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President's Message



For the first time since DCLP started having meetings again, we'll be indoors at Red's in the Assembly Room. Luke Welmerink, Esq., of Reno, has agreed to be our speaker, and he is looking forward to meeting all of you. His practice focuses primarily on estate planning and his topic will be "Where Web Meets Will: Estate Planning for Digital Assets."

In his own words, the presentation will be about the legal (and potentially criminal) issues related to planning for digital assets, such as e-mail accounts, social media, electronic documents, passwords, and other valuable intangible assets. Those are not usually the assets that we think about when we're doing estate planning for ourselves or for clients. I'm eager to know more about protecting such valuables.

—Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS, CLA

"As for the future, your task is not to foresee it, but to enable it."

- Antoine de Saint Exupery

October 2020						
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DCLP Luncheon Meeting – October 7

We'll be in Red's private dining room. They will accommodate social distancing for us. **Be sure to wear your mask.** Send your lunch order by 5 p.m. Tuesday to nalsdclp@gmail.com or call Darci at 224-1444. View Red's [menu here](#). As a precaution, please check our Facebook page for any last minute updates or changes.

Luke Welmerink, Esq.



Education

As the founder and sole shareholder of Welmerink Law, P.C., Luke Welmerink practices law in the areas of estate, tax, and asset protection planning, and estate administration. His extensive and diverse experience working in finance, accounting, tax, and estate planning matters provides him with a unique set of skills to help clients achieve their wealth and legacy planning goals.

Mr. Welmerink says the best part of his job is helping families preserve their wealth for future generations by focusing on minimizing estate and income taxes, avoiding the expense and nightmare of the probate process, and protecting inheritance from lawsuits, divorce, and the IRS. He prides himself in providing comprehensive, tailored estate planning services to meet the needs of his clients AND their families. He works exclusively with his clients from start to finish through the estate planning and administration process.

Mr. Welmerink is an active member of the Nevada State Bar, the California State Bar, and the Washoe County Bar Association. As a 4th generation Nevadan, he is proud to serve our community through pro bono and philanthropic efforts, including his role as the Chair of the Board of Mater Academy of Northern Nevada, a Nevada Title 1 public charter school. He is "Dad" to three amazing daughters, and a husband to his loving wife.



**DCLP presents
Cognitive Fitness**



Are you keeping mentally fit during COVID-19? DCLP aims to help. This month's Cognitive quiz is a vocabulary puzzle to celebrate Nevada Day.

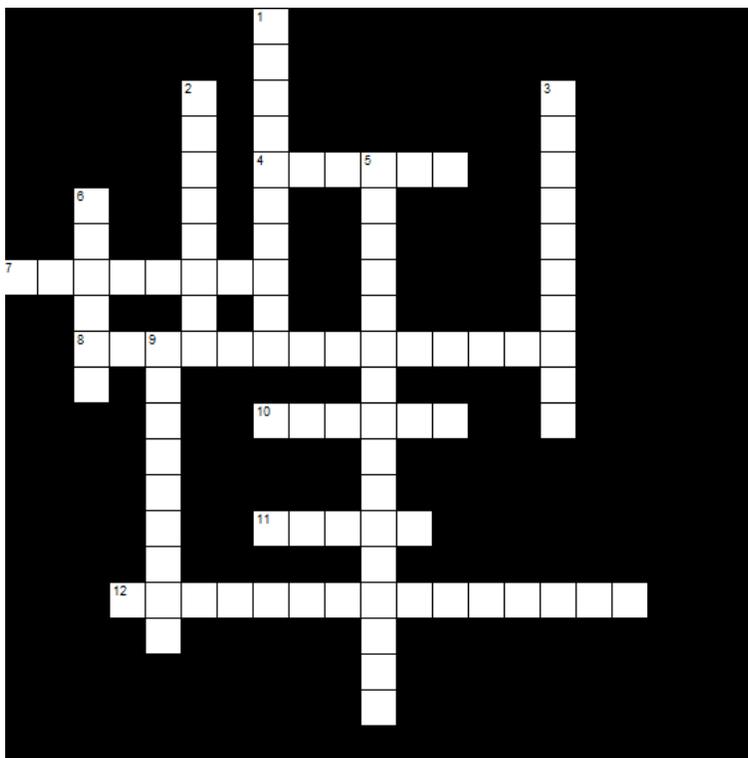
Are you enjoying these puzzles? What kind is your favorite?

Please let The Tickler know by emailing NALSdclp@gmail.com

Answer to the August 2020 Puzzle



NEVADA DAY



Answer to the October puzzle will appear in the next issue.

CLUES

ACROSS

- 4. Snow-capped
- 7. What we celebrate
- 8. Reptile
- 10. Indigenous group
- 11. Tree
- 12. Song

DOWN

- 1. Bunch of folks chasing a ball for a prize
- 2. Silver State
- 3. 2020 Honoree
- 5. Motto
- 6. It marches by
- 9. October 31, 1864

PROOFREADING! It matters.

