



REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -

By: Tony Sears

Season's Greetings! As we move towards the end of another year, a few thoughts on wrapping up the year. Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013, is as late as it can be. By Presidential Proclamations of George Washington in 1789, Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941, Thanksgiving Day is to be held on the fourth Thursday of November. This means a little less time to get ready for the remainder of 2013, so make the most of it.

During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I hope all of us can make time to slow down and reflect on how truly fortunate we are. We live in a prosperous and, for the most part, civilized society. This is only possible because of the rule of law.

Unlike a lot of places in the world, we have an established, accessible, and corruption free legal system. Contract disputes are resolved without gunfire. Tort victims receive fair compensation. Family disputes are resolved without too much rancor. Those accused of a crime are given the highest level of due process in the world. Real property rights are recognized without regard for color or creed. The result is a stable, peaceful, and prosperous society.

To be sure there is always room for improvement, however, the fact remains that we have the best legal system in the world. As lawyers, we are the guardians of the rule of law, charged with making the legal system work on a day to day basis. So, as 2013 winds down, I hope each of us can take time to reflect on the past year, rest and relax with family and friends, and get ready for inevitable challenges of 2014.

In the spirit of the holiday season, our annual "Toys for Tots" event will be held at the IVAMS on December 12, 2013 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please bring new unwrapped toys.

As a former kid and current parent, I know that guaranteed winners include Tonka toys, Barbie(s), Scrabble, Monopoly, Clue, Jenga, playing cards, and books. If you are feeling flush and want to donate something really cool, like a Takahashi Apochromatic Refractor Telescope, Model TSA-120, with the EM-200 mount, that also would be fine!

Just bring the "Toys for Tots" to IVAMS and get your picture taken with Santa. Have some holiday cheer. We'll make sure the toys get to the tots. If you cannot attend and would still like to contribute, please drop off the toys at the WSBCBA office. You may also send a check to the bar office, put "Toys for Tots" in the memo line. Please RSVP with Deva Mora. I hope to see you there!

Finally, you have by now received your annual membership renewal. Please take the time to renew your WSBCBA membership. For those of you who are not yet members, I urge you to consider joining our fine organization. Considering the many benefits of membership, our modest annual membership dues are a great value. For a full list of member benefits and an application to join, please go to our new revised and information filled website at wsbcba.org.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. My telephone is (626) 334-4900 and my e-mail is tony@nitwik.com. See you in court! Tony Sears

WELCOME

Western San Bernardino County Bar Association's New Members:

Michelle McCoy Wolfe, Esq.—Varner & Brandt, LLP
Catherine Wise - Varner & Brandt, LLP
Lea Francisco—Cihigoyenette, Grossberg & Clouse
Arturo Angel Burga—Burga Law Firm
Steven J. Brown—Brown & Lipinsky, LLP

December Almanac

By: Tony Sears

All times Pacific Standard Time (PST), which is minus eight (8) hours from UTC (Universal Time Coordinated). Location: 34.1 N, 117.7 W. All astronomical data courtesy of the United States Naval Observatory website: www.usno.navy.mil. The winter solstice occurs on December 21, 2013, at 9:11 p.m.

December Sky. The December New Moon occurs on Monday, December 2 at 4:23 a.m. Look for Jupiter high in the sky all night. If the skies are clear, many children can actually see the larger *Galilean* moons of Jupiter. Something about the youth having better visual acuity. The rest of us need binoculars to spot the *Galilean* moons, *Io*, *Europa*, *Ganymede*, and *Callisto*. Venus is also quite prominent in the south western sky at dusk at maximum brightness, magnitude -4.9. Look for Venus hanging near the crescent Moon on the evening of December 5.

The December Full Moon is known as the “Long Night Full Moon” It is so named because the nights in the northern hemisphere are longest from mid December until early January. The Long Night Full Moon rises at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, December 16, goes through December 17, 2013, at 1:29 a.m., and setting in the west at 6:53 a.m. on December 17. The waning nearly full Moon will rise again on Tuesday, December 17 at 5:25 p.m.

COMET ALERT: As I write, in late November, Comet ISON is streaking towards the Sun at the respectable pace. The comet was discovered on September 21, 2012, by two Russian amateur astronomers, Vitali Nevski and Artyam Novichonok using the sixteen inch International Scientific Optical Network telescope, aka ISON.

