

BAR BULLETIN



REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -

By: Tony Sears

This month's topic: DISASTER STRIKES! Will you be ready?

Early on the morning of January 16, 2014, the Colby Fire forced us to evacuate Rainbow Canyon Ranch. I scrambled from our house in Claremont to Azusa about 7:00 a.m. We had to get sixty eight horses loaded out and taken to Fairplex in Pomona. It took less than two hours and thankfully, no major incidents.

As far as my office goes, I was able to get through to the computer guru, who told me to take the tower and leave the rest. I loaded up the tower, some key files, and was ready to bug out by noon. Fortunately, I have just about everything scanned, so I was not freaking out.

However, I stuck around until near dark. I saw some very awesome flying by the pilots and crew of the LA County Fire Sikorsky S-70 "Firehawk" helicopters and the fixed wing Super Scoopers, with 1600 gallons of water per drop. The helicopters were making five minute round trips, getting water from the Morris Dam. The fixed wing were taking about seven minutes, as they had to fly to Puddingstone reservoir in San Dimas.

After seeing the Super Scooper in action, I am convinced that the State of California should purchase and operate at least fifty of these aircraft, statewide. In addition to the wildfire fighting capacity, these aircraft could also be used to battle a major fire in an suburban or even urban situation. Such a fleet would be expensive, but the value of lives and property saved more than justify the costs involved.

By late on the afternoon on January 16, the air attack had put so much water on the ridge above Highway 39, there were slides composed of dirt, rock, flaming debris, and water coming down onto the road. I left about 4:45 p.m. and had to wait with several cars for Caltrans trucks to clear the road. My point is that I should have not waited so long to leave. The road could have been closed at any time and I would have had an interesting, if not dangerous situation to deal with. I really should have left at noon.



My wife and her mother were determined to stick it out, but they were soon persuaded to leave by the Azusa Police and LA County Fire about 7:00 p.m. The only damage was to my wife's new truck, which took a lick from a grapefruit sized rock on the roof.

Frankly, we were lucky. The fire hit early in the morning on a week day. It was mid January and 70 degrees, rather than 110 degrees in late September. The Santa Ana winds died down before noon. We were able to get enough horse vans, because Santa Anita Racetrack is having its winter meet. We had our brush clearance done. We had keys handy for vehicles that needed to be moved. We had plenty of people on the ground to help. The Azusa Police stationed a patrol car and senior officer at the ranch all day. There were about ten fire trucks from as far away as Riverside County and Tulare County standing by on the ranch for structure protection. Once the wind died down, the Forest Service was able to back fire the ridge across the river with about fifty fire trucks standing by. There were no flying embers or spot fires. The power was only out for a couple of days, instead of two weeks.

The other disasters that can hit our local area are floods, landslides, and earthquake. So if you live in an area where wildfires, floods, or landslides occur, you probably already know the drill. Have your car fueled up and ready to go. Make sure you have easy access to your escape route and don't be a hero.

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WELCOME

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February Almanac

By: Tony Sears

All times Pacific Standard Time (PST), which is minus eight (8) hours from UTC (Universal Time Coordinated). The February Full Moon is called the "Full Cold Moon". Watch the Full Cold Moon rise on February 14, 2014, at 5:40 p.m. Oddly, there is no New Moon February 2014. The next new moon occurs at 12:01 a.m. in March 1, 2014, Jupiter is out all night.

Creature of the Month: Da Bears. *Ursus Americanus Californiensis*. The California Black Bear. Usually, the bears we see on television are brown. These bears range all over the state, having become the only remaining ursine about 115 years ago. The California Black Bear ranges in size from 128 lbs. up to 190 lbs. and lives about 18 to 25 years. Thus, our locals are some of the smallest black bears.

Does a bear @#it in the woods? Presumably. In the vineyard, absolutely. While not as well adapted as the Coyote, our local ursine population does okay in the suburban/mountain border zone. Some learn which pools they can swim in. Some learn that Tuesday is trash day. These bears are a lot more quick and agile than you might think. They are quite capable of hopping a fence, climbing any tree, and can even walk atop a block wall.

