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REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -

By: David H. Ricks

I don't know if you were as surprised as I was when I attempted to enter the San Bernardino County Superior Court, Central Division, and for the first time in 13 years, I had to pass through a full and complete screening. This new measure of security, or intrusion, concerned me since there had been no breaches of that trust between our member attorneys and the courts for the past 13 years. When I inquired about the change, I was directed to meet with Dennis Smith, one of the individuals in charge of court security to discuss the matter with him.

I had a nice conversation and was assured that the basis for making the change had nothing to do with an attorney who carried a weapon into the court earlier this year and advised the court staff of his weapon possession. Apparently, the policy change was being reviewed for some time and the policy change was due to recommendations made through a national security organization. After expressing my concern and displeasure with the change, I was assured that these measures are being evaluated and may change over time with the input from the attorneys and the courts. I will be diligently working with the Courts to regain the privileges we have held for these many years. I do find it interesting that San Bernardino County is moving towards a full screening process, while the Riverside Superior Courts are experimenting with an access badge approach similar to that which we had up until the end of last year. If you are unaware, you can ask for a form at the Riverside County Court Clerk's office which when completed, and with the payment of \$15.00 you can receive a photo identification badge which allows you bypass access into the court building. Thank you Riverside for this new convenience.

As we work with the San Bernardino Courts, I invite your input regarding this matter to assist us with our negotiations and favorable resolution of this issue. If you have any points of view, or factual information which would support a return of our prior privileges, please e-mail your information to our Executive Director and she will make sure we evaluate your concerns then bring them to the attention of the court personnel.

There is one additional interesting fact regarding my conversation with Mr. Smith. He shared with me that during this screening process the screen process uncovered multiple violations of the court security rules by various lawyers entering the building.

These violations included such things as a tear gas canister, multiple pocketknives with blades in excess of the maximum allowed, and a handcuff key. I don't know about you, but I normally leave my teargas canisters at home instead of taking them to court. Clearly, if we are going to expect the trust of the courts, all counsel using the court facilities need to respect that privilege.

Turning now to a happier note, on March 5, 2015, we have the privilege to honor one of our local judges, the Hon. Janet Frangie as our Judicial Officer of the Year. I think I can speak for most people who have been in Judge Frangie's department, she is a delight to work with and deserving of this recognition. I encourage all counsel to join with us at this event, not only to honor this distinguished jurist, but also to meet and greet others within the legal community on a less formal and noncontentious basis. The time and money spent at an event such as this are resources well placed. I look forward to seeing a full house of judges and lawyers throughout the Inland Empire coming together to honor one of our own.

We are sad to report the Hon. Elwood "Woody" Rich passed away the morning of January 29, 2015. He was an iconic character who loved being around lawyers and being part of the Riverside Civil Justice system. He will truly be missed and our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones.

Welcome WSBCBA New Members

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Erica Berrett, Esq. - David H. Ricks & Associates

February Almanac

By Tony Sears

All times Pacific Standard Time (PST), which is minus eight hours from UTC (Universal Time Coordinated). Ontario, California, 117.39 West, 34.4 North.

Check out the Moon, by Jove! The February Full Moon is called the "Full Hunger Moon". The Moon goes full at 3:09 p.m. and will rise at 5:31 p.m. on February 3.

Watch the giant Hunger Moon and Jupiter set at 6:56 a.m. on February 4, 2015. Jupiter is at opposition this year, so it will be up from dusk until dawn. Later in the month, Jupiter will be easily spotted all night long, like a yellow diamond in the sky. Galilean moons are easily seen with binoculars and some young folks (typically pre-teens) have the visual acuity to see Galilean moons with the naked eye. Youth is wasted on the young.....

February Sky Highlights: Gung Hay Fat Choy! The year of the Ram starts with the sighting of the young Moon at dusk on February 19, 2015. Look for the thin crescent Moon between 6:03 and 6:50 p.m. If you get invited to a Chinese New Year party, be sure and go. Traditional dishes are prepared and it is a time of celebration with family and friends.

According to Chinese Astrology, (which can be extremely complicated), these are the typical associated character traits of the Ram: Artistic, creative, musically inclined, altruistic, and generous. Some possible negative side effects: Careless, perpetually tardy, pessimistic, and capriciousness.

Famous Rams include Jane Austen, Pamela Anderson, Robert DeNiro, Mel Gibson, Sir Mick Jagger, George Harrison, John Wayne, and Bruce Willis. So, for those of you born in 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, or 2003 enjoy the "Year of the Ram".

