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Animal shelters are overwhelmed, and dogs have a better shot at adoption if they can be socialized in homes. Animal shelters are scary, confusing places for dogs, and dogs that have long-term stays can develop behavioral problems. So rescue groups step in to take dogs who may not do well or who are facing euthanasia.

It’s my job as a foster mom to not just take good care of my foster pups, but also to get to know them, write a great online bio of them, take them to occasional adoption fairs and meet and screen potential adoptive parents. I want them to be adopted into the right home — one that really will be their forever home.

I took home my first foster dog last year on Valentine’s Day, and he was a dream date. Henry, a scruffy little terrier mix, snuggled with me and looked at me adoringly. One day, I brought Henry to one of my 11-year-old daughter’s softball games, and a teammate’s family fell in love with him. The bonus was that I got to see him at one of my 11-year-old daughter’s softball games, and a teammate’s family fell in love with him. The bonus was that I got to see him at games all season long.

Foster #2 was Louie, a silver-blue terrier that I determined was probably a Dandie Dinmont. He was adopted by a Zumba-loving retired lady in La Mesa. Foster #3 was Petunia, a rat terrier/Chihuahua puppy. She overlapped with Louie, making four dogs in my house because I also have two permanent-resident rescue dogs, Rosie and Sparky (and a hamster named Lucy). Petunia, or Tuni, became our “foster fail,” a dog you fail at fostering, but succeed at adopting. Foster #4 was Biscuit, a cream-colored poodle puppy. We were tempted to adopt him, too, but reason prevailed (and the desire to keep a slot open for future fosters), and he found a home with a nice older couple.

It has now been three months since we’ve had a foster dog, and my younger daughter says it’s about time for another one. (My older daughter is lobbying for a cat.) Sometimes I think I’m nuts. But one of the finest things in life is having the love of a dog. Even if only for a little while.

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High-quality legal education is also a resource that the United States has in abundance, but much of the rest of the world lacks. It is regrettably common to find legal education that consists of five years of undergraduate classes, many of which involve unapproachable professors reading aloud the civil codes of law that are the basis for practice.

It seems clear that U.S. legal education has much to offer the rest of the world. Our focus on critical thinking and careful analysis is useful to anyone practicing law. And the world is noticing.

These musings were prompted by a weeklong trip I took in October 2013 to South America. During our visit, I signed a convenio, or cooperative agreement, with the office of the Attorney General of Chile. This agreement formalizes what has been a longstanding collaboration between that office and California Western School of Law.

Through this cooperative agreement, both parties gain a great deal. Our Proyecto ACCESO rule of law program trains Chilean attorneys, judges and legal officials in oral advocacy and other aspects of the adversarial system of justice. The Attorney General himself is a graduate of our ACCESO Capacitación training program. Through our Chile Summer Program, California Western students live and work in Santiago and gain both legal and international experience that augments their preparation for legal practice.

During my time in Santiago, I was struck by the sense of optimism of the Chilean people. It reminds me of the United States in the 1960s. Many Chileans today express a belief that with enough hard work, they can accomplish anything. And they have indeed accomplished amazing things, including the transformation of their justice system.

Chile recognized that its ancient system was not optimal in producing justice or public confidence. In the years following the Pinochet dictatorship, the new government was determined to improve both. It was decided that criminal cases would be determined by oral trials in adversary proceedings. Today, all criminal, employment and family law matters are determined by adversary proceedings. The rest of the civil justice system is next, and not far behind.

Imagine such a change in the U.S.! Suppose that Congress and the Justice Department cooperated and announced that the criminal justice system would henceforth be completely different, with radically different fact-finding processes and completely unfamiliar roles for lawyers. What would be the response of the bar? Of judges? Of citizens? The amount of change required would be nearly impossible for us to contemplate. Yet this kind of complete transformation of the system is exactly what Chile did.

We seem to lack the sense of optimism and confidence that epitomizes Chile. And yet, as American lawyers and law professors, we still have a great deal to offer the world. Perhaps we should stop and think about how good life is in the United States, and how fortunate we are. Perhaps by extending ourselves to other countries, we will become more aware of our good fortune.

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Sarah and another young woman walked into Macbeth’s office. “Macbeth, this is my friend, Michelle. She has an ethics question.”

“Please sit down. Michelle, how can I help?”

“I’m a new associate in Les Gamble’s firm. Do you know him?”

“I do. Please go on.”

“Well, I have … a concern.”

“Feel free to tell me. But be careful of client confidences.”

“Oh, I will. We represent a party in litigation. Les is … gung-ho. I mean very aggressive …”

“Over the top?”

“You might say that. He named several parties as defendants just,” she gestured air quotes, “’to get their attention.’”

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“Or, you’ll seek to withdraw under Rule 3-700(B)(1) and (2).”

“Sorry, but what’s that?”

Macbeth nodded to Sarah.

“Mandatory withdrawal. Because a client is maintaining an action without probable cause. Or maliciously to injure someone.”

“Or …?”

“To continue to represent the client will result in your violation of the Rules or the State Bar Act,” Sarah continued. Macbeth nodded. “By just reciting the Rule itself, without anything else, you’ll tell the judge exactly why you have to get out. You don’t have to go into any detail.”

“Because,” Sarah added, “that might violate your duty of confidentiality.”

