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Connection Opportunities

Colleagues, teams, communities and friends. In this issue of San Diego Lawyer, we delve deeper into some of the ways our members connect to San Diego, their careers and their community: through a common goal (literally and figuratively); by connecting to others across the globe interested in learning about the law; or helping our active military servicemembers by providing a bit of assistance.

By the time you read this, we will be halfway through the year, and halfway through our CONNECT campaign. Our hope is that you have found many ways throughout this year to connect with the courts, your colleagues, your community, your career and your Bar Association.

If you are looking to strengthen your connections, we invite you to CONNECT in the following ways throughout the rest of the year:

Connecting with the Courts: See the next issue of San Diego Lawyer for more information on our courts. Also, plan to come to our second annual Bench Bar Luncheon this fall. Look for more information to come on the SDCBA website.

Connecting with the Community: The SDCBA stays committed to its 2009 Lawyers Giving Back campaign by offering many opportunities to connect with the community. Visit www.sdcba.org/volunteer to find out more.

Connecting with Colleagues: To view upcoming events for a chance to connect with your colleagues, visit www.sdcba.org or look for information in This Week at the Bar. There are many fun summer activities planned, including the NLD’s signature Polynesian Night event in August.

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In my life, there have always been two constants—two running themes that have continuously guided my path—my love of the law and my enthusiasm for the sport of water polo. Throughout the year, I’ve shared tales of how I got into this profession, my influences and what has fueled my desire to advocate on behalf of the individuals I serve. But my roots and passion as an athlete run just as deep.

As a native San Diegan, I was thrown into the ocean before I can even remember. My parents may contest this, but I believe that I learned to swim before I ever took my first steps. And after trying my hand at Little League, soccer and basketball, my affinity for the water led me to the pool and water polo in the eighth grade.

The game is competitive—seven men on each side of the pool, trying to keep their heads above water and find gaps in the other team’s defense, fearlessly swimming into the opponent’s territory and fighting to get the ball into the goal with every ounce of adrenaline they have. It requires skill, patience, aggression, team play and passion.

In my early years as a water polo player, I quickly recognized that I was never going to be the best swimmer in the pool, the best ball handler or the most aggressive scorer. But my passion for the game did more than enough to keep me afloat (bad, I know). It propelled me to practice harder, remain disciplined in my training regimen, work toward finding the endurance that would allow me to swim for all four quarters if needed, look to my coach when I needed advice and, most importantly, keep the importance of my team and our common goal at the forefront of my mind.

As a high school player and as a member of the UCLA Bruins’ highly acclaimed team, I competed with and against some of the best players in the state and in the country. I held my own, earned a few accolades and had a blast doing it. The camaraderie I had with my teammates at the time is only matched by the camaraderie that I now feel for my colleagues in my chosen profession. As in water polo, we are all working together toward the same goal—ensuring justice and spending our time doing something we are passionate about.

This summer, I plan to spend a lot of time in the pool, both with the recreational adult water polo league teams I play with and working on my newest passion project—teaching my 1-year-old baby girl how to swim. I hope that you take some time this summer to relax, enjoy our beautiful San Diego climate and participate in whatever it is outside of work that fuels your passion.
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Lawyers today are increasingly mobile, using smartphones and similar devices to supplement office computers. But with so many apps debuting, it can be difficult to remain up to speed. Here are some new applications for your phone, tablet and perhaps even your car.

Litigation on the Go
Review and annotate deposition and court transcripts interactively with the free Mobile Transcript app. Created exclusively for lawyers, it offers the ability to be productive while on the go. The easy-to-use platform is currently formatted for the iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and BlackBerry and will soon be available for Android as well. Although it costs $9.99 for the iPad, Exhibit A is another app worth checking out. It offers versatility and the ability to present exhibits, photos and documents.

Go Green
Large and small, many firms are going paperless. You can take “going green” to the next level with these electronic-signature apps. Softsign is a free app with the ability to open .pdf files, execute and e-mail them without the need for a pen. Other noteworthy e-sign apps include Docusign, Echosign and EasySign.

Payment Transactions
Androids, iPhones and iPads can provide a to-go credit card processing terminal in the palm of your hand. Square Up offers a free card-processing app with a free card reader and a low per-swipe fee, giving attorneys the opportunity to process credit card transactions while out of the office. BlackBerry’s Aircharge and Charge Anywhere apps perform the same functions for your out-of-office business needs. ProcessAway, available for iPhones, offers these same services but requires you to manually enter card information rather than just swipe a credit card.

Video Access
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Dashboard Apps
While app developers have concentrated on engineering applications for your cell phone, software developers are targeting a whole new industry: your car. Late-model vehicles are also partaking in the app frenzy, which in turn allows the modern mobile attorney easier access to work materials. For the 2011 auto show lineup, Ford introduced MyFord Touch systems, a predecessor to the Microsoft Sync system, which offers touchscreen access to your files, contacts, images and videos from a memory card. This technology also possesses the ability to turn your smart phone into a wireless router, allowing passengers to browse the Internet instantly without the need to locate a hotspot. And Toyota’s Entune technology system will soon offer in-dash touchscreens offering apps similar to those found on cell phones.