On November 28, Comet ISON makes a hairpin turn (perihelion) around the Sun, traveling through the corona of the Sun and just missing the photosphere (visible surface). Consequently, Comet ISON will be heated to over 4900 degrees F, which will cause the comet to start shedding debris. A comet is a lot like a dirty, pebble laden snowball. In addition to being quite warm, the Sun also has a nasty gravitational tide, which will pull the nucleus of Comet ISON apart. It is this force that will hopefully cause Comet ISON to have a spectacular tail. Or not. It all depends when the nucleus breaks up. Later, the better.

Comet ISON will only be visible just before dawn in the east-southeast from about November 16 until December 11, when it will disappear into the glow of the morning Sun. Examples of comets that turned spectacular (we’re talking once in a lifetime, naked eye viewing) include Comet Bennett in 1970, Comet West in 1976, and Comet Lovejoy in 2011. The latest available data, using the Hubble (that’s right, it still works....) Space Telescope, indicates that Comet ISON’s nucleus is three (3) times (about three miles) bigger than that of Comet Lovejoy, which as a spectacular site in the southern hemisphere in late 2011. So, if it survives the gravity of the Sun, Comet ISON may be a once in lifetime viewing event.

Looking for an interesting and useful Holiday gift? Consider the “Astronomical Calendar 2014” by Guy Otwell, published by Universal Workshop, P.O. Box 102, Rayham, MA 02767-0102; telephone (800)-533-5083; website UniversalWorkshop.com. This an excellent resource for beginner to expert. You can teach yourself basic astronomy just by following the calendar for a year. It is in a large format and contains sky maps and many helpful and thought provoking diagrams. It costs about \$30.00 a copy. Go ahead and order 2 or 3 copies, because when you see it, you’ll want to keep a copy for yourself.

Finally, December has two (2) decent meteor showers. The *Geminids* on December 12-14 are an easy one. The radiant, the constellation of *Gemini*, the twins, Castor and Pollux, is well up in the early evening and the predicted peak is about 3:00 a.m. local time on December 14. However, the nearly full Moon will really be a factor, as it sets at 4:28 a.m. So the best time for the *Geminids* will be between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Next up are the *Ursids* (*Ursa Major*, aka the Big Dipper) on December 22. Even though the Moon will be up all night, if you are up early on the first full day of Winter, then have a look in the northern sky.

Garden Notes: Now is the time to prune your roses and fruit trees. Roses should be taken back to their basic structure, with any canes that overlap or cross taken out. You can also pre-dig holes for new or replacement roses or bare-root fruit trees. By digging the holes now and partially back filling with organics and some dirt, you will be creating an ideal place for your new plants or trees. The winter rains will spread the good stuff into the area where the new roots will be growing. This simple task will give whatever you a planting a chance to hook up and thrive.

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December Recipe: I know how crazy December can be, especially since it starts on a Sunday. Yet, there is still a need to have some simple comfort food, especially on a cold and rainy day. This is a perfect recipe for older kids and teens. One of the best things about cooking, even with our busy schedules, is the sense of accomplishment that comes with a simple home cooked meal on an otherwise crazy day. If you have your ingredients set out, you can make it in a snap. By popular demand, here's my mom's quick and easy chili recipe:

Marie Sears' Seven Can Chili

Serves 4-6

Prep and cooking time: 30 minutes.

1 ½ lbs ground sirloin or leanest ground beef
½ an onion, diced. Use the other half for garnish.
1 small can of tomato paste
1 can of tomato sauce (the rest of the cans are the 14-15 oz. size)
1 can of water, using tomato sauce can.
1 can of diced tomatoes
1 can black beans
1 can kidney beans
1 can of ranch beans
1 package of chili seasoning. (Lawry's works just fine, or use whatever you like).

Garnishes: Grated cheddar, Frito's corn chips, diced onions, and/or sour cream.

Wine pick: *Brandt Family 2009*, "Ink" which is a Santa Barbara County Syrah.