“So,” Macbeth said, “Tell Les to call me if he has any questions. I would also hand him a copy of the Rules. Sounds as if he hasn’t read them in some while.”

“Thanks. That’s some help at least.”

Macbeth spoke. “Tell Les to call me if he has any questions. I would also hand him a copy of the Rules. Sounds as if he hasn’t read them in some while.”

“Ok.”

“Tell him ethically you can’t continue representing the client as things stand. He has to dismiss the parties who don’t belong in the lawsuit.”

“Or …?”

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On the Shelves
Local legal professor’s latest book shows how the law and golf converge

BY GARY SCHONS


In the game of golf, the mulligan or “do-over” inevitably produces a better result than the initial effort—the mulligan drive is long and in the fairway, the second approach shot knocks down the pin and the do-over putt always settles in the bottom of the cup. Now, there was nothing to be ashamed of about University of San Diego School of Law Professor Jack Minan’s first edition of The Little Book of Golf Law (ABA Press, 2007). Indeed, it was a bestselling book for the ABA Press and incredibly popular. But Minan’s second effort, The Little Book of Golf Law (ABA Press, second edition, 2013), just released, is “large” (more than twice the length) and “right down the middle,” with sections divided by areas of the law, which judges, lawyers and students of the law will immediately appreciate: Torts, Contracts, Property, etc. (Could this be a stress-free way to study for the bar exam? Perhaps.)

Few sporting endeavors are as steeped in tradition, lore and rules (some 700 pages in length) as the game of golf. Indeed, so venerated is the sport that the motto of the United States Golf Association is “For the Good of the Game”—not the golfer, the game (and all its trappings) comes first. It is no wonder then that when the game of golf and the law come together, one will inevitably affect the other, like the moon generating tides on the earth or driving man crazy, or the earth keeping the moon locked in its orbit.

As The Little Book of Golf Law demonstrates, the game of golf can cut both ways in terms of tort liability, for instance. A golfer is immune from suit for striking another golfer with an errant shot because all golfers assume the risk of being hit while playing the game. On the other hand, a golf course might owe its golfers a duty to warn them of impending lightning strikes, aka “acts of God.” As for property rights, the game of golf usually prevails over claims of trespass or nuisance for property damage caused by errant shots striking houses adjoining a golf course. But the law prevailed over golf norms when no less than the United States Supreme Court ruled that the PGA Tour’s requirement that players walk the course during tournament play had to bend to the American with Disabilities Act, in the case of touring pro Casey Martin, who suffers from a genetic circulatory disorder that affects his ability to walk.

As the 2013 edition of The Little Book of Golf Law demonstrates, the law and golf converge in areas as diverse and cutting-edge as Intellectual Property, Environmental Protection and Anti-Trust. Professor Minan takes the reader on a sporty 39-hole tour of court decisions that touch on the grand old game. His explanations of the law are anything but academic, and his prose is sprightly rendered and as accessible to lay readers as appellate justices. The reader will come away with a better appreciation of both our laws and the game treasured by so many.

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I’m proud to say that I attended Judge John Hargrove’s Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) assembly back in 2006 when I was a senior at University City High School. Thankfully, through programs like CARE, Judge Hargrove (who since retired as Chief Bankruptcy Judge) planted the seeds early on about the dangers we all encounter in the financial world. I can only imagine what it would be like moving out on my own had I already opened up three credit card accounts and burned holes in all of them! Judge Hargrove and other voices like his are never going to be able to take the naïve and careless nature completely out of a young adult. However, they can have an impact on them so that consequences are more clearly understood ahead of time. The CARE program helps define and educate young people about all of the circumstances that go into a credit score, and highlights how important they really are.

I am so very thankful I had the privilege of sitting in on this lecture once upon a time, and can confidently say I am in a better financial position today because of that experience. What I particularly recall learning was that when bankers and other lending agents loan you money that you can’t reasonably or efficiently afford to repay, they are the real winners — not you, the borrower.

It made me think, do I want them to get rich, or me? Also helpful was understanding the amortized value of a dollar. If you take the time to convert your annual salary to $X hourly, you can better gauge exactly how hard you’re working for any given purchase; it makes you rethink the value behind everything we once saw as a mere number.

There’s no lesson better taught than the one you live firsthand and learn accordingly from. But with exposure to
programs like CARE, young adults can act more knowledgeably as we venture out on our own, and hopefully avoid the ultra-expense and inconvenience of abused or nonexistent credit.

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ABOUT CARE

The Credit Abuse Resistance Education Program (CARE), created by Hon. John Ninfo of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of New York, was instituted in the U.S. federal judiciary’s Southern District of California by Hon. John Hargrove (Ret.) and is now being continued in the Bankruptcy Court’s Southern District under the direction of Hon. Margaret Mann.

The goal of the CARE Program is to provide high school seniors and college students with the knowledge to help them avoid visiting a bankruptcy courtroom in the future. Through the program, participating students learn about the consequences of credit-abuse and how to responsibly manage their credit cards, among other facts and tips to assist them in making wise financial decisions.

CARE Program workshops are offered in high school and college classrooms throughout San Diego County, and bankruptcy attorneys, U.S. Trustees and trustees are invited to present to the students. More information about the program and how to get involved, plus a variety of presentation materials, are available on the court’s website at www.casb.uscourts.gov/html/care/index.htm.

