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REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK —

By: Laurel A. Hoehn

This month, the Bar Association, along with the Eastern Los Angeles County Bar Association, will co-host a Local Practice Update MCLE dinner at the Rainbow Canyon Ranch Academy on May 17th. Judge Thomas C. Falls from Pomona and Judge Christopher Marshall from San Bernardino will be speaking about the state of the local Courts. For those of you who have not seen the recent announcements, massive budget cuts targeting the Los Angeles County court system have resulted in numerous courtroom closures and staff reductions. Notably, two civil departments in Pomona are closing, including Judge Oki's and Judge Meeka's departments. Moreover, 100 non-courtroom employees will be laid off.

The impact this will have on those who practice in Pomona and other Los Angeles County courts will be significant. To begin with, Los Angeles County will no longer pay for court reporters in civil cases. Whether each party will be responsible for providing their own reporter, or have to pay reporter fees for each hearing is unknown at this time. We can certainly expect longer morning calendars and delays in getting civil cases to trial. I am sure further announcements will follow shortly, and Judge Falls may be able to address some of the concerns on May 17th. Likewise, Judge Marshall can offer his perspective concerning the impact on the San Bernardino County courts.

Also of importance, John Streeter, the President of the State Bar of California, recently issued an alert concerning the State Bar's approach to auditing MCLE compliance. During a 2011 audit of 635 attorneys, 15% of the sampled group were not in compliance. 91 attorneys had minor reporting deficiencies, 25 of which have been referred to the Office of Chief Trial Counsel for disciplinary action. Five attorneys were suspended as a result of their failure to show the necessary compliance. These troubling results have prompted further MCLE compliance audits in the future. The State Bar anticipates that in 2012, 3,000 to 4,000 lawyers will be audited, and in 2013, that number will increase to 7,000 to 8,000 lawyers. It is clear that attorneys must make their MCLE compliance and keeping accurate records of the same a priority.

From The Desk of the President of the Joseph B. Campbell Inn of Court

By: Hon. Barbara A. Buchholz

Every year the three Inland Empire Inns-- those being the Joseph B. Campbell, the Leo A. Deegan, and the Warren E. Slaughter Inns of Court-- come together for a joint dinner meeting, hosted on a rotating basis by one of the Inns. This year it was the Campbell Inn's turn to host the event. Because of the very special guest speaker we were able to line up for the evening's program, and with the permission of the other two Inns, we opened up the event to non-Inn members.

Our special guest speaker was our newest California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu.

In my humble opinion, to say the event was well attended would be an understatement. I do hope you were able to attend. Indeed, if you joined us you were treated to the very engaging and thoughtful remarks, and surprisingly candid responses of Justice Goodwin Liu.

As many will attest who attended the evening, including myself, Justice Liu was a remarkably "down to earth" individual, with an open demeanor and a good sense of humor. In fact, he did what many speakers are wary to do; and that is to entertain questions from the audience. His openness and frankness in both his remarks and his responses to questions posed was refreshing to hear.

For those not familiar with the background of the latest Supreme Court Justice, he was born in Georgia, and relocated to Sacramento, California with his family in 1977, where he remained until graduating from high school. He then studied at Stanford University and earned a B.S. in Biology. He went on to attend Oxford University on a Rhodes scholarship and earned a Master's degree in Philosophy and Physiology. Finally, he went on to attend Yale Law School where he received his J.D.

Justice Liu's legal career included clerking for Judge David Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and later, for the October 2000 term, he clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. In the interim, he served as special assistant to the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. In 2001 he became an appellate litigator for the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers in Washington D.C.

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Given the news from the State Bar, now is a great time to start getting all of your MCLE credits, including those special requirements. To that end, on May 24th, we will host a MCLE lunch at the Cucamonga Brewing Company (formerly Omaha Jacks) where Judge Craig S. Kamansky will discuss the Judge's View on Bias and the Legal Profession. Check your emails for further information or call the Bar Office for details. Hope to see you at one of our MCLE events this month.

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Goodwin Liu joined the Berkeley Law faculty in 2003 as a Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). In 2008 he was promoted to Associate Dean of the law school. In 2006 Professor Liu won the Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law; and in 2009 he was awarded the UC Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award, their most prestigious honor in teaching.