The days of performing all your work on a desktop or laptop are long gone. Taking advantage of the surfeit of apps out there may just help you speed past the competition.

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Disengaged
A motion to disqualify counsel might be an attorney’s ultimate nightmare regarding conflicts and engagement agreements

Dick Consulate slumped in a dark corner of Yanc-ey’s Bar, telling his tale of woe to his colleague, Jane Smith. A motion to disqualify Consulate had been filed in litigation in which, he said, “I represent my best client, Big Bucks, in its attempt to recover money from defendant Small Fry.”

He continued: “Small Fry is a deadbeat. I should know, because I represented them years ago in a lawsuit. Against the odds, I recovered a significant amount of money. Nonetheless, they stiffed me. That was many years ago, but I have not forgotten the sting of not being paid.

“Small Fry filed a motion to disqualify me, declaring I have a conflict of interest in representing Big Bucks against Small Fry—even though I believe my representation of Small Fry ended many years ago.”

Smith asked, “What does the motion say?”

“It says that under the one-page engagement agreement I had entered into with Small Fry, with a nominal retainer fee, the attorney-client relationship continues.” Consulate moaned.

“Big Bucks is not happy with this and has told me I have to defend the motion at my own expense—and if I lose, Big Bucks will not only terminate its relationship with me but will require that I reimburse it for all fees paid to date and will not pay the outstanding invoice, which is huge.

“IT thought I had learned all about engagement agreements when I attended a county bar association seminar on ethics. The speakers were excellent, and they urged the use of a detailed, multipage engagement agreement. They spoke about such agreements specifically identifying the purpose of the engagement and about limiting the scope of the engagement to that purpose, reserving to the client and the attorney the ability to enter into amendments to deal with any future matters that might arise. They termed that a ‘framework agreement,’ when future representation requires reciprocal actions by both client and attorney—as requested by the client and as confirmed by the attorney. They explained that such an agreement terminates the attorney-client relationship when the assignment is completed. They compared that with a classic retainer agreement, where the relationship continues until expressly terminated.

“A multipage engagement agreement does not work for me—or so I thought,” said Consulate, sighing. “I try to use a one-page simple agreement. Some clients do not want to have a complicated, lengthy legal document. That was certainly true with Small Fry when I agreed to the representation. The agreement I prepared simply said I would represent Small Fry for a nominal retainer and did not limit the representation to any particular matter.”

Smith had just read the advance sheets and said, “Division III of the Fourth Appellate District in Banning Ranch Conservancy v. Superior Court (City of Newport Beach) 2011 D.J. DAR 4206 addressed this issue. Banning discusses the scenario where a classic retainer agreement is entered into and, until the representation is formally ended, the attorney-client relationship continues; it is ongoing and open-ended. Even though you represented Small Fry years ago and were stiffed, you may still have an attorney-client relationship with them. The Rules of Professional Conduct prohibit simultaneous representation of adverse clients.”

Consulate sputtered. “There is no relationship between my prior representation of Small Fry and the current matter!”

Smith sighed and said, sadly, “That does not matter. Even though you have no relevant confidential information, your duty of loyalty to your client may require disqualification.”

“Barkeep! I need another drink—fast!”

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Finding the Balance
Solo practitioner Oleg Cross juggles law, writing and a family

It’s not unusual that a young lawyer hangs out a shingle. But the back story has an interesting spin.

Oleg Cross is an émigré who traveled from a big city in Ukraine to small-town west Texas to the Atlantic coast to San Diego, from big firms to his own solo practice, settling into a life as half of a two-lawyer couple raising kids and making a mark in the legal community. Originally from Kharkov, Ukraine, Cross came to the United States in 1997 to attend Abilene Christian University in Texas. He worked for a year after college, saving money for law school, then attended Duke University School of Law. There he met Natalie Prescott, also a Ukraine native; they married after graduation in 2006. They ended up in San Diego thanks to Prescott’s summer clerkship.

“I was thinking of going to New York,” says Cross, who clerked his second-year summer at Clifford Chance in New York, “but Natalie split her summer in Washington, D.C., and San Diego. I came to visit her in San Diego and fell in love with the city.”

He credits the good economy in 2006 for the pair’s good fortune in landing jobs here. Cross initially worked at Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker, then moved to Cooley before hanging out his own shingle in September 2009.

“I always wanted to do it,” he says. “It was the year my son was born, and I figured if things were slow, it would be a good time to spend time with my wife and family.” Thankfully, Cross says, business was busy enough—and he also had more time with his family, which includes Nicole, now 8, and Andrei, now 21 months. He focuses primarily on plaintiff’s civil litigation but handles business disputes for both plaintiffs and defendants.

Cross will receive the first Judge David R. Thompson New Lawyer Award at the Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner in August.