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“Service Above Self” is the motto of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. It is a simple ideal, which allows ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things. As a member of the Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club, I believe I can make a difference in my community while also changing the often-negative perception of my chosen profession. Lawyer jokes notwithstanding, the numerous examples of attorneys volunteering their time, expertise and money to better their community is largely unnoticed. Not surprisingly, some of the most active members of Rotary Clubs are also attorneys. I recently concluded a term as President of my club, and have been a member for nearly 10 years. The current President, John Addams, is also an attorney, and another attorney, Nancy Vaughan, is waiting in the wings as President-Elect. Our club has several other active attorney members, all of whom volunteer hundreds of hours every year.

Attorneys are often ideal volunteers because of their organizational skills and inherent drive (that type-A personality can be a plus!). The reasons attorneys volunteer are many. For some, it’s to give back to an organization that impacted them in some way or to make a difference and help others less fortunate. Volunteering helps one feel connected to their community and fosters new friendships and greater self-esteem.

My primary reason for joining my Rotary Club was to give back to an organization that helped me many years ago. When I was in elementary school, the school principal selected me as the Student of the Year. The local Rotary Club sponsored a banquet honoring me and other recipients. Unfortunately, my mother could not take time off work to get me to the banquet. When the Rotary Club learned of this, a generous Rotarian not only offered to drive out to the country where we lived to pick me up and take me to the banquet, but he did so in a hired limousine, greeted me with a corsage and made me feel so special. I can still remember all the other kids in the neighborhood being awed by my ride that day. Attending that banquet, and the self-esteem it generated, instilled a continued commitment to doing well in school far beyond my elementary years. That simple act of kindness has stayed with me all these years, and when I was finally in a position to make a difference in my community, Rotary was my first choice. I am brought back to that day every time my club presents a Student of the Month award or a college scholarship to a deserving student at San Diego High, Monarch School or King Chavez.

The benefits of volunteerism resonate for years — and inspire continued community service.

BY JENNY GOODMAN

“The benefits of volunteerism resonate for years — and inspire continued community service.”

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Take the time to give back outside of the office

BY WILLIAM EARLEY

Until two years ago, community involvement was one of my greatest passions. Now that I am married and a parent, community involvement runs a close second. As a partner with McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, I am grateful for the opportunity to represent many wonderful clients. But being able to do so in the community in which I grew up, attended high school and graduated from college, makes it that much more special. Add to that the firm’s commitment to and support of my community efforts, that takes it yet to another level.

I have been “all in” when it comes to my undergraduate alma mater, San Diego State University. While serving this past year as Alumni Association President, I have been fortunate to have a front-row seat in terms of how each and every alum and friend of the University can positively impact the SDSU family in some meaningful way. From the Mars landing team (with substantial Aztec involvement) to student mentorship, from faculty lectures to The Show, and from public policy debates to networking with alumni from near and far, it all has added up to one thing. I am a better person by having engaged with SDSU. Helping to launch the “Every Aztec. Any Amount. Every Year.” campaign has highlighted to me the importance of one simple word—”engagement.” Taking that first step. Being engaged. Engagement with SDSU, and particularly as Alumni President, has enriched me in ways which cannot be calculated in financial terms.

My work with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is also a deeply personal matter for me. As Board of Trustees President from 2011-13, as well as multiple times a fundraising athlete with Team In Training, I have been an active participant in the quest to cure blood cancers and provide critical patient services. That quest has taken me in many directions. Some happy (I met my wife through Team In Training—guess you could say my “engagement” with LLS led to my engagement … then marriage … then daughter!) and some sad (by losing cherished friends to blood cancer). This association has provided real substance and perspective to my life.

In our profession, I believe it is even more essential that we give back by being actively involved in our community. Let’s face it, not everyone is fond of attorneys (I know, shocker, right?). Over the years I have been asked by many junior lawyers what they should involve themselves with in the community. I always ask the same question in response: What is your passion? That gives direction. At the end of the day, if we all did our part—even what we might consider to be our “small part”—we would see great results. The first step is always the toughest (just ask my one-year-old daughter, she’d likely agree!).

I am proud to be a San Diegan. I am proud to be a part of our legal community. And I am proud to be engaged in our greater community. Please join me and let’s engage together to better our community! 🏄

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RECENT DEVELOPMENT:
William is leaving McKenna to become President of the San Diego Exploratory Committee and Foundation. That is the group seeking to bring the Olympic and Paralympic Games to San Diego. Looks like even more community service for William!

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Hands-On Training

Annual Mock Trial Competition prepares local high school students for legal careers

By David Vallero

Starting February 20, hundreds of San Diego County high school students will embark on a four-day competition at the San Diego Superior Court as part of the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) annual Mock Trial Competition. The San Diego County Bar Association, Superior Court of California and the United States District Court locally present this program, with the invaluable support of hundreds of local attorney volunteers who coach students along with their teachers and attorneys who also score the competition.

After months of preparation, students will test their legal wits against teams from different high schools within the county either as prosecution or defense, resulting in the county winner advancing to the state rounds in San Jose in late March. The California winner will advance to nationals in Madison, Wis., in May.

This year, the criminal case fact pattern concerns prescription drug use by students and government searches under the Fourth Amendment. The case involves a defendant charged with second-degree murder and possession with the intent to sell Adderall.