On July 26, 2011, Governor Jerry Brown nominated the then-UC Berkeley law professor Goodwin Liu to a seat on the Supreme Court of California. He was to succeed the retiring Associate Justice, Carlos Moreno. A little more than a month later, Goodwin Liu was confirmed by unanimous vote by the California Commission on Judicial Appointments and on September 1, 2011, Justice Liu was sworn into office in Sacramento by Governor Brown during a public ceremony.

Justice Liu is considered by many as an expert on constitutional law, education policy, civil rights and the Supreme Court.

If you did not get an opportunity to attend our April joint dinner meeting, you missed a wonderful speaker and a great opportunity to mingle with the judges and peers from both Riverside and San Bernardino. Our next program, which will again be back at the Arrowhead Country Club, is set for May 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The topic will be: "So You Think You Are a Good Negotiator?"

All membership questions should be directed to our membership chairman, Donna Connally. She can be reached at: (909) 758-5136 or you can e-mail her at: donna@noquitdefense.com

Until next time, Hon. Barbara A. Buchholz

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May Almanac

By: Tony Sears

All times Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), which is minus seven (7) hours from UTC (Universal Time Coordinated). May will be another fine month for naked eye sky watching. Jupiter is no longer visible, so only Venus shines brightly in the Western sky after Sunset. Mars is in Leo and Saturn rises after 9:00 p.m. in Virgo. The May Full Moon is called the "Full Milk Moon" and happens on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The largest Full Moon of 2012 will rise at 7:35 p.m. and go full at 8:36 p.m., so it will be very bright all night. Since it is also Cinco de Mayo, there will be Tequila fueled dancing in the Moon light. Remember the old adage: "One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila, Floor!"

Eclipse Alert: There will be an annular (ring) solar eclipse on May 20, 2012. As the New Moon crosses between the Sun and Earth, the Moon will cast a shadow on a narrow band (about 225 miles wide) across the Earth. The eclipse will start in North Central China, cross the Pacific, make land fall near the California/Oregon border and end in west Texas. There will be about a 75% eclipse of the Sun in the Los Angeles area, starting at 5:25 p.m. and ending at 6:38 p.m. We are headed for Reno, Nevada, where there will be more than four minutes of annularity. In Reno the eclipse starts at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 6:31 p.m. Remember that Reno is actually further west than Los Angeles! Where the eclipse is deep, the sky will turn abnormally dark blue. The sunlight also may have a silvery or metallic quality during annularity. All Solar eclipse viewing precautions must be observed.

For further details go to skypub.com/may2012eclipse. You can also check out NASA's Eclipse website, <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/JSEX/JSEX-USA.html>

Garden Notes: You can still have a garden. Really. You can still turn over your beds or containers. Any weekend in May would be an ideal time to start. Even if you have a couple of tomatoes and a basil plant or two, your efforts will be rewarded. Throw out some Watermelon or Pepper seeds. You can try Sweet Corn in a raised bed. Sweet Corn is not good neighbor, so the entire bed would be corn field. Sweet Corn loves water and nitrogen. When the silks appear, liberally apply Cayenne or Chili powder to the silks. This will deter corn worms and have no impact on the flavor of your corn. Harvest the ears when the silks have completed dried out and are brown.

Joint Meeting: On May 17, 2012, there will be the annual joint meeting of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association and the Eastern Los Angeles County Bar Association, at Rainbow Canyon Ranch in Azusa. An MCLE hour, a hosted Bar, and fabulous food by Canyon City BBQ. For further details please see this month's WSBBCBA bulletin.

Recipe of the Month: Albacore Sandwich Mix. Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. I am truly blessed. Even though we lost my mom in 1996, we still have my mother-in-law, Mary Gatti. Mary is a kind and generous woman. She is a world class horse trainer and successful business woman. Here is her simply fabulous recipe for Albacore Sandwich Mix. This is enough for 12-14 sandwiches. You can also serve a scoop for a "big salad" or make a killer tuna melt in your cast iron skillet. So rather than taking mom out to a crowded brunch, consider having a fancy lunch at home. Last month's Potato Leek soup (cold version) would go also be great. Your favorite White Wine will work quite nicely with this.

Mary Gatti's Albacore Sandwich Mix

- (3) 12 oz. cans of Albacore (Water packed only) Starkist or Chicken of the Sea or Bumblebee.
- (2) 8 oz. cans of Water Chestnuts, finely chopped.
- (1) cup of finely diced Celery
- 24-30 oz. of Best Foods Mayo.
- (1) 8 oz. can of Salted Cashew Pieces (Planter's is the best).
- 1/4 cup finely minced Onion.
- Wheat Bread, toasted if you like.