In a Dutch oven, heat 1 tbsp. of olive oil. Cook the onions until translucent. Then brown and cook ground beef. Drain off as much fat as you can. Then add all remaining ingredients, liquid from the cans included, combine, cover, and bring to a simmer. This is ready to go in about 30 minutes. If you have more time, uncover and reduce heat to a simmer for up to an hour. Will it win a chili cook off? Probably not, as it is not spicy enough. Will it be tasty and make your tummy full? Absolutely. Serve with a small salad or sauteed spinach and freshly baked corn bread. The Marie Callendar's cornbread mix works great. Vegetarian variation: Don't use ground beef! Let it cool off before you store the left overs. Ummmm, chili dogs....

Buon Appetito! Tony Sears

WSBCBA ROBERTA SHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Western San Bernardino County Bar Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the "WSBCBA Roberta Shouse Legal Aid Scholarship Fund," to be awarded annually at our Judicial Officer of the Year Dinner each Spring to one or two deserving law students who will be spending their summer working for the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino. Donation forms are available in this month's newsletter. Please fill out the form and return it to the Bar office, indicating which amount you would like to contribute to the upcoming March, 2014 scholarship recipient and which amount you would like to donate to the general scholarship endowment fund.

Roberta Shouse was awarded the WSBCBA Legal Assistant of the Year Award posthumously at last month's Installation Dinner. Roberta was the Executive Director of Legal Aid San Bernardino from its inception in 1978 until her death on July 4, 2013. The society provides the poorest in the county with access to justice. She was a lifetime resident of San Bernardino and she received her AA degree in sociology from Valley College in 1964. She administered the clinic for 35 years, providing free or low-cost legal services to poor families throughout San Bernardino County.

Roberta also served on the San Bernardino County and California Commissions on the Status of Women, chaired the county Civil Service Commission, and was involved in many charities, public services, and hosted a weekly public access TV program entitled Legal Issues.

Our first scholarships will be awarded on March 27, 2014, when we will honor the California Chief Justice, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, with our 2014 Judge of the Year Award.

Please contact us should you have any questions concerning this new scholarship fund.

Thank you,

Dean McVay
Immediate Past President

See WSBCBA Robert Shouse
Scholarship Fund Donation Form on page 6



23rd Annual Red Mass

by Jacqueline Carey-Wilson and Michelle Lauron

More than 100 members of the legal community and their families gathered at the 23rd Annual Red Mass, which was held on October 1, 2013. In 2011, the Mass was moved from May to October to coincide with the opening of the annual term of the United States Supreme Court. The Red Mass is celebrated to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. The mass was held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino. Judges, lawyers, and public officials of several faiths participated.

In the opening procession, David D. Werner carried a banner depicting the Holy Spirit, the Scales of Justice, and the Ten Commandments, symbolizing the impartiality of justice and how all must work toward the fair and equal administration of the law, without corruption, avarice, prejudice, or favor. Jacqueline Carey-Wilson processed into the church with a vase of 13 red roses, in memory of members of the Inland Empire legal community who passed away in the last year, and three additional red roses for Linda Maynes, Helen Rodriguez, and Louise Biddle, members of the Red Mass Steering Committee who passed away in previous years. The Mass was dedicated to those serving in the U.S. armed forces, especially in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places where they are in harm's way.

The chief celebrant was the Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino. Rabbi Hillel Cohn, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Emanu El in San Bernardino, read a passage from Deuteronomy (16:18-22) in Hebrew and then in English. Franklin Adams, First Counselor, Yucaipa California Stake Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, read a passage from Ephesians (5:8-14). Deacon Luis Sanchez read a passage from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16). Reverend Monsignor Peter O'Reilly from Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Claremont gave the homily. Mitchell Norton and Jacqueline Carey-Wilson offered the Prayers of the Faithful, which included honoring members of the Inland Empire legal community and the Steering Committee who had passed away. At the end of the Mass, Bishop Barnes gave a blessing to those in attendance.

In his homily, Monsignor O'Reilly shared stories about his ministry to boys in camps for juvenile offenders in Los Angeles County. He told of one youth who was leaving the camp but had no home to go to because his mother was in jail. Monsignor O'Reilly informed the assembled that most of the boys in the camps come from broken homes with little or no parental support. He advised that laws geared only to punish will increase a young person's instability. Not having control over their impulses causes many problems for youth. Monsignor O'Reilly believes that a stable home and a good education can help young people gain control. He suggested three points to consider.