Being omnivores, bears will eat just about anything from grubs to berries to avocados to left over Thai takeout, container and all. Our local bear population is healthy to the point where hunting is allowed under a strictly allotted basis. Unfortunately, there remains a thriving black market for bear parts. It is felony under California law to deal in bear parts.

The California Grizzly Bear, *Ursus Arctos Californicus*, which graces our California flag, is long gone. Last one was killed in Tulare County in 1922 and the last wild sighting in the southern Sierra in 1924. The largest ever recorded as taken in Canyon Country in 1873. That bad boy weighed in over 2300 lbs. The California Grizzly bear was simply not very compatible with modernity.

The Grizzly Bear used to be the dominate predator in North America. On the plains of South Dakota, the Lewis and Clark Expedition had a famous one time encounter with a Grizzly Bear. Captain Lewis thought he and his troops could simply lasso one and the bear would submit for an inspection. Several hours later, despite the efforts of ten men on horseback, they gave up. Captain Lewis recorded this event in his journal and indicated they wouldn't be trying that again. There are Grizzly Bears in Alaska, Canada, Wyoming, and Montana.

While the worst thing a black bear will do is run you over in a panic, the Grizzly Bear will kill you and drag your carcass away to feed her cubs, which happens about once a year to some poor hiker in Yellowstone or Glacier National Parks. If you go into the back country there, you'd best be packing a .44 or better.

The Kodiak Bear aka the Alaskan Grizzly, *Ursus Arctos Middendorffi*, is a species distinct from the Grizzly Bear, although hybrids are becoming common. Due to their resource abundant territory, these are some of the largest bears on earth.

The Polar Bear, *Ursus Maritimus*, despite their status as cola shills and poster children for global warming, are the biggest and baddest of da bears. Male Polar bears routinely weigh in at 1500 lbs. and are up to 13 feet tall on their hind legs. Their range is some of the harshest on earth. Due to climate change, their range is moving ever southward. If you think coyotes in the cat food are a problem, be glad you don't have to deal with Polar Bears in your remote Arctic village.

Recipe of the Month: Everybody loves cake, especially on Valentine's Day! Break out your Bundt pan. This is my *Meyer Lemon Cake*. A perfect cake to brighten up a gray winter day. This works best in a bundt pan; I suppose you could make cupcakes with this recipe, but I am not sure about the baking time for cupcakes. If you do not yet have "Microplane" grater (s), this is your reason to obtain them. There are a few sizes. I have one for zesting and one for cheese grating. There is also one for nutmeg, ginger, etc. Meyer lemons are the chef's lemon, as they have lemony goodness without too much acidity. If you cannot get Meyer lemons, then you can use oranges and substitute rum (or Cointreau) instead of bourbon. Regular lemons, do not work with this recipe. Too sour.

Meyer Lemon Bourbon Cake

Preheat your oven to 350 f. Oil and lightly flour your Bundt pan. Pam baking spray with flour works quite well.

Ingredients:

- 1 yellow cake mix (18.25 oz)
- 1 package (3.4 oz) of vanilla instant pudding mix. Do not use "sugar free", as it won't work.
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1/4 cup of bourbon
- 4 large Eggs
- 2 Tbsp. of Meyer Lemon Zest. Zest the lemons first, then juice.
- 1 cup of Meyer Lemon juice. You'll need between 6 and 8 Meyer Lemons.

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**From the Desk of the President of the
HONORABLE JOSEPH B. CAMPBELL
AMERICAN INN OF COURT**

By Kevin Bevins

The Honorable Joseph B. Campbell American Inn of Court Chapter's monthly meeting was held at The Castaway Restaurant on January 8, 2014. Continuing with our theme for the year, "What Can the Law Learn From Baseball?" Presentations focus on subject matter emanating from the wisdom of New York Yankee legend, Yogi Berra. The program for January was "We have deep depth!"

Judge Cynthia Ludvigsen facilitated discussion from perspective of a bench officer. Judge Ludvigsen affirmed the importance of court staff, and how attorneys can best utilize the assistance of court clerks, bailiffs, court reporters and court attendants. She explained the importance of demonstrating respect and courtesy, not only to the Judge, but to the staff that makes the courtroom work.