Striking out on his own was something Cross had to prepare for financially and mentally. He discussed it for a long time with his wife, who still works for a large firm—Latham & Watkins. He takes being a two-lawyer household in stride.

“We have a good time,” he says. “We’re both very good at picking up the slack at home and doing the household chores. There are times when one of us is busier than the other, and we try to balance that. In some ways, it’s easier because we’re both lawyers. We understand when you need to work at home or go on a business trip.”

He and Prescott coauthored Nail Your Law Job Interview, published in March 2009. “Typically, it’s not about the résumé—the interviewer already has that,” Cross says. “There is a whole set of job-related etiquette. We thought it would be a good idea for a book and an interesting project to collaborate on.”

The book won a 2009 Book of the Year Award in the careers category from ForeWord Reviews. But Cross doesn’t necessarily foresee more books in the couple’s future.

“They say every lawyer has a poet or writer deep inside,” he says. “But I don’t know if I have enough time for another book.”

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ON A CLEAR DAY, ESCONDIDO land use and development attorney David Ferguson can view the results of his accomplishments without opening a file or law book. All he need do is look out his third-floor office window on an Escondido hillside next to Interstate 15. From this vantage point, he has a magnificent view of the landscape. To the left, he can see the La Terraza development, in which he was vitally involved from 1986 to 1990. Slightly right of center, close by the Escondido Transit Center, is the proposed site of the Padres’ Triple A ballpark, a current involvement. Further to the right is the Center for the Arts Theater, next to Escondido City Hall, where much of his work takes place. Ferguson, now at Lounsbery Ferguson...
Altona & Peak, experienced his first taste of land use and development law as a member of the San Diego law firm Higgs Fletcher and Mack, when fellow Higgs lawyer Ken Lounsbury left to become chief counsel for Lusardi Construction in 1981. Escondido City Attorney Jeff Epp represents the city’s interests in many of the same projects in which Ferguson represents the developers. He joined the office in 1985 as an assistant to then-City Attorney David Chapman, who immediately assigned him to work with and advise Escondido’s Planning Commission on land use and development issues.

Ferguson and Epp regularly found themselves either as adversaries or working together on high-profile projects, commencing with the controversial Eagle Crest development in the San Pasqual Valley and the Sunrise Ridge Residential Project in east Escondido. As both explain, the nature of their dealings with each other depended on the political slant of the mayor and city council over the years. That slant varied from an environmental protection/slow-growth posture from 1988 to 1996 to a pro-development/increased standard of living emphasis of the city council since then. During the slow-growth period, their dealings with each other were more adversarial.

Over the last 25 years, they have gotten to know each other well and have developed an enduring friendship. To avoid the appearance of any conflict, however, they carefully limit themselves to a professional relationship.

Underscoring the complicated, sometimes contradictory nature of their relationship, Ferguson has served over the years as chair of Escondido’s California Center for the Arts and the citizens commission of the Escondido General Plan, as well as the mayor’s Economic Advisory Committee, each of which puts him in a position of serving the city. He and Epp are literally and figuratively on the same team in those instances.

During the last 14-some years of a pro-growth city council, Ferguson and Epp often pursued the same goals on land use and development projects with a common adversary. The best example is their joint opposition to Governor Jerry Brown’s failed attempt to pass Assembly Bill 101, which would redirect local development funds for the Padres ballpark project to Sacramento to reduce California’s budget deficit.

Another unique aspect is the fact that Ferguson is not bound by the attorney-client privilege of communicating directly with Epp’s primary clients, namely the mayor and councilmembers. While the attorneys limit their relationship to a professional level, both socialize with the same people, including the mayor and councilmembers. Both profess and practice a strong duty to “play it straight” with each other because they deal with each other repeatedly. Thus, while Ferguson communicates and socializes directly with Epp’s “clients,” he’s careful not to abuse those contacts. In addition, Ferguson regularly appears before the Escondido City Council, and while there are no rules of evidence he is required to follow, he nonetheless must scrupulously preserve his reputation for credibility by presenting only accurate information and arguments to the council.

Epp notes that while he negotiates development deals on behalf of the city, he must do so in a way that promotes the public good, which routinely requires compromises to make them win-win situations. Former Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler, who holds both lawyers in high regard, says they each “have a healthy respect for the place they represent and want the best for the community, though they may come from a different place to get there.” She points out that “because they are brilliant together, they present more options to solving a problem. The debate then turns to which bundle of options will serve everyone the best. They are both clearly more interested in making the deal happen than in anything else.”

For Ferguson, the current Padres deal has evolved in a manner that put him in different roles at different stages. His involvement began as a volunteer on behalf of the city to persuade the team that Escondido would provide a better fit for its Triple A team and ballpark than other cities courting the Padres. Initially, the Padres retained their regular counsel (Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher) to commence the negotiations with Escondido, but ultimately retained Ferguson to represent them.