Mix all chopped ingredients together with Mayo. Drain Albacore well and combine. If you have any left, cover tightly with plastic wrap or sealed container and it will keep in the fridge for a two or three days. Have a Happy Mother's Day. Buon Appetito! Tony Sears

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Finding Clients

It Pays to Be Picky (When it Comes to Clients)

Your success in the practice of law may depend upon the clients you decide *not* to represent as much as the clients that you do decide to represent.

By Linda Oligschlaeger

With all the competition out there for clients today, it is difficult to turn away paying clients, especially in slower economic times or when you are trying to establish a practice. However, your success in the practice of law may depend upon the clients you decide **not** to represent as much as the clients that you do decide to represent. In other words, you want to be picky about who you take for clients. You'll be investing a lot of time and energy in your clients' legal matter, and you'll want to be certain that it not only is financially rewarding, but that the work is also rewarding, which may depend on your clients' demeanor.

A lawyer that I recently spoke with told me about a situation where he felt sorry for a totally emotionally distraught woman who came to him on Christmas Eve about a divorce. Her former lawyer had withdrawn from the case, and she was about to go over the edge because she was close to losing her home and her child. The lawyer found it hard to refuse this woman and took her as a client only to later have to defend himself when she filed a complaint about him because the case didn't turn out as she had hoped. The lawyer found out later that she was an impossible client who had gone through several other attorneys who simply couldn't get along with her. She truly was emotionally unstable, demanding, and didn't pay her bills. The warning signs were there, but because it was Christmas Eve and he felt sorry for the woman, the lawyer let his emotions overrule trusting his instincts only to find himself with an ungrateful client that stiffed him for his fee.

The initial interview with the prospective client is the best time to weed out those clients who can cause you indigestion and heartburn. But, how do you identify troublesome clients? There are some warning signs, but your own inner voice or intuition may be your best tool. Sometimes this is more crudely referred to as those who don't pass the "sniff test" or simply trusting your "gut feeling". We all have those defensive instincts if we listen to them. Usually, when you ignore them or talk yourself out of listening to the warning signs, you live to regret it.

In some respects the attorney-client relationship is like a marriage. In order for the relationship to work, you must trust each other; you must be able to work together for a mutual interest; your personalities should blend and not clash; you must be able to communicate well with each other; and you both must work at the relationship. Like a marriage, it's important to start out on good footing. Couples that start a marriage with financial problems, who are incompatible, or who cannot communicate with each other, may be headed for failure. The same is true in an attorney-client relationship.

Here are a few of the warning signs about would-be clients that should alert you to use your instincts, and listen to that inner voice. I'm certain that lawyers who have been in practice for a number of years could certainly add to the list, but here are a few to start with.

The Bargain Hunter Client. This client is trying to get something (your services) for nothing or nearly nothing. This client is more focused on getting you to negotiate your fee to an unreasonably low level than getting his/her legal needs met. This type of client has probably shopped other lawyers all over town. Because the client is more interested in getting something for nothing, he/she will probably not see the value in your services. No matter how low you reduce your fee, it will not be low enough even though you may obtain a very favorable result.

The User Client. This is the client who goes from lawyer to lawyer. If you're the third or fourth lawyer who has represented this client on the same matter, a red flag should go up before your eyes. There is probably something wrong when a client can't seem to get along with many other lawyers. The client may have a legitimate reason to seek a second lawyer, but a third or fourth? If this client has been represented by another lawyer on this matter, you might want to check with the former lawyer to see if the reason the client left was because the bill arrived, or because the client was difficult to work with.

The Emotionally Distraught Client. This is the client who likely needs the services of a mental health professional more than a lawyer. Many clients seek out a lawyer because they are facing an emotionally upsetting situation in their life, such as a divorce or failing business. That doesn't mean that you should turn away all clients who are facing difficult situations in their lives. If so, you might have very few clients. But, there are those clients who cause your internal warning device to sound an alarm. If you accept the case of an emotionally distraught client, it's important to refer the client to a mental health professional who can help this person work through any emotional problems while you work on the legal problems. The client is then more likely to accept your counseling. If, however, the client resists your advice to seek assistance, you may have trouble communicating, and your client may not be helpful to you in the pending litigation. Emotionally distraught clients also have trouble remembering important conversations and details.

