clerk's offices for filing papers or submitting payments. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.210(b) any document deposited in a court's drop box up to and including 4:00 p.m. on a court day is deemed to have been deposited for filing on that day.

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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Sportsmen of Stanislaus (SOS) Club
819 Sunset Ave, Modesto CA 95351

Friday, December 6, 2013
Noon to 1:00 pm



**Holiday Donations
for a Local Charity**

**2014 Officers & Directors
Installation**

**Christmas caroling by
a local School Choir**

Bench & SCBA Members.....\$ 45 Non Members.....\$ 65
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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Friday, December 6, 2013

Name: _____ Firm Name: _____

Buffet lunch to include:

CHICKEN JERUSALEM & CHEESE CANNELLONI (in White Parmesan Sauce)
Green Salad, Dinner Rolls, Vegetables, Water/Coffee/Tea & Dessert

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
Local Charity Donation \$ _____



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THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

ELDER LAW: What You Need To Know



Guest Speaker:
Randy Rosa of the Rosa Law Firm

Friday, December 20, 2013
Jury Assembly Room, 800 11th St, Modesto
Noon to 1:00 PM

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The Stanislaus County Bar Association certifies that this activity has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California for:

1 HOUR MCLE CREDIT

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COST:
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No lunch.....\$35
Non-Members.....\$45*
No lunch.....\$40

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ELDER LAW: What You Need To Know

Friday, December 20, 2013

NAME: _____ FIRM: _____ ☐ NO LUNCH

Lunch Choice:

SANDWICH

☐ Roast Beef
☐ Turkey
☐ Vegetarian

CHIPS

☐ Potato Chips
☐ Fritos
☐ Baked Lays

DRINK

☐ Coke ☐ Diet Coke
☐ 7-Up ☐ Diet 7-Up
☐ Bottled Water

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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The Stanislaus County Bar Association Proudly Presents

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Detection, Prevention & Treatment

Guest Speaker: David Mann, Peer Counselor for The Other Bar



Friday, January 10, 2014 Noon-1:00 PM
Court House - Jury Assembly Room
800 11th Street, Modesto

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Detection, Prevention & Treatment

Friday, January 10, 2014

Name: _____ Firm: _____ ☐ NO LUNCH

Lunch choices:

SANDWICH

☐ Turkey
☐ Roast Beef
☐ Veggie

CHIPS

☐ Potato Chips
☐ Doritos
☐ Baked Lays

DRINK

☐ Diet Coke ☐ Coke
☐ Diet 7-Up ☐ 7-Up
☐ Bottled Water

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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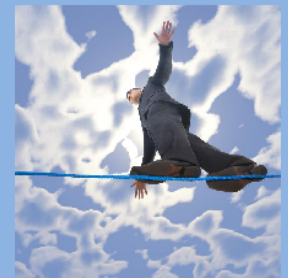
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THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY & RISK MANAGEMENT FOR PRACTITIONERS



GUEST SPEAKER:
Robert Hawley,
Deputy Executive
Director, of the State
Bar of California



Friday, January 24, 2014, 11:30-1:30 PM
Superior Court House, Jury Assembly Room
800 11th Street, Modesto

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY & RISK MANAGEMENT FOR PRACTITIONERS

Friday, January 24, 2014

Name: _____ Firm: _____ ☐ NO LUNCH

Lunch choices:

SANDWICH

☐ Turkey
☐ Roast Beef
☐ Veggie

CHIPS

☐ Potato Chips
☐ Doritos
☐ Baked Lays

DRINK

☐ Diet Coke ☐ Coke
☐ Diet 7-Up ☐ 7-Up
☐ Bottled Water

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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By Michael R. Dennis

LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR: Staring back at you is an attorney with a face hardened by a life battling in the trenches of the courtroom and negotiating high pressure deals. Your eyes have steel in them, your features an edge. There is nothing soft about the face in the mirror. The person before you can buckle any swash and shiver any timber. You see Errol/Carol Flynn.

Now look at your hands. How can you, the tough attorney, the witness slayer and deal maker, have such soft hands? It doesn't fit. The media calls you a shark and a viper, but there is nary a callous to be seen on your hands. They are so soft that there is an entire industry that does nothing except make rubber doodads to stick on your baby bottom-esque fingers so they have enough friction to turn the page of a book. These days, somebody else even opens your mail. The only thing you do that could roughen your hands is swinging a golf club, but you put on a glove to prevent that.

My cherubic hands are no different. I'm supposed to be my client's white knight, but the two loaves of white bread at the end of my arms provide no actual armor. As an attorney, my entire job is intellectual and calls for no actual physical labor. In a past article, I proclaimed the need for balance. Balance, however, should be physical as well as mental. This holiday season, therefore, my goal was to find that balance and literally get my hands dirty... maybe even have an adventure while I was at it. "Are you not entertained?!"