At present, Ferguson, on behalf of the Padres, and Epp, on behalf of the city, have a common goal: to make the Escondido ballpark deal happen. As Epp puts it, “Dave Ferguson is a real asset to the project.” The pending deal is a textbook example of how a longstanding professional relationship becomes valuable in working through significant challenges to getting the deal done—and in a way that benefits the Padres and the citizens of Escondido, as well as neighboring North County communities.

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IT ALL BEGAN WITH PHONE CALLS from Mike Anello in 1973, informing friends recently released from Marine Corps active duty that the San Diego County Bar Association was starting a football league. Given the affection for recreational violence and suffering we’d acquired from our Marine Corps days, Mike thought we should start a team. Thus was born what came to be known as “FUBAR A.C.” or just plain “FUBAR,” the last four letters of which stand for “Up Beyond All Recognition.” This, too, was Anello’s suggestion, it being more apt than “Anello’s All-Stars.”

Though there weren’t enough of us to field a team, each recruited similarly self-destructive friends and coworkers. Over the years the core group—Anello, Vince Bartolotta, Chris Britton, T.O. Lavoy, Leo
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And there was the terrific Home Federal squad. For several years, when the championship game rolled around, Dave Brewer, Dave Edson, John Little, Ray Mercado, Jerry Suppa, Glenn Triemstra, Mike Wagner and assorted other brutes stared across the line of scrimmage.

Originally, games were played at old Navy Athletic Field, a site chosen, some said, for its proximity to Chuey’s Mexican Restaurant, where late one Saturday Chuey himself announced that FUBAR and its opponent du jour had drunk the last beer in the place during post-game revels. Over time the scene changed — San Diego High School, Morley Field, USD, MCRD — but wherever the league played, the competitive spirit and, occasionally, the athletic skill of the participants were in full bloom.

One example occurred on the morning of the 1979 football championship between Luce Forward and FUBAR. The day began when FUBAR wide receiver Bartolotta emerged from his car, still in his three-piece suit and ever-present carnation (somewhat wilted) from the night before. Seeing this and sensing possible weakness, Luce lineman Pat Boyle decided to preview what he expected to do to Bartolotta in the ensuing game by biting off his boutonniere and eating it. With true FUBAR élan, the deflowered one announced he had so little respect for the still-chewing Boyle that he would wear his suit, vest and tie throughout the game. FUBAR won 21–20, and Bartolotta received the highly coveted Large Mouth Bass Award at the FUBAR Awards Banquet following the season.

No mention of the SDCBA Football League during this “golden age” would be complete without recognizing what a miserable job it is to officiate any game — but particularly football — involving two teams of lawyers. For several years the head referee in SDCBA football and softball was a law student named Mark Speck, who possessed maturity, judgment, integrity and a build that suggested he could easily kill anyone who protested too much. These qualities, particularly the last, resulted in most of his calls being accepted, if not graciously, at least without threat of serious physical harm. Law school eradicated the first three aforementioned attributes; by the time Speck graduated and joined the league as a competitor, the


FUBAR adopted mauve and puce team colors and an armadillo mascot, selected because a small, nocturnal, toothless, hairless mammal covered with scales that rolls into a ball when attacked perfectly embodied many FUBAR qualities.

Of course, one team doth not a league make. Among the teams more than ready to knock FUBAR off the pinnacle of performance for which it eagerly gave itself credit were Luce Forward, led by John Dunn, Steve Lucas, Dave Noonan, Bruce Wayne and Ernie Wideman and ring-

**BY THE MID-’80S, THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS HAD MOSTLY FADED FROM THE FUBAR ROSTER, VICTIMS OF SANITY’S ONSET, AGE, MARRIAGES, DIVORCES, GOLF AND, PERHAPS MOST OF ALL, THE DESIRE TO SEE OUR OWN KIDS COMPETING IN YOUTH SPORTS ON WEEKENDS.**
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Football was so much fun that FUBAR members thought, Why not basketball? Why not softball? Soccer? John Hargrove, Dick Linn, Russ Rasmussen and Rob Wright joined the basketball team, as did Charlie Grebing and Bob May, both of whom also signed on for the softball wars, along with Pat Briggs, Bob Grimes, Greg Post, John Schroeder and Tom Warwick.

A FUBAR Hall of Fame moment occurred in approximately 1981 during a tight basketball game. Midway through the second half, a usually mild-mannered estate planner from Gray, Cary took such exception to an adverse call that he was assessed five technical fouls by the time he completed his protest. Two technicals being all that was required for expulsion, the miscreant was invited to leave not only the game but the gym. Unfortunately, the game ball belonged to him, and in what can most charitably be described as “a poor frame of mind,” he took his ball and went home. Once another ball was located, Rob Wright stepped to the line and drained 12 straight free throws. What had been a 2-point lead became a 14-point margin, and the rout was on.

By the mid-'80s, the original members had mostly faded from the FUBAR roster, victims of sanity’s onset, age, marriages, divorces, golf and, perhaps most of all, the desire to see our own kids competing in youth sports on weekends. The team name was bequeathed to the Wingert, Grebing firm, which continued to do it honor on the softball field for several years.