The Let's-End-It-Fast Client. This client wants to cave in to the other side to get the matter over, and when buyer's remorse sets in, it's the lawyer who becomes the target. This could be the divorce client who says, "Give her what she wants and get this over with". He later becomes angry about his diminished financial situation or having to share his future pension, and guess who might take the blame-his lawyer. The opposite can also be true. The passive client may have hopes of reconciliation and wants to agree to a lesser settlement only to become angry later when the ex spouse marries someone else. *Why did my lawyer let that happen?*

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The Know-It-All Client. This is the client who had a brother-in-law who had a sister who was a paralegal, or who read all about a similar legal situation on the Internet. This client may have a smattering of legal knowledge—just enough to be dangerous—and insists he/she knows exactly how to handle the case; this client just needs you to make the court appearances. This client can cause a sure case of heartburn by not listening or accepting your advice.

The Looking-For-Blood Client. This client is consumed with anger that will certainly stand in the way of any rational or fair result. This type of client wants revenge and the other side to pay with blood and money. Your rational solution will fall on deaf ears. It's nearly impossible to work with someone whose judgment is so clouded with anger. This person's anger can very easily turn on you. If revenge can't be taken out on the other side, you will do.

The Pie-In-The-Sky Client. This client has completely unrealistic expectations about possible outcomes of their case. This is the person who finds an ant in the soup at a local restaurant chain and expects to never work another day. When you aren't able to send this client to Lucky Town, dreams will be shattered, and blamed on you.

The User Client. These clients are pros, (maybe cons is a better description). They are able to manipulate you by casting themselves in an honorable light and convince you that they terminated their previous lawyer or lawyers for reasons that appear totally valid. Beware! They are wolves in sheep's clothing looking for as much free legal advice and services as they can bleed out of you.

The High Maintenance Client. This is the client who needs an excessive amount of handholding. This client will call you at the office nearly every day, or in the evening just when you are about to sit down to dinner with your family. Although you have an obligation to communicate with your clients, you should make it clear to high maintenance clients that you will keep them advised (and keep your word), and it will cost them to continuously call or stop by your office.

The Empty Pockets Client. Unless you choose to take the case on a pro bono basis, you still need to meet your payroll and keep the heat on this winter. If you are a bankruptcy attorney, it may be a different situation, but generally clients who have trouble paying their bills will also have trouble paying yours. Of course, it's the lawyer's responsibility to charge a reasonable fee and to clearly communicate to clients, preferably in writing, how they will be charged. It's always important to get a picture of the clients' financial situation at the outset. If their financial situation looks grim, be sure to get your money up front, if you do decide to take their case.

The High Roller Client. This is the client who lives on the edge and who engages in shady business practices. If the client exploits others, either for financial or social reasons, chances are you will also be exploited.

The It's-Always-Someone-Else's Fault Client. This client blames others for everything, and avoids accepting responsibility for his/her woes. You can bet this person will eventually be blaming you.

When you decline to represent various clients, it's very important to send them a non-engagement letter indicating that you will not be representing them on this matter. If appropriate, it may also be very important to remind them of any issues relating to time limitations.

In reality, many clients may have some of these traits. If you turn them all away, your waiting room will be empty, and you'll be out of business. However, these are traits to be aware of when deciding which clients to invest your time and hard work in. In order to have a good return on your investment of time and energy, it pays to be selective when it comes to clients. It may be an economically sound decision to turn away a client, even if they have the means to pay your bill, when your instincts tell you to be wary. Simply because a client has the means to pay doesn't mean that your bill will get paid; money isn't the only issue. A client who pays your bill, but who makes your life miserable, may not be worth the pain and suffering. Only you can decide.

Although you may be adept at listening to your instincts, there will be times when you aren't able to pick up on these traits in spite of your best efforts. However, it's much easier to turn away a potentially troublesome client at the outset rather than later when you have to withdraw only to find yourself defending a disciplinary complaint, fee dispute, or malpractice claim. It simply pays to be picky, when it comes to clients.

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Disqualification: Square Pegs and Round Holes

By: Diane Karpman

There is a recent disqualification case involving so many family entanglements that just sorting them out is a significant mental strain. In *Kennedy v. Eldridge*, an attorney was justifiably disqualified from representing his adult son in a custody and support action regarding the attorney's grandson, by the child's mother.