Garden Notes: Take advantage of the fact that we live in some of the best climate in the world. It may be mid-winter, but there are many cool season crops that thrive in February. In your raised beds or containers, try growing cilantro, lettuces, radishes, beets, and carrots. By mid spring, you'll be glad you did. Beets are wonderful when you grow them yourself. When I was a kid, I despised beets. Now, I like them. A lot.

This month, the featured recipe is from my assistant, Dottie Limoges. This simple Salmon Chowder is not too heavy and quite tasty.

Miss Dottie's Salmon Chowder

½ cup each of chopped onion, celery, and green pepper (often called "the trinity")
 1 clove of garlic, minced
 3 Tbsp of butter,
 1 can (14 ½ ounces) of chicken broth
 1 cup potatoes, diced & peeled
 1 1/2 tsp of salt
 ½ tsp of pepper
 1 cup shredded carrots
 3/4 tsp dill weed
 1 can (14 ½ ounces) of cream style corn
 2 cups of half & half or heavy cream
 2 cups of fully cooked salmon, (you can cook in microwave) chunked.

In a large sauce pan, saute celery, onion, pepper, & garlic until tender. Add broth, potatoes, carrots, salt, pepper, & dill; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until vegetables and potatoes are nearly done. Add creamed corn, ½ & ½ (or heavy cream), and salmon. Simmer 15 minutes or until heated through. Yield: 2 quarts, about 6-8 servings. As usual, the chowder is better the next day. Serve with fresh bread and nice glass of Sauvignon Blanc.

Bon Appetite! Tony Sears

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

**The Western San Bernardino County
 Bar Association is looking for
 two Directors to join our team.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Please take notice that a Special Meeting of the Members of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association (the "Association") has been called by the President of the Association. The Special Meeting shall take place at the following date, time, and location:

Date: March 5, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, California 91764

Please note that this Special Meeting shall be held concurrently with the 6th Annual Judicial Officer of the Year event to be held at the same date, time, and location.

Please take notice that this Special Meeting has been called for the following purpose:

(1) A vote of the Members of the Association will be held pursuant to section 11.4 of the By-Laws of the Association for the purpose of approving amendments to the By-Laws proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association. The proposed amendments to the By-Laws are attached to this notice.

Dated: January 20, 2015

By: Matthew L. Taylor
Secretary of the Association

Proposed Amendments to the BY-LAWS OF THE WESTERN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Proposed new terms are shown in underline.
Proposed deleted terms are shown in **bold**.
Only those sections of the By-Laws with proposed
amendments are shown.

Section 7.1 Number and Title.

There shall be a minimum of nine (9) directors and a maximum of nineteen (19) **thirteen (13)** directors, four (4) of whom shall also be elected officers of this Association (by voting members), one (1) of whom shall be the immediate past president, and the remainder shall be elected directors-at-large. The four officers are:

- a. The President;
- b. The President-Elect;
- c. The Vice-President; and
- d. The Secretary-Treasurer.

Pursuant to rule 7.2 of the By-Laws of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association, notice is hereby given of the formation of a Nominating Committee consisting of the following members:

- 1. Anthony Sears, Immediate Past President**
- 2. Diane Hartog, President Elect**
- 3. Angelique Bonanno, Board of Director**
- 4. Randal Hannah, Board of Director**
- 5. Dean McVay, Board of Director**
- 6. Fernando Vargas, Board of Director**

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for officers and members for the Board of Directors for a one year term starting November 1, 2015. Pursuant to the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee shall present nominees to the President on or before March 15, 2015.

At this time, we are soliciting names of members who would like to serve as Officers and/or Directors. Please contact Executive Director Deva Mora if you are interested in consideration by the nominating committee.

HEROIC ACTIONS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

By Connie S. Johnson

Heros are around us at all times. In the recent news a man rushed into a burning building to save the life of a man he didn't know. And in Las Vegas, we have Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith Partner John Lavery. On October 14, 2014, John was leaving a courtroom at the worker's comp courthouse when he heard gunfire down the hallway. Instead of heading the other way, John ran to the scene and past an older gentleman who was standing over a clearly injured individual. John recognized the victim, Michael Kogler, as a hearing officer at the court. He saw that Kogler had been shot in the chest and was bleeding profusely. Thinking quickly, John removed his shirt and packed the wound to slow the bleeding. John then saw that the older man, later identified as 73 year old Leonard Sullivan, standing nearby, was armed with a handgun. A security guard was running toward the scene but John was able to warn him to approach carefully. They then convinced the man to drop the gun and he was arrested. The paramedics were then able to come into the courthouse to treat the injured man who did survive although it was a close call.