In the mock trial program, students are required to think critically about these issues within a structured healthy competitive environment while learning about the justice system. Students are expected to apply the given applicable cases, statutes and CALCRIMs to the fact pattern in order to present effective and persuasive legal arguments to presiding judges.

San Diego County has now participated in the statewide CRF competition for eight years, and the local program has grown from four to 28 high school
teams. Currently, San Diego is one of 34 California counties participating in this national competition. “Thousands of high school students have benefited from the generous support elicited from our SDCBA attorneys and our state and federal bench officers,” notes Magistrate Judge David H. Bartick, adding that “volunteering your time could truly have a lifetime impact on these remarkable and impressionable high school students.”

The program is not only a fun experience, but it is designed to increase students’ proficiency in reading, speaking, critical thinking and interpersonal skills. Students have the chance to get a glimpse into the legal profession, while at the same time, the program has the ability to instill inspiration to become a future lawyer. Retired Judge Linda B. Quinn says, “I’m continually amazed at how many layers of benefit the competition provides such a great number of students. Almost as rewarding is the feedback from attorneys and judges who volunteer and make the competition happen.”

Without the generous support of the San Diego legal community, the mock trial competition would not be possible. Because of the increased number of participating schools combined with adding an additional round of competition, your help is needed now more than ever to ensure that all participating students have a meaningful experience. It only takes a few hours of your time to help inspire the next generation of legal professionals. If you wish to volunteer as a scoring attorney, please contact Michelle Chavez at SDCBA at michavez@sdcba.org.

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About this time last year, I was living in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, working in the field of human rights. The opportunity had come several months earlier when I had been offered a Global Fellowship by Heartland Alliance International (HAI). My assignment was to work on a new U.S. Department of State grant, Strengthening the Rule of Law in Iraq. This would involve training local attorneys, presenting seminars and becoming familiar with applicable Iraqi and Kurdish law. Additionally, I would provide both administrative and strategic support in the formation of the project. I was assured that Kurdistan, unlike other areas of Iraq, was safe. HAI would provide housing and all necessities, as well as a monthly stipend. I would share a house with two other American women working for HAI, one of whom, a lawyer, I knew having interviewed with her months earlier.

I was ecstatic! This was a long-held dream come true. Once I had made arrangements for my daughter to take my dog Lola for the duration, everything fell in place and by mid-November, I was living in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. Sulaymaniyah (Suly) is located in the northern portion of Kurdistan, Iraq. It sits in a valley ringed by mountains, which border Iran. Its population is approximately 1.5 million. Suly is considered one of the most liberal areas of Iraq and, consequently, a popular destination for local tourists. The majority of women dress in Western style clothing, including jeans. While some older women wear long flowing black garments, I never saw a single burka. If there was any head covering, it was a simple scarf, called a hijab.

Blessed with an oil surplus, Suly is in the midst of a massive building boom. Investors from multiple countries have come to get a piece of the action. There are several universities in the area, and at least 50 percent of the students are women. A new airport built...
in 2005 serves Europe as well as other areas of the Middle East. The courthouse, also newly built, is impressive. Cell phones and the Internet are as commonly used there as here. At Christmas time, holiday lights decorate the main arteries of the city.

Suly today also reflects the reality that Iraq has been subjugated for more than a century by foreign occupation, tyrannical rule, massive genocide and several wars. There is no postal service, nor is there telephone service out of the country. Credit is virtually nonexistent. Iraq is strictly a cash economy. Finding an ATM is rare; finding one that works even rarer.

Electricity is unreliable, going off for at least several hours daily. In every neighborhood, there are shells of partially built homes abandoned during the recent worldwide recession. There is a jungle of wiring on the outside of buildings, as ducts and electrical wires routinely run outside the walls rather than within.

Culturally, too, there is this strange dichotomy. Although women fill the universities and sit on Parliament, conservative tribal norms still prevail. Within Kurdistan, slightly less than 50 percent of the women have been victim to female genital mutilation. Forced marriages are commonplace and honor killings are carried out against those who disobey. Women and children are subjected to human trafficking both within and outside Iraq. Recently, there has been an alarming rise in young women attempting to commit suicide through self-immolation.

Institutional violence exists at alarming numbers. The use of torture is widespread, and politically motivated violence by governmental entities remains common. The State Department grant I was working on targeted abuse within the criminal justice system both in Baghdad and Kurdistan. It focused on increasing judicial transparency and challenging confessions given under coercion. Legal and psychological services would be provided to recent torture survivors.

HAI entered Iraq in 2004. Although based in Suly, the organization works throughout Kurdistan as well as in Baghdad and Mosul. Funding comes through grants from the U.S. State Department; U.N. agencies such as UNDP, UNAMI and UNICEF; Johns Hopkins University; and other private funders. HAI Iraq focuses on the tools of legal assistance, psychological care for victims of trauma and media advocacy in their outreach to troubled populations. Once grants are awarded, the work is contracted out to Iraqi professionals. Our role is to develop the project, monitor the activity for our donors and to assist our local partners who work in the field.

During my stay, there were only three Americans working for HAI. The staff and partners were either Kurdish or Arabic. Many spoke English, as many had fled Iraq during the wars and had received their education in Europe. It is a tenet of HAI to partner with local agencies in order to build capacity and encourage both long-term sustainability and growth at the local level.

