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I once heard of a young new attorney who was flying from Los Angeles to New York. The attorney had recently graduated from a prestigious school at the top of his class and was to be employed at a large law firm in New York. The young man had accomplished much in his life, so far, and was anxious to tackle the world and to put his mark on it.

As the young attorney settled into his seat he noted that the passenger sitting next to him was an elderly man who appeared to be well dressed and successful. Assuming that the elderly gentleman was someone of financial means and of some importance the young attorney wanted to make a good impression and attempted to start up a conversation. The attorney introduced himself and the elderly man politely responded exchanging pleasantries.

The young attorney noted that the man was carrying an old and tattered book. "You know, we live in an age where we no longer need to carry books. All information that ever was can now be found by using these electronic devises. By using these devises we now have access to more information than all previous generations combined. And this generation will, if I dare say, be much more productive than all prior generations. There is no question that you could pose to me that I could not find the answer using these devises and the internet."

While the elderly gentleman expressed his doubts that all of life's questions could be answered using the technology of today, the young attorney was adamantly insistent. "I'll tell you what, let us make a wager. To demonstrate how superior today's technology is in finding answers to questions from that of more antiquated methods of learning, if I can pose a question that you cannot answer you must pay me \$5. However, if you can pose a question that I cannot answer I will pay you \$50." The elderly gentleman reluctantly agreed to the wager.

The attorney started the contest first and asked, "How many miles is it from the earth to the moon?" The elderly gentleman thought for a minute and then pulled out his wallet and handed the attorney a \$5 bill.

The attorney thanked him and said, "Now it is your turn." The elderly gentleman asked, "What goes up a hill on four legs but comes down the hill on three?" The attorney commenced searching the internet, researching all known animals, insects, reptiles and other forms of life. The attorney then searched the definition of legs, identifying all things that have legs, and then eliminating them one by one as not fitting in the criteria of the question. Finally the attorney used his cellular telephone and texted his friends, asking for their assistance to solve the puzzle, but to no avail. During all this time the elderly gentleman sat quietly napping or reading his book. As the flight attendant announced their final approach to their destination the young exasperated attorney announced, "I give up. I cannot find the answer to your question." The attorney pulls out a \$50 bill and hands it to his traveling companion. The elderly gentleman thanks him, takes the \$50 puts it into his wallet and then returns to reading his book.

The young attorney beside himself with frustration and curiosity says, "So what goes up a hill on four legs and comes down a hill on three?" The elderly gentleman sits there for a brief moment, contemplates the question, then pulls out his wallet and hands the young attorney a \$5 bill.

From this story I am reminded that we can all learn and gain from the experiences and wisdom of our elders. That our access to technology does not always provide us with the answers to the questions we look for in life. And so I want to encourage all of you to have one of those experiences that you cannot solely obtain from the internet, and to attend our Bench-Bar Dinner on Thursday, October 16, 2014. This year we are pleased to have Dr. Melba Beals, one of the first nine students integrated into an all-white high school in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957 following the landmark United States Supreme Court case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483. These students were initially prevented from entering the racially segregated school by the then Governor of Arkansas, and were allowed to attend only after the intervention of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dr. Beals' recounting of her personal experience during this era will bring to each of us a greater appreciation of the civil rights we presently enjoy. We anticipate a great and thought provoking experience, one you will remember for some time. If you have not already obtained your tickets for this event please contact the SBCA Office. This is one event you don't want to miss.

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SCBA Calendar of Events

** You may also register & pay online for all Bar Association events, at STANBAR.ORG **

OCTOBER

- 3 MCLE: 'The Document Management System & Updates in Family Law,' by Judge Jack Jacobson, in the Jury Room, from 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour of general credit.
- 16 BENCH-BAR DINNER Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., Martin Petersen Center. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Melba Beals, original "Little Rock Nine" member. You may also go to STANBAR.ORG to pay and register online for this and other events. Limited seating so hurry!

NOVEMBER

- 7 JUDICIAL CALENDAR LUNCH The S.O.S. Club, Friday from 12-1 p.m., covering 2015 Court updates and upcoming changes from Superior Court and worth 1 hour general MCLE credit!
- 14 MCLE: 'Identity Theff,' by Sheriff Adam Christianson, in the Jury Room, from 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour of general credit.
- 21 MCLE: 'Human Trafficking,' by Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney and Debbie Johnson, Founder/CEO of Without Permission, in the Jury Room, from 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour credit.