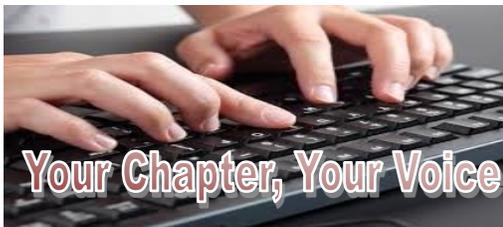
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by Kathy Sieckman, PP, PLS, ACP

My daughter found this one on Facebook, but as awful as it is, it is believable. I hope the machine becomes convinced to make milkshakes again soon once the maintains are over, but thanks for the apologists!



Happy Anniversary,
Kathy!
We love your blog.





No October Birthdays, but let's have cake anyway!



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Our Black Marble balance is growing. One half can be yours if you pull the black marble. The bag is light (only 3 marbles left). Get your tickets at the October 7 meeting.



NALS Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession. Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and administration of justice
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

Canon 1. Members of this association shall maintain a high degree of competency and integrity through continuing education to better assist the legal profession in fulfilling its duty to provide quality legal services to the public.

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Canon 4. Members of this association shall preserve and protect the confidences and privileged communications of a client.

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Canon 10. Members of this association shall do all other things incidental, necessary, or expedient to enhance professional responsibility and participation in the administration of justice and public service in cooperation with the legal profession.



69th NALS annual conference

Legal Professionals Excel Virtually

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It was a FIRST for me--attending a NALS conference last Friday while staying home. I really appreciated that no one had to pay for travel or hotel in order to attend this conference in Detroit. (By the way, it appears that next year's conference WILL be in Detroit.)

I chatted with someone from Hawaii though, and she said she had to get up at 4:45 a.m. to be online in time to hear the opening keynote speaker. That's pretty early to be awake and ready for CLE.

I think I saw Regina and Stephanie at the conference too, but we were never at the same table, so I didn't get to chat with them. If there were any other chapter members in attendance, I didn't see your name.

In addition to the opening keynote speaker, whose topic was racial injustice, I attended the awards ceremony and three CLE sessions: (1) How COVID has Changed the Workplace; (2) Diversity in the Workplace (which included a short discussion on implicit bias); (3) and the Michigan Innocence Clinic (which focuses only on criminal cases where there is no DNA evidence). I was particularly interested in the discussion on implicit bias since our chapter had a seminar at the Judicial College on that topic. And, to be honest, I have never been the same since. It really opened my eyes. There were

other CLE sessions offered at the same time as the three that I attended, so there was something interesting for everyone.

The closing keynote speaker was an upbeat presentation on balancing our personal and professional lives.

As a bonus to those who attended, NALS is offering three Follow-Up Fridays, where the topics of the conference will be further explored. The first one will be to get feedback from members on NALS's first virtual conference, and the second two Friday sessions will be the two keynote speakers who will make themselves available to answer questions.

I hope that if NALS holds a virtual conference again, each of you will take the time to attend.

—Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS, CLA

"If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself. Something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is – living not for oneself, but for one's community."

— Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The First Monday in October

The Supreme Court starts its new term on the first Monday of the month of October, an annual event that goes back to 1917. Why is that day so special, and what happens on the first day back for the Justices?

The Court's start date is mandated by a law passed by Congress. Originally, the Judiciary Act of 1789 set two annual sessions for the Court. Starting in 1791, the Court met on the first Monday of February, with the second session in August. At the time, the Justices also had to travel regionally to hear court cases.

Over the years, the Court consolidated its two sessions into one annual term in 1802, and then started that term on the first Monday in January (1827), first Monday in December (1844) and second Monday in October (1873).

Then, in 1916, Congress moved the Court term's start date from the second Monday in October to the current first Monday. The change was approved on September 6, 1916, as part of the act to redefine the Judicial Code and expand the number of appeals petitions considered by the Court. The new start date took effect in 1917.

The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court points out that the events that happen on the term's first day have changed over the years. Prior to World War II, the first day at court was mostly ceremonial and included a visit to the White House to see the President. Since 1964, case arguments have been heard on the term's first day, and they've been regularly scheduled on the first Monday of October since 1975, with the exception of religious holidays.



The Supreme Court Historical Society's website has a detailed list of traditions and facts about the Court. Each Court is known by the name of its Chief Justice. The current Roberts Court is the 17th version of the Court. John Roberts took the oath as Chief Justice in September 2005, so the

Roberts Court is entering its 15th year.

On Monday, the Roberts Court will continue with the institution's traditions. Of course, no cameras or recording devices, or even mobile phones, are allowed in the courtroom during arguments. All of the Justices shake hands before appearing on the bench – a tradition started by Chief Justice Melville Fuller.

Since 1800, the Justices have worn black robes in the courtroom, and quill pens are still placed in the room as a reminder of the court's heritage.

—National Constitution Center

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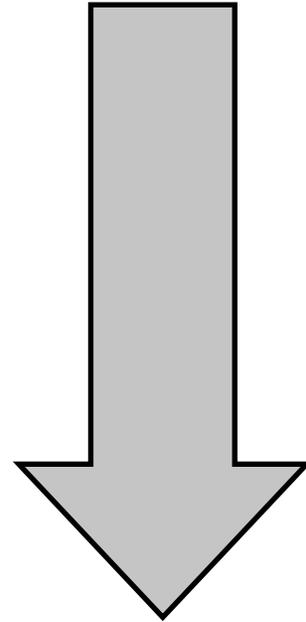
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