While there were only three of us, we were rarely alone. We met with American professors at the local university several times for tours and dinner. Other international human rights workers invited us to their homes as well. Corporate HAI came out often from Chicago, and for several weeks at a time. While in Suly, we would either dine out with them, or have them to the house for a home-cooked dinner. Our Kurdish partners took us on picnics in the countryside, and invited us into their homes as well. Representatives from the American Embassy in Baghdad and Erbil visited for a review of our grant process. We in turn went on several road trips to Erbil to visit with both U.N. officials and members of the U.S. Consulate.

Without question, this was a profound and educational experience for me. Having the opportunity to work and live in this complex country is something I will always cherish.

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“CREDIT IS VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT. IRAQ IS STRICTLY A CASH ECONOMY. FINDING AN ATM IS RARE; FINDING ONE THAT WORKS EVEN RARER.”
Incidents of attorneys being shot or assaulted by angry clients have a long history in this country, as the patched-over bullet holes in courthouses around the U.S. can attest. Whether these attacks occur on the street (Van Nuys, 2003), in an office (Phoenix, during a mediation last February) or in a high-rise complex (the 1993 rampage at 101 California Street in San Francisco), these events should give every lawyer and office staffer reasons to think more about workplace and personal security.

Just like school shootings lead to significant changes in school security awareness, you should take past events where lawyers were attacked as your wake-up call. It's easy to fall back on what security expert Gavin de Becker calls the “Myth of No Past Problems,” meaning because yesterday was boring in the office, today will be boring as well. This can lead to blind spots when it comes to problematic clients: “Well, Mr. Jones was relatively cooperative during the last two depositions, so he’s probably going to be mostly cooperative for the depo today.” This overlooks the fact that today, Mr. Jones feels hopeless, helpless and furious. He believes time is running out as he faces a financial loss that he feels you or your firm caused.

Safety in your office should not be judged just on the emotionality of the clients you have to see today, but rather as an ongoing concern. You have a duty to protect yourself, your colleagues and your staff from harm, by reading the warning signs of clients’ pre-attack behaviors, creating a more secure office environment and setting better boundaries with current or former clients — who may start off as needy and then switch to being harassing. These security approaches can improve the way you interact with difficult, entitled or high-risk current or former clients.

Read the signs of future violence. It sounds counterintuitive, but research from the U.S. Secret Service suggests we have more to be worried about from people who don’t threaten violence directly to the target, than those who do. People who are the most dangerous tell third parties about using violence — like co-workers or family members — not the actual target. People who threaten the target directly we call “Howlers,” and those who don’t, but strike later, we call “Hunters.” So don’t just focus on a verbal threat as the only sign of dangerousness; look for what you don’t hear. This includes body language that is seething and controlled (like a coiled snake) as opposed to visible and obvious, or the use of “finalizing,” time-shortened, all-or-nothing statements that the person may say matter-of-factly or under his or her breath, like, “This isn’t over” or “You won’t like it the next time you see me.” These statements are more about posing a threat versus making a threat.

Prepare for high-risk meetings, depositions or mediations with security people and protocols. In the courthouse, you can have some confidence that people who come into your space have been screened for firearms. In your office, it’s difficult to ask angry clients (from either side) to leave their bags, purse, backpacks or briefcases outside the meeting room. And even if they do, we won’t know a violent client is carrying a weapon until we suddenly see it.

One novel approach is to hire an armed, plainclothes private investigator to sit in on
Train yourself and your staff in the “Big Three” for an active shooter in the building. Today, the national emergency response protocol for an active shooter in a workplace environment is: run (evacuate from the building quickly to a place of safety), hide (find shelter in a safe room, which can be locked or barricaded, with as many people as possible, and wait for the arrival of law enforcement) and fight (defend yourself and others with whatever you can find, including chairs, fire extinguishers or other objects). The City of Houston, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, has created a six-minute Run-Hide-Fight video, which is useful to watch and show your staff (www.readyhoustontx.gov).

Track the comments, actions or behaviors of irrational or threatening current or former clients. Pay attention to news stories, social media postings or accounts of antisocial behavior involving current or former clients. Don’t underestimate gossip. Scan the newspapers, talk to your colleagues and pay attention to your surroundings as you go through your daily home and work routines. Was this person just arrested for a drug, alcohol, weapons, trespassing, probation or parole TRO violation? Have they harassed other attorneys or their staff? Is there evidence of mental illness? Do you know of a “triggering event,” like a domestic violence arrest, divorce or a court decision against them? Have they just been fired or lost their benefits?

When angry current or former clients think you are responsible for all their current financial, legal, marital and emotional problems, it helps to engage in security thinking on a daily basis. 

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Featured Panelist:
Hon. Linda Quinn (Ret.)
One lawyer rode his bike from San Diego to Toronto in honor of his late father, and to raise funds for cancer research.

RIDE WITH PURPOSE

BY PIETER O’LEARY
Over the course of 53 days last spring, I bicycled from San Diego to my childhood home just outside of Toronto, Canada. The purpose of my 3,500-mile journey was to commemorate the 10th anniversary of my father’s passing, and to raise $10,000 in donations for cancer research.