Derek Raynes of the Law Offices of Jeffrey S. Raynes served as moderator and led the panel. Sherrie Davidson from the Law Offices of Sherrie Davidson, and Jack Osborn, Managing Attorney at Brown, White & Newhouse in Redlands, focused on the training and development of law office support staff. La Verne Law School student member Katherine Ellis joined the panel and participated in a skit presentation involving delegation of tasks in a law office setting. The skit reinforced the importance of working with staff, developing confidence through training, clear instructions, as well as recognizing and accepting responsibility.

Mock Trial Scholarships

On January 9, 2014, at 6:30, the San Bernardino County Mock Trial Awards Ceremony was held at the National Orange Show Events Center. This ceremony is the culmination of a year of dedication by scores of high school students from all reaches of the county. Students, coaches, parents and teachers gather for an evening to honor these fine students, with awards issued for various categories in the Mock Trial Competition, such as Best Prosecution Attorney, Best Defense Attorney, Best Clerk, and Bailiff. The Honorable Joseph B. Campbell American Inn of Court has been awarding scholarships to students nominated by their coaches and teachers for Civility in Advocacy.

The Inn has been awarding four \$250 scholarship awards to college bound students since 2007. This year, the Inn President and Board of Directors of the Inn voted to award five scholarships. Leslie E. Murad, II, The Mock Trial Liaison from the Inn had the honor of presenting the awards, and recognizing some of the individual accomplishments of the honorees. The students earning the Civility in Advocacy Scholarships were: Blake Berich - Redlands East Valley High School, Vanesa Martin - Kaiser High School, Advika Nambisan - Redlands High School, Gavin Li - Los Osos High School and Maribel Perez - Hesperia High School.

Our next meeting

"A Conversation With California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye" scheduled for February 12, 2014, is the headline of the program for the annual joint meeting of the San Bernardino and Riverside County Inns of Court chapters. The Campbell Inn will joint our host for the 2014 joint meeting, The Leo Deegan Inn of Court from Riverside, and our colleagues from The Warren Slaughter-Richard Roemer Inn of Court from the Coachella Valley, and the Southwest Inn of Court from Temecula for a banquet at the Mission Inn in Riverside. The joint meeting is hosted by a different Inn on a rotating basis, usually held in February of each year. Over 50 members of the Campbell Inn will be on hand to welcome Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye. She is a dynamic speaker. We look forward to her insight on the judiciary in California.

The annual joint meeting is a great opportunity to meet members of the other Inns in the area, and develop and further friendships.

For more information, please contact the Joseph B. Campbell Inn of Court, my email address is: kevin.bevins@farmersinsurance.com. For membership information regarding the Honorable Joseph B. Campbell Inn of Court, please contact Membership Chair Kathleen Patterson at PattersonLaw@live.com.

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As far as a major earthquake goes, it is going to happen. The San Andreas fault runs right through our area. There are several other minor faults around, some of which are capable of magnitude six or bigger quakes. The Northridge quake in 1994 was on such a "minor" fault.

Plan on being on your own for a least a week and be ready with shelter in place. Water is the most important thing. Most of us have plenty of reserves already on board, so no real danger of starvation. If you have enough water, worst case is you'll be a little hungry.

For excellent disaster preparedness resources, please go to the American Red Cross website, redcross.org. Please take some time to go over your disaster preparedness plan for home and work.

Finally, please see this month's bulletin for details on our February membership meeting, to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014. We are trying out a new location, Brio Tuscan Grille in Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga. We will be having a very important update from Presiding Judge Marsha G. Slough which includes an hour of MCLE credit.

See you in court! Tony Sears

February Almanac [Continued from page 2]

Thoroughly mix all ingredients in a bowl. Beat for 1 minute. Stop, scrape down the sides of the bowl. Increase speed to medium and mix for 2 minutes. The batter will be quite thick. Spoon into your greased/floured or Pam sprayed Bundt pan. Give the pan a light tap to get rid of any air bubbles. Bake for 40-45 minutes, until the cake starts to pull away from sides of pan. Remove from oven and place on cooling rack. Let completely cool or the cake may stick in the pan. When cooled, carefully use a butter knife and go around the edges to make sure it is not sticking to the pan. Place the cake on your cake dish or other serving plate. Then proceed to make the glaze.