However, before we get into the minutia of *Kennedy v. Eldridge*, I must offer an early warning about an important change occurring in the critical area of MCLE reporting. Recently, I joked about how 27,000 California lawyers were inadvertently notified that they were going to be audited by the State Bar, and how the e-mail notification was sent in error.

Well, now it's going to become a reality. The State Bar is ratcheting up its audits of lawyers' MCLE compliance documents. Remember, these forms are submitted under penalty of perjury.

The State Bar tested a random sample of 635, about 1 percent of the attorneys reporting in 2011, as a benchmark diagnostic to see how compliance was working. (Each of the three compliance groups consists of about 60,000 lawyers).

Astonishingly, 96 of the 635 audit responses may have contained facially false compliance assertions, some of which will require further investigation by the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel. That is about 15 percent of the audited group. Extrapolated over the entire 2011 reporting group, it would suggest that more than 9,700 lawyers submitted false compliance certificates.

Nobody wants to become the focus of a State Bar investigation, especially about something administrative and fairly simple. So, let's all agree to keep those slips of paper evidence of lunches long ago. How about taking a smartphone photo of the documents?

MCLE compliance should be easy these days, but it wasn't always that way in the past. In the late-1990s, there was a California lawyer living in Hong Kong who could only attend a half-hour once a month, and who was required to submit a petition for approval every other month. She would take the Star Ferry across from Kowloon, to the class site and then submit a petition for approval. Nowadays, approved MCLE classes are readily available online, via tapes and in other forms. Be glad you don't have to cross Hong Kong harbor on the Star Ferry.

Now, let's get back to the Kennedy case.

Remember that representing friends and family members is a well-established red flag in the legal ethics community. It's one step away from representing yourself and having "a fool for a client," and almost always creates substantial conflicts of interest.

Clearly, a lawyer should not represent his son in a roiling, bitter custody dispute over the lawyer's grandson. How do you exercise independent judgment? And it's a few steps away from William Styron's classic book "Sophie's Choice." How do you choose between your son or your grandson?

The Kennedy case involving these issues raised quite a ruckus in the ethics community. Many requested depublication of the decision, not because the result was incorrect, but because the analysis was unconventional, unorthodox and resuscitated a long-dead standard of disqualification. The court held that "the multiple and interconnected family entanglements present here results in a strong appearance of impropriety and undermines the integrity of the judicial system." (at page 1212) The appearance-of-impropriety standard is not applicable to lawyers; it's too ethereal and is a standard applied to the judiciary. Remember, "that disqualification is a drastic course of action that should not be taken simply out of hypersensitivity to ethical nuisance or the appearance of impropriety." [Roush v. Seagate Technology, Inc.](#) (2007) 150 Cal. App. 4th 210, 219

The court was clearly struggling. There are two "tells" that are dead giveaways that a disqualification decision will be provocative and controversial. Both were present in this case.

One, the "square pegs and round holes argument" is always a sign that something radical will appear in a case. That is something that fails to fit within the parameters of existing cases, and appears in only a handful of conflict-of-interest cases. The other is the reliance on Rules of Professional Conduct 1-100, for the idea that the existing rules are not exclusive. Both of those appearing in one case are huge indicators of unorthodox reasoning for the right result.

The "money quote" in the case was "And what about little Calvin?" (*Kennedy* at page 1212) That should have been a reminder that the case is about an actual, human child and not about protracted and intense reasoning in a *Cirque du Soleil* decision.

In myths and fables about the legendary Warren Court, it was said that the justices would meet in conference, decide what results they wanted to reach and then figure out how to get there. Maybe that is what occurred in the Kennedy case.

Legal ethics expert Diane Karpman

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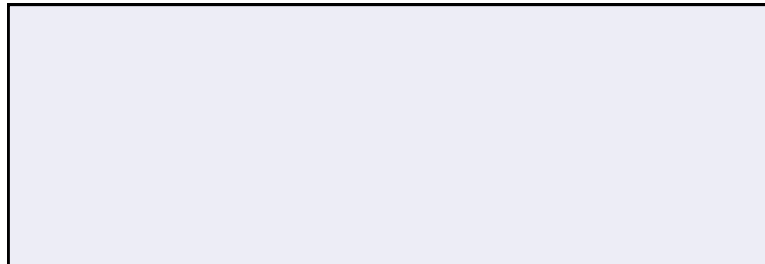
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