Shockingly, several old FUBARites became judges. Most of the rest went straight. But despite our dispersal to widely divergent lives, those FUBAR days live on in shared grins, handshakes, occasional beer and reminiscence—and now and then, an extra professional courtesy when we run into each other in court, thankful, one and all, that we are the only thing any of us are running into these days.

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How did you get started in crew? I did a learn-to-row course at ZLAC (named after the four women founders). It was a sport I’d wanted to try in high school, but it was not financially feasible at the time, plus I was already involved in three other sports.

In crew, what are the skills/problems/team responsibilities we might not foresee? The biggest issue is often balance. When the boat is fully balanced, it allows the oars to flow through the water at the same height and get a uniform stroke. In addition, timing is important. All the rowers must be in sync with one another.

Are there places other than ZLAC to practice crew? ZLAC is a women-only rowing club, which makes it unique to San Diego. In fact, ZLAC is the oldest women’s rowing club in the country, founded in 1892. The San Diego Rowing Club and the Mission Bay Aquatic Center also offer rowing opportunities.

What types of shells are used in crew? What is the coxswain’s job? There are several types of shells. The most common, which you see at the Crew Classic, is an 8, which has eight rowers and eight oars with one coxswain. The coxswain is the “boss” of the boat. It is her job to steer the boat and instruct the team.

What style of rowing do you prefer? I love being out in a single. It is peaceful, especially early morning in Mission Bay when the water is glassy and the wind is calm. But I also like sweep rowing with a team. It is an amazing feeling when the entire boat is synced up for a smooth row and everyone is working together as a team.

Why is height an advantage in crew? I am not tall for a rower. I am only 5-foot-7. Rowers are typically tall because the height allows more leverage, which leads to more power and speed.

How do you stay in shape for rowing? Weight training and cardio are both very important, as you need to have strength and stamina. And I practice on the erg machine, which simulates the rowing motion on land.

What is your favorite aspect of rowing? Rowing is an expensive sport compared to some others, but it is a great workout with a team or on your own. There is a lot to love about the sport of rowing.

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A SPORTING LIFE FOR HER

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BY ALICE SOLOVAY

What encouraged you to become secretary for the San Diego Sports Commission Executive Committee? I am passionate about how sports have a unique ability to teach positive life lessons to our youth. Sports teach teamwork, how to lead, how to be a gracious winner and a gracious loser, commitment, goal-setting, discipline, consequences, hard work — and I could go on, but I’ll stop with that.

What do you hope the San Diego Sports Commission will accomplish? First, some background: The SDSC and the San Diego Hall of Champions are working together to use sports to further two goals: meaningful educational programs for kids, using athletes as spokespeople (kids listen to athletes); and contributing to the economic growth of San Diego by bringing tourism dollars to the region (putting heads into beds).

Regarding education, the goal is to develop leadership and life skills, especially for kids who have limited opportunity to do so. SDSC offers free skills training and clinics in different sports. We train youth coaches. We started with organizations like Pop Warner and eventually began running programs for the Padres and Chargers. We’ve now expanded to military kids at Camp Pendleton and MCRD, where we run clinics for baseball, softball, football, basketball, tennis and soccer. We also run Major League Baseball’s Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program, RBI, for which we organize the league and provide coaches, umpires, free clinics and so on. Through the Hall of Champions, SDSC has launched a high school leadership program called the Champion Sports Corps. Student athletes, selected by partnering high schools in every sport, are being taught life skills. The focus is on goal-setting, communication skills, overcoming personal obstacles, social responsibility and leadership. We train and send athletes to teach, because we believe kids will listen to athletes. Interest in the program has been expressed by professional teams like the Phoenix Cardinals and Cleveland Browns. Our ultimate goal is to have a national program.

Regarding economic growth, SDSC has helped bring millions of dollars into San Diego. For any given event, SDSC can

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organize and conduct opening and closing receptions, obtain permits, run ticket sales, contract for hotel rooms, assist with sponsorship and so on. Events last year included the Aflac All-American Baseball Classic, BMX Supercross World Cup, NCAA Women’s Water Polo Championship, NCAA Men’s Gold Regional, Foot Locker Cross Country National Championship, etc. We have more than 30 future events on the books. Whenever we bid for an event, we put a youth component into it, such as free clinics or tickets.

Can you give dollar figures on how San Diego has benefited from SDSC efforts? In 2010, SDSC’s assistance or service as the local organizing committee for various sporting events generated more than 17,000 room nights and more than $2.1 million in revenue for San Diego hotels. Revenue for other service industries such as restaurants is additional.

Which sports do you most enjoy as a spectator? It doesn’t get any better than watching my three boys play any sport.

