

FROM THE EDITOR
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CASD Thanks the *Trial Bar News* Column Editors

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It's time to celebrate – to enjoy the holidays and parties. This year, more than ever, it is time to take a break (and a deep breath) to relax and appreciate the good things we have – family, friends, and the support of our invaluable colleagues. We welcome our new CASD members and invite you to become an active part of our organization and of *Trial Bar News* by submitting notes of your trial and advocacy accomplishments for our Member Accomplishments column, by submitting information about your good deeds and those of other members on behalf of our community for our *Members Helping Others* column, and by submitting articles on new developments in the law for the various columns in *Trial Bar News*.

CASD wants to especially thank the Column Editors for *Trial Bar News* who labor so faithfully each month to make it possible for me to produce this marvelous communication with our members and for making it such a valuable resource:

Nelson P. Brav for **Criminal Law**
Theresa M. Brehl for **Property Law**
Jeff Geraci for **Employment Law**
Christopher H. Hagen for **Tort Law**
Richard A. Huver for **Insurance Law**
James R. Lance for **Products Liability**
Scott D. Levine for **Legislative Law**
Dick A. Semerdjian for **Discovery Law**
Jon R. Williams for **Civil Procedure**

Each month these editors endeavor to keep you informed about the latest developments in the legislature and in the courts – by discussing new or pending laws, new rules of court or procedures, and new judicial decisions which are important to your practice. Just this month, for example, Sarah Evans takes on the sweeping federal legislation granting gun manufacturers and distributors immunity from injuries caused by firearms. As Sarah notes, this appears to be the beginning of nationwide tort demise on a piecemeal basis and more is to come.

The column editors also share practical tips and strategies for improving your practice and reveal the pitfalls and traps you may encounter along with the solutions for avoiding them, such as Richard Huver's article on excess carriers and the statute of limitations in this issue, or Jeff Geraci's article on gems and surprise treasures in the Labor Code, also in this issue.

The column editors do all of this – on time, meeting the monthly deadlines in spite of their very busy schedules, and often with a sense of humor to lighten our reading and make us remember that life should be fun! Some of our editors have served for a long time, like **Nelson Brav** (11 years), **Jon Williams** (8 years), or **Richard Huver** and **Theresa Brehl** (7 years each).

We all owe them a great big “Thank You” at this holiday season and throughout the year! Tell them the next time you see them, or better yet, send them an e-mail.

And consider contributing an article to *Trial Bar News*. You will receive MCLE credit if we publish it and your colleagues will appreciate your taking the time to share the information. You might also consider joining one of the other Communications Committee branches which work so hard to make all of our member communications timely and valuable to our members: the List Serve, our Web site, our expert information bank, the media resources and information group, or our community outreach group. Or you might consider the Education Committee, Legislative Committee, Member-ship Committee, Events Committee or one of the others. I urge you to get involved with CASD and see how much it enriches your life and your practice.

If you attended our “Evening With The Trial Stars” dinner on October 27, you know what I mean when I say that we have some of the finest minds and most hardworking, caring attorneys in San Diego in this organization. We can all be proud of CASD and of being plaintiffs’ lawyers! Come help us make it better! ***Happy Holidays to all of you!***