I chose to do a solo fundraising bicycle ride because only two years before passing away from leukemia in 2003, my father joined me on a ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Despite his diminishing health, he drove the “sag wagon” with all my gear and helped navigate the route. We had such a memorable time exploring the California coast together that I thought another ride would be the best way to honor his memory.

In order to prepare for my recent journey, I trained by bicycling from my downtown apartment to my Del Mar office using local bike routes. Over the course of many months, I cycled nearly 2,000 miles while slowly adding equipment and various weights to my bike in order to simulate the camping gear, tools and other necessities I would carry. Most importantly, however, everyone in the office was supportive of my goal and provided plenty of encouragement.

I departed San Diego early on the morning of April 29. Nervous about whether I would even be able to bicycle out of California, I repeatedly reminded myself that this was an adventure where anything could happen, and I had to make the best of whatever came my way.

Thankfully the worst I encountered was hail and snow in Utah and persistent southerly wind in Kansas.

My route took me through larger cities like Las Vegas and Cleveland, where I took some time to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The majority of my route, however, took me through small-to medium-sized towns such as Mesquite, Nev., Ash Grove, Mo., and Oberlin, Ohio. All along the way, I met wonderful and diverse people who demonstrated simple acts of generosity, without which I would never have been able to complete my journey. There was the young couple driving an old van that turned around and stopped on a deserted section of highway in Colorado to offer me food and water. Numerous churches of all denominations took me in and sheltered me during severe thunderstorms. There was also the stand-up bass player in Owensboro, Ky., who not only treated me to a fantastic pasta dinner, but also taught me about bluegrass music and Bill Monroe. All of these people helped make my journey an awesome experience. Each of them shared a little bit of themselves by introducing me to something new and, by demonstrating simple acts of kindness, reminded me of the innate goodness that exists in each of us.

I successfully completed my 53-day ride, and have returned to my legal practice in San Diego with a renewed sense of energy and determination. Moreover, I’m looking forward to assisting other cyclists who visit San Diego on their own journey, and sharing with them what I learned on the road last spring.

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In Case You Missed It:

2014 SDCBA President Jon Williams is also a cycling enthusiast. He commutes from downtown San Diego to his home in Encinitas — a distance of 25 to 30 miles — two or three times a week, and participates in “century” rides — 100 miles — three or four times a year. Read more at www.sdcba.org/williams.
In Pursuit of Happiness

DO-IT-YOURSELF Publisher

How one lawyer-turned-author’s literary dreams came true

BY DEBORAH HAWKINS

Dance for a Dead Princess began some years ago as the story of a search for a Tudor-era manuscript in a fictional country house that I named Burnham Abbey. Hever Castle, the ancestral home of Anne Boleyn, was my inspiration for the Abbey.

I wanted to write two parallel mystery stories about a fictional English aristocratic family, the Careys, contrasting the modern duke, who headed a global financial empire, with his ancestor, the first duke, a medieval knight who had been handed his title by Henry VIII as a reward for saving the king’s life in 1513 in the war with France. (This was years before Downton Abbey.) The 500-year evolution of the incarnation of power from medieval knight to international businessman fascinated me.

After I finished the initial version of the manuscript, a literary agent became interested. She made suggestions for rewrites, but none of them rang true. Still, I felt something was missing, so I put the book away for a while.

Then last summer, I happened to read an article about the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. She had received a telephone call in January 1997 from a highly placed British source telling her she was going to be assassinated. She regarded the threat as so credible she made a videotape memorializing the call and gave it to someone in the United States for safekeeping. The tape has never been found.

Suddenly I knew exactly what Dance was missing: international intrigue and suspense. In my revised story, I connected my contemporary Duke Nicholas to the Princess of Wales through his late wife. He sets out to find Diana’s tape in memory of both beloved women. When he discovers a beautiful Wall Street attorney, Taylor Collins, unknowingly has the tape and is now targeted for death, he mobilizes his global empire to reveal Diana’s assassins to the world.

He lures Taylor to England with the promise to sell Burnham Abbey to her client, but she quickly discovers the medieval knight’s diary in the Abbey’s library and realizes Nicholas and the Careys are hiding their own dark family secrets.

My test readers loved the book, and I wanted to see it in print. I knew if I went the traditional publishing route, it would be two or three years before Dance would be in bookstores. And literary agents often regard a writer’s finished work as their personal rough draft. I also knew that as a first-time author even with a major publisher, publicizing and selling the book would largely be up to me. I had a friend who had been with a major publisher for years, and I saw what she had to do to sell her books.

I researched self-publishing, which more and more well-established authors have adopted, and decided to go that route. As a former professional editor, I was able to save thousands of dollars by doing my own editing. Getting the book ready for publication was a tedious process with lots of ups and downs, but at last on March 30, 2013, Dance for a Dead Princess was published on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, iBooks and Smashwords.

Soon after, it received a favorable review from prestigious Kirkus Reviews, and then readers began to post five-star reviews. This month, the Midwest Book Review is bringing out an excellent review explaining how the contemporary and historical mysteries blend into the single story of a historic family.

Marketing is an ongoing process. It is always a thrill to meet someone who wants to read the book or who has read it. Being a first-time author — with all its ups and downs — has been a terrific journey.