Have you noticed any trends in sports? One of the most disturbing trends is the lack of institutional support of physical education in our schools, together with the demise of high school sports due to lack of funding. Ninety-nine percent of our kids are recreational players. If school sports go away, we have lost an opportunity to teach positive life lessons to our youth, because most can’t afford club sports.

What tops your wish list of the sporting events you’d like to see in San Diego? Immediate future, I would like to see the first college basketball game onboard an active aircraft carrier. Work still needs to be done for the Carrier Classic to become a reality, but I would like us to shine some light on Veterans Day by having San Diego host Michigan State versus North Carolina on 11/11/11.

Long term, I would like to see San Diego host more youth sporting competitions like the Surf Cup. With youth sports, there are no rights fees, and families come to visit and tend to vacation longer, which translates into more dollars for San Diego.

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THE KICK OF SOCCER

Once unfamiliar, the game has grown ever larger in the author’s heart  

BY GEORGE ROOT

THIRTY-TWO PAIRS OF YOUNG eyes stared as I entered the room. Mike Thorsnes had invited me to a meeting of children interested in playing soccer in Alpine. I’d lettered in five high school sports and played college baseball but had never even seen a soccer match. No one knew how to play soccer in our rural community.

That is, until Harvey Specht came along. Harvey, who’d played soccer in high school, was a Navy man who lived in Alpine. He was going to be the coach of 11- to 12-year-old boys; I was allegedly to be his assistant. Before that, the only way “mountain” children could play organized soccer was to travel 20 miles to El Cajon.

At the meeting, Mike introduced Harvey and me and explained there were 32 kids interested in joining AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) but only one coach: Harvey. Unless I volunteered as the other coach, 16 kids were going home unhappy.

That was in 1978, and that was my introduction to soccer.

The Bandits, my team, went 1–12 that year and had a blast. We ran pick-and-rolls from basketball and learned techniques from AYSO coaching. After two years, I dropped down to 5-year-olds to coach my son’s team, the Turkeys. Three years later, we created Region 295 of AYSO, encompassing Alpine, Pine Valley, Descanso and Quatay. At one point, we had two-thirds of all eligible children in our area involved in the program. It was marvelous, and there were no parent complaints—they didn’t know the sport.

When we started our first regional games,
I required the parents to play soccer at least one day at Pine Valley Park. The children watched and cheered. We filled every emergency room in East County with twisted ankles, broken bones, etc. But everyone loved the day—parents and kids.

During the initial years, attorneys Ed Muns and Ross Province, along with Thorsnes, were all involved in soccer in the mountains. Some parents, including me and my wife, Sharon, got involved in adult leagues countywide, including the San Diego Bar Association League. I was then with Jennings, Engstrand & Henrikson, and we had a new associate who’d been a college soccer “phenom.” Jack Cohen was truly wonderful in soccer and basketball, and we played together for several years. One of our worthy opponents was Vince Bartolotta, Thorsnes’ partner. Judge David Danielsen was also an avid player. Many attorneys in Bar leagues also participated in competitive adult leagues. Mike MacKinnen, Peter Duncan and Jerry Sims were Jennings lawyers I kept bumping into. Greg Moser from Jennings (now with Procopio) and Ken Klein from Foley & Lardner (now a California Western professor) still can be seen on soccer fields during the weekend.

Some parents/players from that fabulous day in Pine Valley are still playing. Both my kids—Jenny, a lawyer in San Diego, and Danny, a high school teacher—play. Sharon and I watch them every weekend. Saturdays and Sundays start with English Premier League games on television. The whole family turned out to be soccer fanatics, with my granddaughter, Delaney, now leading the way. I played until age 60, when a new knee ended my career.

Ultimately, I became an area commissioner for AYSO. Afterward, I formed USA Soccer, a member of the California Youth Soccer Association that competed for many years until it merged with another East County league. I’m still affiliated with San Diego United Soccer Group.

One of the best things I learned over my 30-plus years of soccer is how many good people play, and help others to play, this wonderful game. Many are lawyers and judges who give up their time to help children learn a game only recently popular in our country. Lawyers tend to be civic minded, but here’s a way to apply that and have fun too. Give it a try!

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Through the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Pro Bono Panel Program, volunteer attorneys in our San Diego community provide pro bono representation to active-duty military members in civil and family court cases. Since the program’s official rollout in November 2009, our volunteers, including attorneys from the Navy, have assisted military personnel in more than 215 cases.

The statutory provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) specifically provide that active-duty military personnel may be entitled to a stay of the action pending against them so they can focus on their mission of national defense without fear of entry of default judgments in their absence. The SCRA itself requires the appointment of an attorney under certain circumstances to determine if a stay is warranted. Through the program, the first step in the process is a Superior Court judge appointing a yet-to-be-named volunteer attorney to represent the servicemember on a limited-scope basis. The court sends the appointment order to either the SDCBA LRIS or the North County Bar Association LRS, depending on where the case is vened, and the program administrator selects an attorney to represent the servicemember.