The first is that law, as St. Thomas Aquinas taught, is "an ordinance of reason." Laws that do not take into account the real-life situation of people but seek only to punish fail the test of reason. According to Monsignor O'Reilly, "Law and how it is applied must always have among its goals the restoration of the person, not merely his or her punishment."

The second is that the law must treat all equally because we are all equal in the sight of God. Monsignor O'Reilly instructed, "The law should throw a light into all of the dark corners of reality . . . however heinous the crimes of a person, the light of justice must always shine brightly for them, as for everyone, with no exceptions."

Monsignor O'Reilly lastly advised that "besides being reasonable and available to all equally, people like you who work each day in the administration of laws and the application of justice will be richly rewarded for your good work."

At the reception immediately following the Mass, Michelle Lauron presented Dennis Christy with the Saint Thomas More Award. The Saint Thomas More Award is given to an attorney or a judge whose conduct in his or her profession is an extension of his or her faith, who has filled the lives of the faithful with hope by being a legal advocate for those in need, who has shown kindness and generosity of spirit, and who is overall an exemplary human being. When speaking about Saint Thomas More, Pope John Paul II stated that "this English statesman placed his own public activity at the service of the person, especially if that person was weak or poor; he dealt with social controversies with a superb sense of fairness; he was vigorously committed to favoring and defending the family . . ."

Dennis Christy has always been defined by faith and family. Mr. Christy's deep faith in Christ and his humility have inspired many whom he has known both personally and professionally to be honest, forthright, hardworking, and humble. His love and devotion toward his wonderful wife of over 39 years, Kathy, serve as a powerful example to all, and especially to his three beloved sons, Scott, Paul, and Sean. He is the kindhearted father-in-law to Mary (Scott's wife) and Tracy (Paul's wife). Of greatest satisfaction, pride, and joy to Dennis is being the very proud grandfather to Scott and Mary's two sons, Jake and Shane. Mr. Christy's discipline in his professional life and the courtroom extends to his personal life. He is a dedicated husband and father and an avid runner and athlete.

Dennis Christy was born in Long Beach to Daniel and Virginia Christy and grew up there. He has two sisters, Ann Marie and Cynthia, and a cherished extended family. He was raised in the Catholic Church with his parents' guidance. He attended Saint Cornelius's Elementary School and Saint Anthony High School.

Mr. Christy received his Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Long Beach and his Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University School of Law. He has been a member of the State Bar for 37 years. He was President of the San Bernardino County Bar Association in 1994-1995. He actively supported the Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial program for high school students. Mr. and Mrs. Christy were parishioners at Our Lady of the Desert Parish in Apple Valley for over 34 years, where they served as Youth Group leaders and he served as a volunteer in the group that ministered to individuals becoming Catholic. They are now parishioners at St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic Church in Alta Loma.

On beginning as prosecutor with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office in 1976, Mr. Christy was assigned to the newly opened Victorville office. He quickly rose through the ranks and was known for his tremendous trial preparation, his acute sense of fairness, and his resolute ethical standards. He tried dozens and dozens of criminal trials. Mr. Christy was at all times held in high regard and was entrusted with the office's most serious and legally complex criminal prosecutions.

In 1982, Mr. Christy was promoted to Supervising Deputy District Attorney in charge of the Barstow office. In 1986, he became the Chief Deputy District Attorney in charge of the Desert Division, which encompassed the Victorville, Barstow, Big Bear, Morongo, and Needles offices. Mr. Christy was appointed to the District Attorney's Executive Management staff in 2007 as the Assistant District Attorney responsible for Criminal Operations and advisor to the District Attorney, Michael A. Ramos. In these positions, Mr. Christy was well respected and admired by his colleagues within the District Attorney's Office and other county agencies for his wise and thoughtful decisions. He retired from the District Attorney's Office in September 2012.