Deborah Hawkins (dhawkins8350@gmail.com) is a solo practitioner.
When my son Thomas left home for college, I was left wondering what I would do with my Friday nights if I wasn’t warming a bench at a football or basketball game. I had been dabbling in watercolor painting for a few years, doing representational art, landscapes mostly, so I decided to join a Meetup group called “Art Divas,” which was made up of some local women artists. I hosted a potluck at my home for the group, and it changed my life. I met Patti Fox, a professional visual artist, who believed that I had some talent. I’m not entirely convinced about the talent part, but painting has now become a central and integral part of my life. As a result of Patti’s continuing support, guidance and mentoring, I now create work mostly in mixed media, consisting of a layered process of acrylic paint, collage, oil bar paint and stencil on wood panels. When I first developed this process, I put together a series of paintings based upon my experiences as a trial lawyer, called “The Justice Equation.” I submitted these paintings to the Arizona Attorney magazine (where I am also licensed) for their annual arts competition. Much to my surprise, I was awarded first prize in the painting category, and was featured on the cover of the May 2013 issue. That recognition gave me the great fortune to meet some very talented local musicians. In going out to hear live music many nights of the week, I’ve become inspired to paint some of the musicians, and in other musical themes. I guess I finally realized that I was truly an artist when I had the idea of painting on oxidized aluminum roofing tiles after I removed them from my garden where I had been using them to keep the weeds down and critters from digging. I created five paintings of individual musicians (Gilbert Castelanos, Christopher Hollyday, Joshua White, Katie Thiroux and Matt Witek) on the roofing tiles inspired by a concert they had played at 98 Bottles in Little Italy, in tribute to Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie “Bird” Parker. There is a rumor they may use the paintings as a cover for their next CD!

I have started an art business, called Fascinator Art. I am currently working on a commission for Aptus, a local court-reporting firm, for a painting to display in their new office space, as well as one from a friend who has requested a painting as a gift for her daughter. My next goal is to have some of my work displayed in the new Superior Court building, as a visual expression of my love for the legal profession and our system of justice.

Deborah Wolfe (dwolfe@wollegroup.com) is with the Wolfe Legal Group, PC.
Work-life balance is a hot issue these days. But what makes work-life balance difficult is that each person defines it differently. I conducted a study that looks at whether the level of happiness increases or decreases among attorneys who work full-time (or more) hours and attorneys who work less than full-time hours. The small study posed a set of 20 questions to attorneys regarding background, level of work and level of stress and happiness in both their personal and work lives.

Surprisingly, the study revealed little difference in the level of happiness among participants because on average each stated they were happy on the basis of their personal definition of happiness. However, while the results appear constant, the outcome is not consistent due to the various definitions of happiness and work-life balance that changes invariably throughout one’s life. In addition, the study applied four principles of psychology to explain the outcome, if that is possible. The study also provides recommendations on making you, the individual, the focus in your personal and work lives, and in becoming happier.

The study is a reminder to focus on personal happiness when life is short and that being in control of your happiness should be a priority, thereby making way for happier people who also happen to be attorneys.

View the full study at www.lawyerhappiness.yolasite.com.

Jocelyn Neudauer (jocelynneudauer@yahoo.com) graduated from Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
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To capture the spirit of giving during Thanksgiving and the holiday season, the Law Library launched the Celebrate Books! campaign, a new fundraising effort to build a special collection of books representing the year’s most important legal issues.

To raise funds for this campaign, the Law Library introduced its first ever “Bookmas Tree,” a holiday tree made entirely out of books. Using chicken wire, rebar and zip ties, we built a teepee to form the structure of the tree, and invited everyone to participate by donating $5, $10 or even $50 to help grow our tree, one layer at a time. The concept of “growing the tree” helps raise awareness of our incredible collection of legal materials we have available for free. While we offer our legal materials for free, money is still necessary for the library to build a meaningful collection for our users.

Thanks to the generous donation of individuals, the Bookmas Tree was built in time for our Open House event on December 13, 2013. This annual event celebrates the re-dedication of the Law Library building and also our vision and commitment to provide legal information to the people of San Diego County. During the Open House, we held a raffle drawing to select the 2013 Book of the Year, a book purchased from the Bookmas Tree donations. The winning selection was Chasing Gideon: The Elusive Quest for Poor People’s Justice.

The Bookmas Tree stood more than nine feet tall with more than 600 bound periodicals and superseded statutes, weighing approximately 3,000 pounds. Building the tree was an amazing community effort and we would especially like to thank the Honorable Julia Kelety, Eric Ganci and Renee Galente, and S. Gee for their very generous donations.

We would also like to thank CEB for matching every $5 donation to the Bookmas Tree, up to $250. More than $1,100 was raised through the Bookmas Tree project.

This year, we are happy to announce an exciting, new partnership with the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (BSCC), a network of more than 60 government and nonprofit agencies who combat slavery and human trafficking. The Law Library will host a series of information training sessions for lawyers, judges and others in the legal community thanks to the generous grant awarded to BSCC by the Lawyers Club of San Diego’s Fund for Justice.

Find out what more is happening at your public Law Library by visiting sandiegolawlibrary.org or contacting Benita Ghura at bgcura@sdlawlibrary.org.

Benita Ghura (bgcura@sdlawlibrary.org) is a Reference Librarian at the San Diego Law Library.
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Edward McIntyre of Solomon Ward Sidenvurn & Smith during a recent trip to Antarctica. (Photo by Liz McIntyre)

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

As SDCBA members enjoyed their new headquarters at the Bar Center at 401, they continued to volunteer, network and celebrate happenings in the legal community together at various SDCBA events throughout the year. Here are a few highlights from 2013.