DECEMBER

- **5 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON The S.O.S. Club**, from 12-1 p.m., 2015 SCBA Officer's & Board of Directors Installation, Stanislaus County Student Choir Christmas Carols, Local Charity Donations, and a lunch Buffet.
- 12 MCLE: 'ADA Part 1: Access & Accommodation Requirements,' by Michael Ijams, Esq. of Berliner Cohen, in the Jury Room, 12-1 p.m., 1 hour of general credit.
- 19 MCLE: 'Juvenile Delinquency,' Judge Shawn Bessey of Stanislaus County and Olivia Lopez, Supervising Probation Officer, in the Jury Room, 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour credit.

JANUARY "2015"

9 MCLE: **'2015 Employment Update**,' by Matt Hawkins, Loura Erickson and Kristina Vaz of McCormick Barstow, LLP. In the Jury Room, from 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour of credit.

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Lenore Anne Maurice September 9, 1945 to August 11, 2014



Lenore Anne Maurice died at the age of 68 at her home in Modesto, CA. She was born September 9th, 1945 in Buffalo, NY to the late Grene and Clarence Schieber. Passionate Public Defender, generous supporter of the arts and volunteer at the Gallo Center for the Arts, world traveler, dedicated Social Worker, and loyal friend, she gave to us all much more than we could have expected. She is survived by her husband, Eugen, and his children, Monica and Octav. Lenore will be dearly missed by her family, friends and colleagues.

Stephen Sidwell

September 9, 1946 - September 2, 2014



Stephen Mitchell Sidwell ~ The world had no idea it was about to get a little better when Stephen Mitchell Sidwell nearly dropped right out of his mom and into an outhouse in Idaho Falls, Idaho 68 years ago next week. At age 3 doctors told Steve that because of the polio virus he'd contracted, he'd never walk again. 17 surgeries and a couple years living in the hospital later, Steve answered them by waltzing out the door and getting behind the wheel of a Ford Fairlane. It turns out that despite his trove of tricks and Yankee ingenuity, he never did a tour in Vietnam, but he did marry the prettiest girl in all of Foster

City anyway, and he and Debbie planted themselves on the edge of Modesto in a perfect country home just past a walnut orchard where they lived for almost 25 years. If Steve helped you get out of a fix, chances are it was while he was practicing law as a smooth-talking attorney or with a good-natured wisecrack that brightened your day. Or if you happened to get a few extra dollar bills or a box of groceries on your porch at Christmastime when you were down to your last penny, that just might have been him too. He raised 5 kids, Stephen, Bethany, Adam, Jarom and Anne, who still are trying as hard as they can to be just like him. He has 10 grandchildren so far, with who knows how many more on the way. His wife Debbie, mom Mary Sidwell, brother Stan and sister Sonja are all going to miss him dearly. Steve was a darn good Mormon, spending many of his weeknights and all of his Sundays helping people in and out of the Church. No doubt he's having a grand time on the other side, but the world is a little sadder today at his passing.

"BENCH-BAR DINNER"

Thursday, October 16, 2014 ~ Martin G. Petersen Event Center

720 Twelfth Street, Modesto CA 95354 ~ Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: DR. MELBA BEALS, One of the original

"Little Rock Nine"

Go to STANBAR.ORG to register or see flyer in this issue of the Non Sequitur.



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"MYSTERY DINNER"

December 10th

6:00 p.m.

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Thank you!

Please welcome Michael B. Ijams Corporate & Litigation Attorney

Modesto native and attorney for over 35 years, Mike looks forward to his move to Berliner Cohen where his practice focuses on business transactions as well as real estate and civil litigation cases, and creditors in bankruptcy matters. Mike has actively participated in many local organizations, including the Modesto Rotary Club and the Modesto Quarterback Club.



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(209) 499-0373 or GregersonJohnson@msn.com

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- 6. StanLaw.Org The most important site of course! Here you will find links to all of the above, free access to nolo-press publications and much more. www.stanlaw.org.

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DR. MELBA BEALS



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING hat You Need To Know...

GUEST SPEAKERS: Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney of Stanislaus County and Debbie Johnson, Founder and CEO of **Without Permission**



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□ Roast Beef	☐ Doritos	□ Diet 7-Up □ 7-Up
□ Veggie	□ Baked Lays	☐ Bottle Water
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GUEST SPEAKERS:

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