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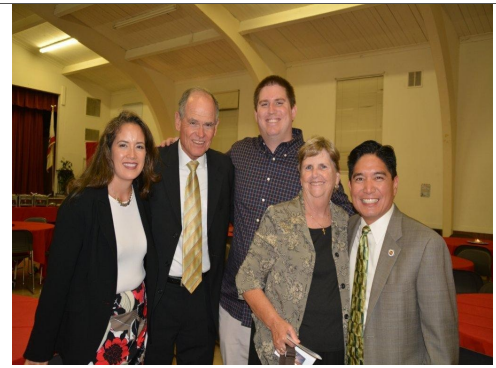
23rd Annual Red Mass (continued)
by Jacqueline Carey-Wilson and Michelle Lauron

What is most telling about Mr. Christy's legal career is that his staff had great admiration and respect for him. Mr. Christy was an esteemed mentor, friend, and father figure to many. There was no case too small for him to give his undivided attention. Few would ever meet a man who cared more about his staff's personal well-being than Mr. Christy. He continues to live his faith in every aspect of his life. Accordingly, the Red Mass Steering Committee was honored to present Dennis Christy with the Saint Thomas More Award for his extraordinary service and devotion to church, community, and justice.

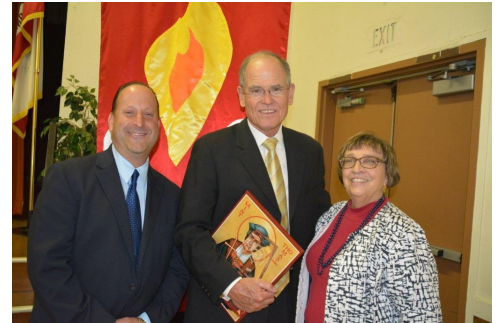
The Red Mass Committee is accepting nominations for the 2014 Saint Thomas More Award. The award will be given at the reception following next year's Red Mass, which will be held in October 2014. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the planning of next year's Red Mass, please call Jacqueline Carey-Wilson at (909) 387-4334 or Mitchell Norton at (909) 387-5444.

Jacqueline Carey-Wilson is deputy county counsel for the County of San Bernardino, President of the Riverside County Bar Association, and co-chair of the Red Mass Steering Committee.

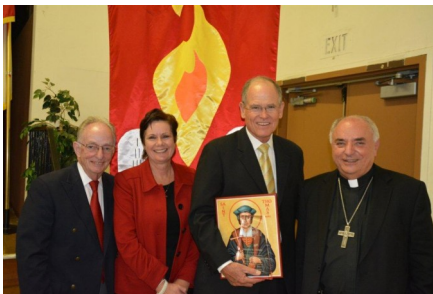
Michelle Lauron is a deputy district attorney for the County of San Bernardino.



Michelle Lauron, Dennis Christy, Sean Christy, Kathy Christy and Michael Fermin



Mitchell Norton, Dennis Christy and Hon. Cynthia Ludvigsen



Rabbi Cohn, Jacqueline Carey-Wilson, Dennis Christy and Bishop Gerald Barnes



Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, Rabbi Hillel Cohn, and Bishop Gerald Barnes



Roses placed on the alter for those in the legal community who have passed away



Dennis Christy and Michelle Lauron



Bill Lemann and Franklin Adams

If you are unable to attend the Toys for Tots Holiday Celebration on December 12, 2013, please consider a money donation wherein the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association will go shopping and buy the Toys for Tots children toys.
Any amount is welcome, however we could fill up an entire shopping cart of toys with \$100.00 for the needy children.
Your donation is greatly appreciated!
We thank you for your generosity.
 Make checks payable to:
WSBCBA and in the memo/for section of your check write: Toys for Tots Donation
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**WSBCBA ROBERTA SHOUSE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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YES, I/We would like to donate to the “*Western San Bernardino County Bar Association Roberta Shouse Scholarship Fund.*” Please accept my contribution to this fund.

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Amount of Contribution: \$ _____

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WSBCBA Roberta Shouse Scholarship Fund
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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: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State & Zip: _____
 Telephone No.: _____

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.



Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 21, 2013

NEW CALENDARING SYSTEM FOR FAMILY LAW FILINGS WITH CUSTODY AND VISITATION ISSUES

Effective October 28, 2013, San Bernardino County Superior Court will implement a new case calendaring system for family law cases that involve custody and visitation disputes. It involves a new model for calendaring Request for Order (RFO) filings with custody or visitation issues and provides litigants who do not have court orders priority access to a court hearing and mediation services.

The new calendaring system will assist families in crisis by providing litigants that do not have custody or visitation orders with an expedited court hearing and mediation appointment. Currently, litigants must wait approximately 75-100 days to get a hearing and mediation services. The new calendaring system will provide a court hearing and mediation within 45 days from filing for cases that do not have court orders.