Glaze and Finish

½ stick of butter

½ cup of sugar

1/4 cup of bourbon

1/4 cup of Meyer lemon juice.

Place all ingredients in sauce pan over medium heat, stirring constantly and cook for about 20 minutes. The idea is to reduce and thicken. Poke holes in your cake using a wooden skewer. Slowly pour the hot glaze over the cake, down the sides, and the middle. Finish with 2 Tbsp. of Meyer lemon zest sprinkled on the cake. Allow to completely cool before slicing. This is one awesome cake.

Buon Appetito! Tony Sears

**WSBCBA ROBERTA SHOUSE
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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 the October 2013 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 5**

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The iPad Lawyer

Using Your iPad to Access and Store Lots of Information for Use Offline

By
Scott J. Grossberg

The question has been asked about options for storing lots of information for use on an iPad when there is no internet connection available or allowed. The following should give you some mighty workable solutions.

On the iPad, itself. One of my must-have, go-to apps is GoodReader (<http://goodreader.com/goodreader.html>). Depending on the memory available on your iPad, this might be the most consistent and efficient way to go. It is how I travel easily and effectively with my iPad. And I carry LOTS OF DATA with me! GoodReader essentially becomes my file management system. Here's a prior article of mine that explains how I use GoodReader in a little more detail:

<http://theipadlawyer.wordpress.com/2012/08/20/trial-preparation-tricks-youll-actually-use-part-2/>

Pros: Everything is stored on your iPad so you don't have to worry about connectivity. Further, you can design the folders and storage of information to suit your personal needs.

Cons: Storage size is everything. If you don't have sufficient memory on your iPad, you might not be able to use this method effectively.

Dropbox. Dropbox remains that force to reckon with when it comes to Cloud storage. Among other things, it allows you to "star" particular documents for offline reading/use. To use the offline feature, access the Dropbox app on your iPad. From file browser, find the files that you want to save for offline use and touch the "star" icon. This marks the particular file as a "favorite" and it is downloaded to your iPad for later use.

Pros: By using the Dropbox option to initially store all your information/documentation, you have access to it from any computer or mobile device. This makes Dropbox a necessary part of any road warrior's success toolkit. The offline access, by the way, is part of your free account.

Cons: The files are downloaded onto your iPad. So, storage still becomes an issue. Further, you can't make a Dropbox folder a "favorite." This means, if you have to "star" lots of files, it can be very time consuming.

Evernote. Many don't know that this note taking and archive product also allows offline use for paid accounts.

Most importantly, you can enable offline access to an entire notebook at one time. From your iPad and while you have internet connectivity, go to your Evernote app.

Touch on your account name to open up a call-out menu. From there, tap on "Offline notebooks." The menu will change and provide you with several options: "Do not download notes," "Download all notes," and "Download selected notebooks." You can designate certain notebooks with all the notes stored in that notebook from here. Tap on your account name, once again, to finish up.

Pros: You can quickly and easily download all of your notes from one notebook. You don't have to select each and every file as you are required to do with Dropbox.

Pros: Once again, you will be downloading data to your iPad. Be aware of space availability. This option requires a paid account.

External iPad storage. There are now a number of external drives that will work with an iPad - options that provide wired and wireless solutions.

I don't use one of these external drives, myself. However, you might want to check out products like - Kingston Wi-Drive (<http://www.kingston.com/us/usb/wireless#wid>) which provides you with up to 64GB of added storage and can be used by three different devices simultaneously (and it's also a battery charger for your iPad), and the Seagate Satellite Mobile Wireless Storage (<http://www.seagate.com/external-hard-drives/portable-hard-drives/wireless/seagate-satellite/>) which provides you with 500GB of storage and can be used by eight different devices at one time (and you can even stream three different movies to three different devices).

For those of you who have asked at my live events for a USB reader, here is an option for you, as well: Kingston MobileLit Wireless (<http://www.kingston.com/us/usb/wireless#mlw221>).

Pros: With external storage, you get the best of both worlds; namely, you can store a great deal of data without having to download it on your iPad. You don't have to worry about iPad storage capacity with these.

Cons: You must have Wi-Fi connectivity.