Shhhh, be berry berry quiet. It's huntin' wabbit! Well, not exactly rabbit, but something equally deadly, just that it involved fir rather than fur. The hunt began at dawn and my sights were set on the greatest trophy of the holidays. The plan was to stalk and fell my own Christmas Tree. (It's not exactly a chapter from *The Most Dangerous Game*, but baby steps, people, baby steps. Without callouses, I was still in serious danger of splinters after all.)

My white whale dwelled far into the mountains, where no man dare tread. Yes, Christmas trees also dwell in the parking lot in front of SaveMart, where man could tread to his heart's content, but there is no adventure in that.

Armed with only coffee induced euphoria, I pointed my Jeep towards the hills, sounded a barbaric yalp, and carpe diemed. It had rained the night before, the temperature was freezing, (For our hero who grew up in SoCal, that means under 60 degrees), and one of those mists that Uther rode across to ravage Ygraine in the movie *Excalibur* lay upon the ground. Perfect!

A few hours later I pulled into a likely spot; likely because a quilt of SUV's covered the parking lot. This was the one time per year that these four wheel drive vehicles actually left the pavement. My respective SUV was looked down upon, however, because it did not have a bumper sticker that proclaimed it was proud of its honor student or D.A.R.E.D. to keep kids off drugs. The only thing that my bumper stood for was that for the 2001 school year I could park in the McGeorge parking lot. So, I had that going for me, which was nice.

This place was a hoppin'. People that haunt Renaissance Fairs (Fairies?) hawked their crafts and "tobacco use only" products. Karma was available for a pittance. Dogma was a little bit more expensive. Pony rides were also available where terrified three year olds were strapped to mighty steeds while flash bulbs of proud parents blinded the children and scared the beasts. It was a recipe for something, and I don't think it was success. I handed out my card.

Eventually, I stumbled on Ye Olde Fudge Factory where I enjoyed a piece of fudge infused with vanilla and a pumpkin zest. (Yes, I get my adjectives for food from saucy maitre d's. It adds spice to my life and to my settlement demands.) Alas, there were no trees, well, none that the law wouldn't frown upon me for liberating, so I moved on.

In my goal to forsake the modern amenities that led to my soft hands, I left the GPS at home and just made random turns as I crawled deeper into the various valleys. Maps are for sucks. The farther I went, the louder the banjoes got. Only something such as the State Fair draws some of these people out of their valley. ("Marshall, Will, and Holly.... On a routine expedition... when the greatest earthquake ever known... high on the rapids, it shook their tiny raft, until they fell a thousand feet below, to the lan-hand of the lost, to the lan-hand of the lah-ah-lost." But, I digress.)

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Eventually, I stumbled on a sign that proclaimed a cut-your-own-tree place was ahead. Instead of a parking lot, the farmer simply opened his orchard. Alas, parallel parking is just not part of my repertoire and I now had to park between quite expensive SUV's with the increased difficulty of random trees thrown in. Beads of sweat began to form. I ended up repeatedly circling around the orchard to find a place where an aircraft carrier's captain would feel comfortable docking. "No need to contact the neighborhood watch, my fellow suburbanites; I'm not casing the joint. I'm simply performing victory laps." So, I ended up kind of far away, but I could use the exercise.

I then acquired my supplies: Hot apple cider, a saw, and a long stick. Why the long stick? (Aside: a horse walks into a bar, and the bartender says, "Why the long face?") At first glance, the long stick appears to be a measuring stick because you pay for the tree by the foot. It lets you know what size tree to cut down. Then, it morphs into a walking stick as you hunt the wily trees in the forest. The best place to hide a tree, after all, is in a forest. It can also be used to point: "I say, old bean, look at that fine specimen of a tree yonder." Then, it takes a more violent turn as it can ward off any rival suitors for your tree. "On Guard!" "But I'm not really left handed." Remorseful, it takes a jocular bent and is used to poke the tree branches above and cause a cascade of hoarded rain to fall upon anyone lagging behind.

After wandering through the various types of trees, I finally found one. Well, it was more like two trees. The top half was perfect. It was a silver tip. (Silver is this year's gold!) But, the bottom half had just gotten a call back for "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown".

I nonchalantly looked to the left and then slyly glanced to the right. I then slowly looked over my shoulder and raised an eyebrow. Satisfied the coast was clear, I got the saw and topped the tree. Scandalous! I immediately made my escape before I could be discovered. I didn't run, however, because a.) that brings attention to yourself, and b.) I was at the bottom of the hill and I'm just not in that kind of shape. Plus, the threat of splinters was still very real.

After finally wrestling the thing to the top of the hill, and after many stops to decompress ("I'm not tired, I just don't want the bends", I gasped with my hands on my knees), I got in line to pay for it. The triumphant hunter had returned. "Sound the horn of Orlando for Charlemagne hast returned!"

Naturally, I had to have some sort of big game hunter quip to tell the person who was mounting the tree on the top of my car. Various movie quotes went through my mind, but I settled on, "Goin' need a bigger boat".

So, I found my tree, but did I find balance? Let's recap: I hunted; I used tools; I braved the woods; I vini vidi vici'd; and I, drat, dang splinters....

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