Family law litigants that have court orders and are seeking a modification of the order currently wait 75-100 days for a hearing and mediation appointment. The new system provides litigants an expedited court hearing approximately 30 days from filing. At the hearing, judicial officers will assess the need for mediation services based on the information presented at the hearing. If mediation is not required, there will be a reduction in the number of referrals for mediation and also a reduction in the wait time to get a mediation appointment. The goal is to reduce the wait time to 60 days for litigants seeking a modification of an existing order.

The new calendaring system will allow the Court to better utilize its resources by confirming proof of service, ensuring parties appear at hearing, only referring cases that require mediation and by confirming compliance with prior court orders before referring parties for mediation services.

The new calendaring system is a result of a business process reengineering effort that is part of San Bernardino Superior Courts larger Public Access to Justice Initiative to increase public access to justice to the residents of San Bernardino County.

This notice has been posted on the Court's website at www.sb-court.org.

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**Western San Bernardino County Bar Association
and IVAMS cordially invite you to attend our annual**

Toys for Tots Holiday Celebration

Please join us for refreshments, appetizers,
great conversation and holiday cheer!

Thursday, December 12, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.
at
IVAMS

**8287 White Oak Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
(909) 466-1665**

Cost: \$25.00 per person and unwrapped gift*

*Unwrapped gifts for children will be collected for donation and
given to the US Marine Corp. Toys for Tots Foundation
to benefit needy families during this holiday season.



Please RSVP ASAP (909) 483-0548
or email: devamora@wsbcb.org
The children and their families **Thank you** for your gifts!

Western San Bernardino County Bar Association
Presents a Three Hour MCLE on

Negotiations With Difficult People and How To Get Past Impasse In Mediation



Honorable Christopher Warner (Retired)



Master Mediator Timothy Corcoran

SPEAKERS

These two respected Neutrals will identify the most common difficult negotiator types and give you the tools and strategies to more effectively deal with them. They will also provide tools for getting past impasse and how to do it in a mediation with difficult people.

—► 3 hours MCLE credits ◀—

Saturday - January 18, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

at

University of La Verne College of Law

320 "D" Street - Room 217

Ontario, California

COST: \$50.00

***** Coffee and refreshments will be provided—RSVP IS REQUIRED! *****

Call:(909) 483-0548 Fax: (909) 483-0553

E-mail: devamora@wsbcba.org

NAME: _____

PHONE NO: _____

NOTE: A \$50.00 fee will be charged for failure to show or cancelation of reservation within 24 hours.

The WSBBCBA certifies that this activity has been approved for a total of 3.0 MCLE General Credits by the State Bar of California.

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**Western San Bernardino County Bar Association
Presents
Ethics, Bias and Substance Abuse Blitz**

SPEAKERS:

Ethical Duties of Eliminating Bias in the Legal Profession, presented by:

Gemma George and Phyllis Pollack



Ethical Issues for Litigators presented by:

Honorable John Pacheco



Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession, presented by:

James Heiting



**Master Mediator
Timothy Corcoran will moderate this event.**



—▶ 3 hours MCLE credits ◀—

Thursday - January 23, 2014

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

at

University of La Verne College of Law

320 "D" Street - Room 217

Ontario, California

COST: \$50.00—Sandwiches, sodas & water provided

******* RSVP IS REQUIRED! *******

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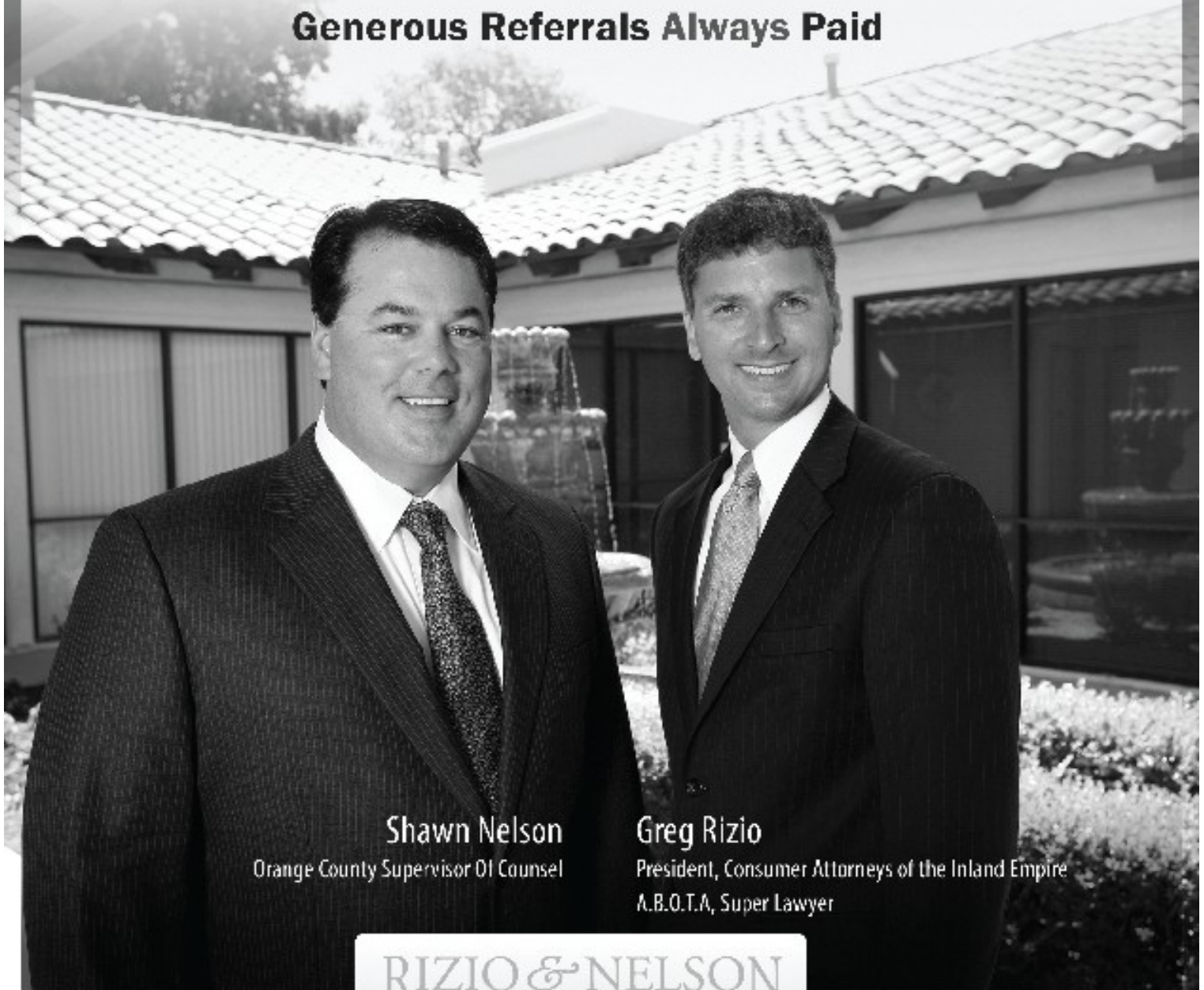
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"So you don't have any information to help me?" I asked plaintively.

"Look in the library," he said, holding the door for my ignominious exit.

I learned: IRS representatives are not paid to inform citizens how to minimize their taxes.

Similarly, government eligibility workers are not paid to inform citizens how to maximize assets while qualifying for benefits available through federal, state and county agencies.

Anyone can obtain forms for government assistance programs and file for benefits at no charge. However, anyone with two nickels to rub together should spend one coin for professional guidance to save the other.

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Planning tip: Mom and Dad turned their first house into rental property. Currently assessed for \$36,000, this house's fair market value is \$270k.

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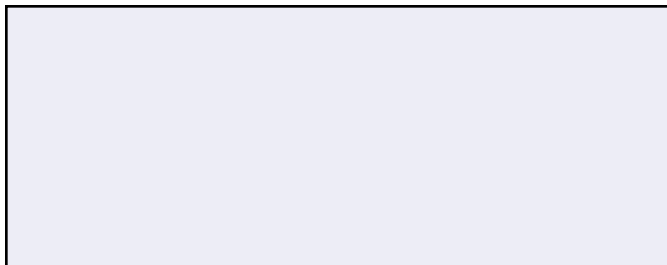
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