There are other options for accessing data offline on your iPad. Other Cloud storage providers have similar options (for example, Google Docs and Skydrive). The ones I've outlined, above, for me appear to be the most popular and reliable. As with any offline access situation, the real secret is planning ahead of time. Just give your offline needs some advance preparation and you will easily find a solution that works for you.

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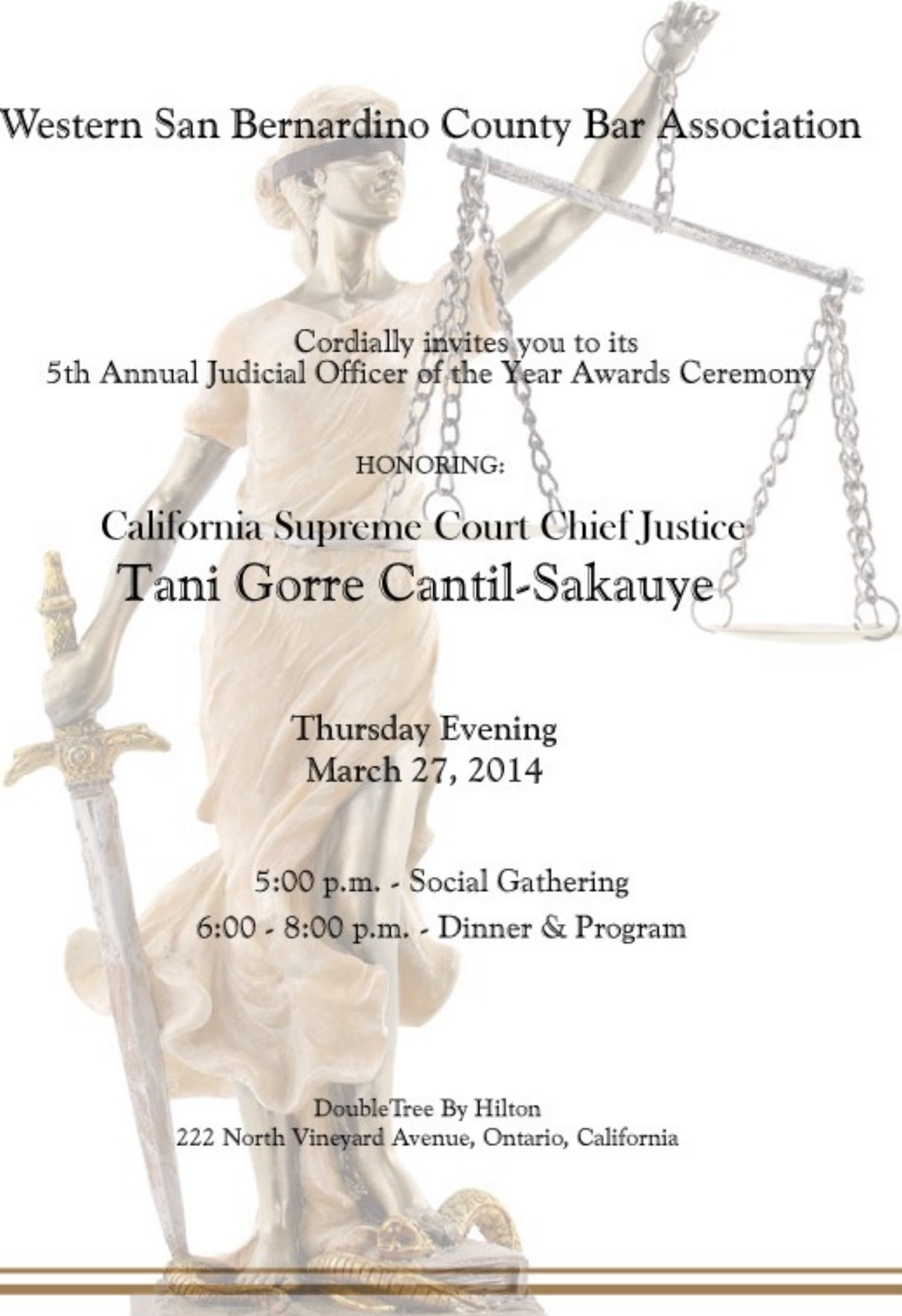
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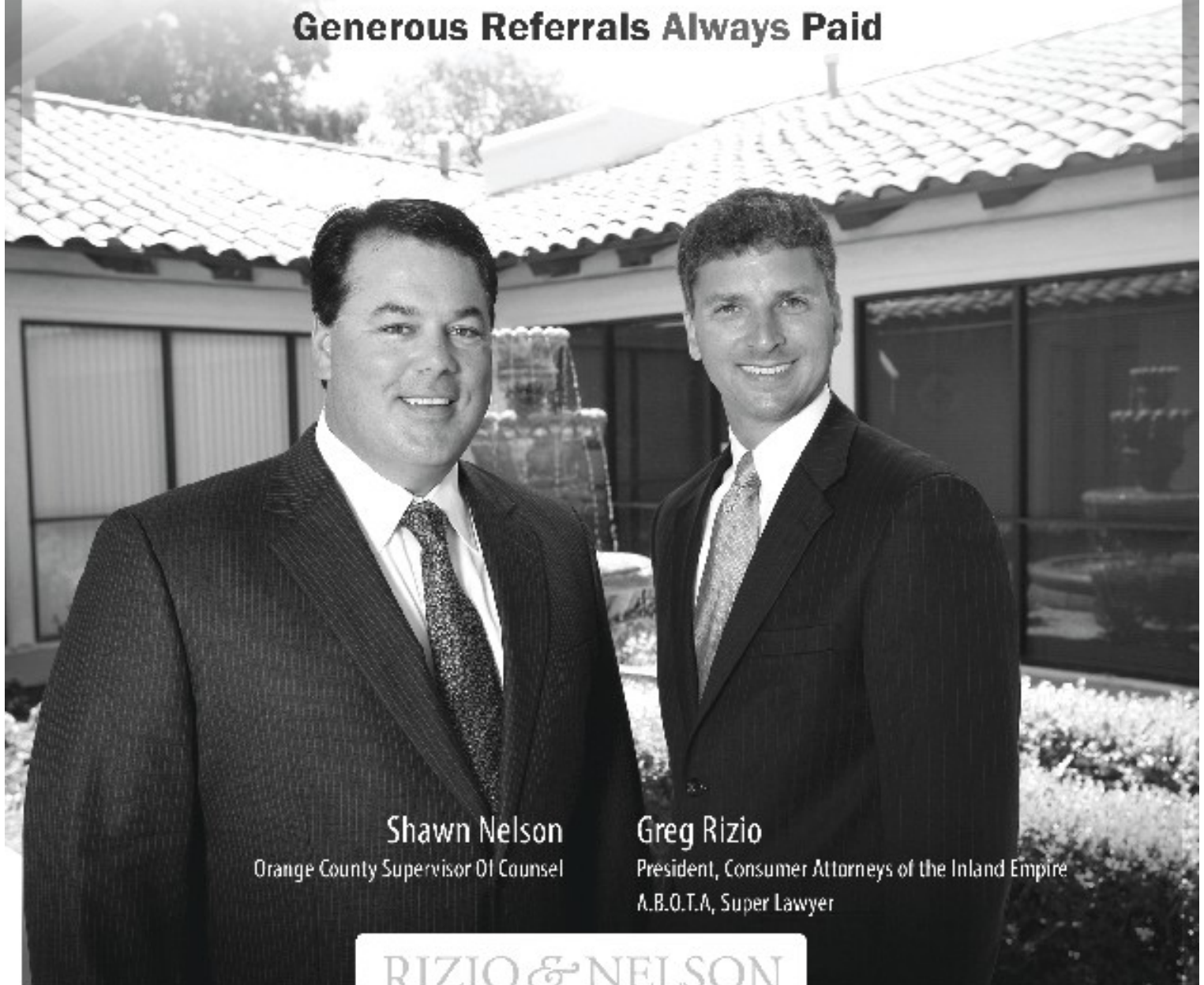
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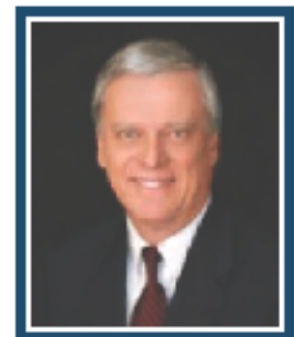
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