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The program is a collaborative effort of the SDCBA, the San Diego Superior Court, the North County Bar Association, the Navy Legal Services Office and the Marine Corps. The program is believed to be one of the first of its kind in the nation. Currently, the program has 54 volunteers but needs many more in service to flow of cases. Family law volunteers are particularly in demand.

The time commitment is minimal, usually only requiring a few hours of office time and one or two court appearances. The volunteers have found it to be an extremely rewarding way to fulfill their pro bono obligations. For younger lawyers, it is also a great way to get courtroom experience.

The judges are extremely appreciative of the volunteers taking the time to help figure out whether a stay is appropriate, and the servicemembers themselves are very grateful to have an advocate to explain the process and keep them apprised of developments. One satisfied servicemember recently commented, “Thank you for what you have done for me. God bless you.”

For more information about the program generally, please contact me (Heather Rosing) at hrosing@klinedinstlaw.com or at 619-239-8131. For a volunteer application, please contact LRIS Director Michelle Chavez at 619-321-4150 or at mchavez@sdcba.org. If you are interested in volunteering for North County cases, please contact Mary Cervantes at bansdc.bansdc.org or at 760-758-5833.
NORTHERN EXPOSURE

The J. Clifford Wallace Chapter brings the American Inns of Court benefits to San Diego’s North County

BY KAREN CRAWFORD

IN 2004, A GROUP OF SAN DIEGO lawyers and judges assembled to discuss the formation of an American Inn of Court chapter in North County. Although several active Inn chapters existed in San Diego at the time, none were based in the Carmel Valley or Del Mar area. There was a perceived need for an additional Inn, given the growing number of law firms in the region and the resulting need for legal education.

Many questions were raised during our initial discussions, including whether the new chapter should be a “specialty” Inn dedicated to intellectual property, what eligibility requirements were appropriate and how to ensure a diverse membership. With the assistance of the American Inn of Court Foundation and guidance from members of the legal community, including Charles “Chuck” Dick, a Master in the Louis Welsh Inn Chapter, the decision was made to form the J. Clifford Wallace Chapter. On October 25, 2004, our charter was issued; our first meeting was held March 23, 2005.

The decision to name our chapter in honor of Justice J. Clifford Wallace came easily, as he played an invaluable role in the creation of the American Inns of Court. The concept first arose in a conversation between the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger and Justice Wallace. As participants in the Anglo-American Legal Exchange in London in 1977, both were very impressed with the role the English Inns play in preparing advocates for practice, as well as the models of integrity, civility and collegiality afforded by the Inns. While on a bus outside their London hotel, they spoke about the possibility of adapting the British Inns’ teachings to American practice (see The American Inns of Court: Reclaiming a Noble Profession by Paul Bixton, page 18). Justice Wallace’s insight and active participation at the inception of the movement were significant factors in shaping the American Inns of Court today.

The mission of the American Inns of Court is to unite a cross-section of the bench and bar in an educational forum to encourage excellence, professionalism and ethics in advocacy, as well as to promote fellowship of the bench and bar. The idea is simple: Lawyers and judges with experience in litigation join together to impart their hard-earned lessons and varying viewpoints to less-experienced
litigators. In the process, of course, they also educate one another about questions concerning ethics and substantive law. By providing a forum where young lawyers can learn side-by-side with experienced judges and attorneys in their communities, the Inn aids lawyers to become more effective advocates and counselors, with keener ethical awareness.

The first American Inn of Court was organized in 1980 in Provo, Utah, by District Court Judge A. Sherman Christensen. Today, the Inns of Court has evolved into a national movement, with more than 28,000 active members participating in 300 Inn chapters around the country, plus 90,000 alumni. The judiciary actively involved in the Wallace Inn are among approximately 2,500 active judges participating in Inns throughout the country; there are also 6,100 alumni participant judges. While most chapters focus generally on substantive, procedural and ethical issues that arise in litigation, several specialize in areas such as criminal practice, tax law, administrative law, family law, white-collar crime, bankruptcy, intellectual property and employment and labor law.

The Wallace Chapter has hallmark features that distinguish it from typical continuing education programs. We are committed not only to improving advocacy skills but also to heightening ethical standards in the legal profession. Our membership reflects the rich diversity of the San Diego bench and bar and includes plaintiff and defense counsel, public and private practitioners, state and federal lawyers, practitioners from large and small firms, corporate counsel, professors and judges. Our chapter comprises approximately 100 members from the legal community who are divided into four experience categories: Masters (defined as judges, or litigators with more than 15 years of litigation experience); Barristers (who have less than 15 years of litigation experience); Associates (who have less than five years of litigation experience); and students drawn from each of the three San Diego law schools. The members of our Inn are grouped into “pupillage” teams, each consisting of a mix of Masters, Barristers, Associates and student members. This arrangement fosters the development of mentor relationships between judges and senior members of the bar with less-experienced lawyers and students. Each team is responsible for presenting one program per year on a topic of interest. The purpose is to teach in a manner that shows rather than tells.