Police said records showed that Sullivan had filed numerous claims and had been in the hearing office several times in recent years. Police said they confiscated a silver Smith & Wesson .38-caliber handgun with one bullet fired and another bullet still in the revolver. Sullivan was being held Tuesday without bail at the Clark County jail in Las Vegas pending an initial court appearance. It wasn't immediately clear if he had a lawyer.

We certainly admire Attorney Lavery for his courage and action. He probably saved at least two lives that day.

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In the early morning hours of December 8, 2014, an apartment complex was engulfed in flames in Los Angeles, right next door to the main office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. The 16 floor building that houses eight floors of LBBS also housed eight floors of the City of Los Angeles. Due to fire, smoke, water and sprinkler damage, the building sustained structural damage and all of the occupants were forced out of the building.

In the last few years Lewis Brisbois has undergone many preparations for disaster, including an off-site server for its office and many of the offices have gone paperless. Due to this preparation, there was no loss of any files and no interruption in the administrative functions which automatically rotated to other offices per the firm's emergency plan. Employees were able to work from home or from other Lewis Brisbois offices and everyone is currently being relocated to another office in Los Angeles while the building begins the substantial repairs required.

This demonstrates that all businesses should have some type of back up or off site system in case of a catastrophic event such as this. Following the fire, it was determined the fire was

the work of arsonists. It is not always YOUR office you need to worry about having problems. You never know what shape your neighboring offices are in, or who could be causing these disasters, be it Mother Nature or human.

Riverside Superior Court "Hall Pass"

The Riverside Superior Court has a pilot project to issue attorneys an ID card which will permit them to display the card and walk right in, just as court employees do.

The project is for 6 months, and if approved, any cards issued now, will be good for the rest of 2015. Here's how:

Go to the attorney window in the civil section of the Historic Courthouse, and ask for the form.

Fill the form out and pay \$15, and get the receipt.

Take the receipt to H/R, taking the elevator near Dept. 8 downstairs.

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 Social 5:30; Dinner/Program 6:00 p.m.

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Edward Saucerman is a graduate of the Los Angeles Police Department and a retired police veteran of the Pasadena Unified School District. He has a combined 50,000 of law enforcement and private investigative hours, and over 25 years of investigative experience as a trainer and leader in investigations.



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RSVP by Noon on Friday, February 13, 2015 to programs@icaponline.org or mail your reservation to ICAP; Attn: Membership Meeting Chair; P.O. Box 143, Riverside, CA 92502-0143. **RSVP PLEASE!**

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Honorable Jon Ferguson
Speaker



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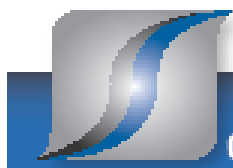
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Yes, They Qualified for Benefits

Della, 71, earns \$12,000 monthly from her psychiatry practice. Her husband, Sam, 78, receives social security of \$2,100. They have \$321,000 of non-exempt trust assets and \$80,000 of exempt IRA assets. They carry a large mortgage on their home. Sam suffered a stroke and needs extended nursing home care. Solution: Set aside \$117,000 of trust assets for Della's spouse allowance, use remaining \$200K+ to refinance mortgage, reducing significantly their monthly mortgage payment. Her psychiatry practice is exempted as an operating business. Della keeps all of her income, Sam's income goes to share of cost.

California has yet to implement many federal rules being followed by most states. The look-back period for California is still 30 months. Stacked gifting still works. For families that lack sufficient resources to pay \$6,000 to \$7,000 per month for nursing home care, Medi-Cal long-term care benefits are typically their only choice to avoid complete spend down of family assets.



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Prop 47 and the West Valley Trial Courts
February 19, 2015 @ 12:00 noon
WSBCBA, Rancho Cucamonga

Judicial Officer of the Year
March 5, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
DoubleTree, Ontario

State of the Courts MCLE
March 26, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon
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East Meets West
May 14, 2015
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Depositions Derailed MCLE
May 21, 2015 @ 12:00 noon
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Bench Bar BBQ
September 18, 2015
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Installation of Officers and
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October 8, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
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