Annual Bench-Bar Beach Clean Up
AUGUST 24

Annual Judicial Reception
APRIL 3

SDCBA Annual Golf Tournament
MARCH 22
Ed O’Connor, Stephen Lobbin

SDCBA Law Week Luncheon & Celebration of Community Service
APRIL 30
Law Week Poster & Essay Contest Winners

Annual Bench-Bar Luncheon
OCTOBER 16
Hon. Peter Deddeh, Elizabeth Kourmas

Law Week Poster & Essay Contest Winners
Law Student Welcome Reception
SEPTEMBER 26
Brigid Campo

Stepping Up to the Bar
DECEMBER 6

Spotlight on San Diego: What to Do When National News Converges on Our Town — Perspectives from the Bench, Bar and Media
JUNE 12

Bar Center at 401 Open House
FEBRUARY 6
Jason Doshi, Robert Bello, Robert Cogan, Evan Hearnsberger

Bench-Bar Community Outreach, Senior Community Center Lunch
MARCH 19, JUNE 18, DECEMBER 17
Laura Miller

Dalian, China Bar Association Visit
OCTOBER 21
Mark Cumba

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Hon. Eddie Sturgeon received the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate’s 2013 Award for Teaching Excellence.
- The late Robert Gerber was posthumously honored with the ACS’s Roberto Alvarez Award.
- Marlene Stanger and Teodora Purcell received the Wiley W. Manuel Award from Casa Cornelia Law Center.
- City Attorney Jan Goldsmith was honored with the USD Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award.
- Thomas Guernsey was appointed Dean and President of Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
- California Western School of Law was named to the Corporation for National Community Service 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.
- Kevin Lane was named the new court clerk for the 4th District Court of Appeal.
- Hon. Irma Gonzalez received the Hispanic National Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award.
- SDCBA Past President Marvin Joseph Darby, C. Hugh Friedman, Donald Heffner, David Hopkins, Stephen Kelly, Harvey Levine.

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- Joseph Darby
- C. Hugh Friedman
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Mizell was honored with the Attorney General Citizenship Award.

- SDCBA Board Member Thomas Penfield was named Diplomat of Trial Advocacy by the American Association for Justice and the National College of Advocacy.
- Hon. Patricia Yim Cowett (Ret.) received the Asian Heritage Society’s Award in Government and Legal Service.
- Thomas Jefferson School of Law’s CLIMB Program received the 2013 State Bar of California Education Pipeline Award.
- Frederick Kosmo was appointed chair of the Federal Magistrate Judge Selection Committee for the United States District Court, Southern District of California.
- Hon. David Danielsen was elected Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court.

This list highlights a few of our community’s accomplishments, and is not all-encompassing. We will feature accomplishments throughout the year in San Diego Lawyer. Send information or press releases to bar@sdcba.org with the subject line “Distinctions.”

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REVIEW
Plates with Personality

The USD LAW personalized plate on the 2006 Ford Mustang belongs to Alyssa Eisenberg (aeisenberg@sandiego.edu), a 2L.

“My parents got it for me because they were so excited that I was going to USD Law. They were worried that the name was already going to be taken, but it was easier to get because it is an Arizona plate,” she explains. “Some people ask what it means, and some people laugh about it, but I like it, and I always know which car is mine. Also, during my Moot Court interview, one of my questions was whether, if I became a Moot Court member, I would change my license to read MOOT CT. I said, that since it was a gift, I wasn’t sure, but I would look into it.”

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Don't miss the following programs taking place both live via webcast and at the Bar Center at 401.

**Civil Judicial Update**
February 19, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Hon. Jeffrey Barton and Hon. Timothy Taylor will provide an update on the San Diego Superior Court Civil Courts.
*Register:* www.sdcba.org/civilupdate

**Personal Injury 101: From Client Intake to Settlement and Trial**
February 26, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Discuss personal injury practice from A to Z with an esteemed panel of local personal injury attorneys.
*Register:* www.sdcba.org/personalinjury

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**ANNUAL JUDICIAL RECEPTION**

Join us in welcoming San Diego’s newest judicial officers and honoring our esteemed bench at the annual Judicial Reception. Exclusively for SDCBA members and San Diego judges.

**March 19, 2014**
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On December 6, Jon Williams was sworn in as the SDCBA’s 2014 President, along with newly elected board members who were also installed during the SDCBA’s annual holiday celebration, Stepping Up to the Bar. A special thank you to event sponsors Westlaw, MyCase, Voit, Torrey Pines Bank and GEICO.
PHOTO GALLERY

NEW LAWYERS
PHOTOS BY SHERWIN LARANGA
Local law students who passed the State Bar examination in July 2013 were sworn in on December 3 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

LA RAZA LAWYERS HOLIDAY PARTY
PHOTOS BY ERIC GANCI
The San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association hosted a holiday party for members and friends on December 7.

HOLIDAY CLERK RECEPTION
PHOTOS BY HUBERT KIM
On December 9, the Federal Bar Association San Diego Chapter welcomed new and returning judicial law clerks of the Southern District of California.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
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The Lawyers Club of San Diego gathered at the Westin San Diego for their Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 12.
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