Under the leadership of our past presidents, Justice Joan Irion, Hon. Dana Sabraw and Robert Gerber, and our current president, the Hon. Steven Denton, the Wallace Chapter has contributed to the legal education of many in the North County coastal region. As Judge Denton says, “The Wallace Inn of Court presents a unique mentoring opportunity where some of the finest attorneys and judges in San Diego serve to educate and socialize with younger lawyers in a supportive and collegial Carmel Valley area setting. The Wallace Inn experience is truly different and special.”

We congregate one evening per month, at which a presentation by a pupillage group is made, typically in a role-playing vignette format. Issues raised in the presentations are intended to provoke discussion about ethical and substantive issues from the entire Inn. Indeed, the Inn is a participatory program, and our success relies on the rich exchanges between lawyers and judges at our meetings. Monthly topics, which are selected by the pupillage groups at the beginning of our program year, reflect the creativity and diverse skills of our membership. Additionally, pupillage groups assemble informally between the monthly meetings, further fostering professional relationships and friendships. The active participation by members of the trial and appellate bench is invaluable and greatly enriches our monthly programs and informal pupillage group meetings.

Participation in an Inn is a wonderful way to obtain all of your continuing education credits, but active participation provides so much more. We learn from one another, and we develop mentoring relationships with members of the bench and bar in a forum that encourages and relies on open and frank discourse. Learning in this way teaches us, by example, how to be better advocates and, in so doing, allows each of us to improve the level of civility and excellence in our legal community.

Recognizing the important role the Inns play in educating the bench and bar, on January 26, 2011, the Conference of Chief Justices commended the “American Inns of Court for [its] commitment and dedication to improving the professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills of judge, lawyers, academicians and students of the law” and recommended that “members of the bench and bar become actively involved and promote the mission and goals of the American Inns of Court” (Conference of Chief Justices, Professionalism and Competence of the Bar Committee, Midyear Meeting).

If you are interested in learning more about the Wallace Inn Chapter or would like to receive an application, please contact Membership Chair Michael Conger at 858-759-0200 or congermike@aol.com. Karen Crawford (krcrawford@duanemorris.com) is a partner with Duane Morris.
“Mentoring is one of our profession’s greatest needs, and giving guidance to younger lawyers is one of the first things sacrificed by senior lawyers who are busy trying to work through a tough economy. The Inns of Court movement helps fill that void, and the success of the Wallace Inn speaks volumes about the thirst of young lawyers for role models and mentors. Those who practice in the northern neighborhoods of San Diego often miss out on the opportunity to fraternize with each other, let alone mix and mingle with judges and senior members of the Bar, and the Wallace Inn is making a difference in the professional lives of younger and older lawyers alike.”

Chuck Dick Jr.
Baker & McKenzie

“Engaging presentations, exposure to a variety of legal topics and the ability to learn from and develop relationships with well-respected members of the bench and bar commend the Wallace Inn of Court to San Diego attorneys. As a young prosecutor, I appreciate hearing trial pointers from esteemed judges and accomplished litigators.”

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Office of the U.S. Attorney

No other organization promotes excellence, civility and collegiality in the practice of law better than the American Inn of Court. Through a combination of small-group monthly presentations to the larger Inn, followed by dinner with the entire Inn, as well as regularly scheduled small-group meetings over a one-year term, the Inn fosters long-lasting relationships between and among lawyers and judges. No matter the stage of our careers, we are all better—individually and professionally—when we take time to share our day and, ultimately, to hold each other accountable to our noble profession. The Inn of Court provides a truly unique format to accomplish these wonderful goals.”

Hon. Dana Sabraw
U.S. District Court

“I was privileged to be a founding Master of the J. Clifford Wallace Inn of Court in 2004. From the beginning, the Wallace Inn has reinforced a sense of professionalism, civility and excellence in its members. Most of all, however, it has fostered a sense of community. The San Diego Bar is a special one and needs the Inn of Court programs to maintain the constructive relationships among and between counsel. As in-house counsel, I don’t have as much interaction with the bar as I did in private practice, so through the Wallace Inn, I have made new friends and maintained old relationships—all while learning and having good fun along the way.”

Bill Sailer
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“The J. Clifford Wallace Inn was founded seven years ago to provide the emerging Golden Triangle and Carmel Valley legal communities with an opportunity to participate in an American Inn of Court program, attend high-quality legal education seminars, establish mentoring relationships and to socialize and network with others who practice in similar legal specialties. The Wallace Inn provides a wonderful forum for lawyers and judges to engage with one another in an atmosphere designed to accomplish these goals.”

Hon. Joan Irion
Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District
Teaching the Rule of Law in a former Soviet Union republic meant learning for the teachers, right along with their students.

BY JANICE MULLIGAN AND HARVEY BERGER

DO YOU LOVE TO TRAVEL AND feel that the best part of the adventure is dialogue with locals? Remember the thrill of passionately debating weighty constitutional issues in law school? Have you yearned to teach eager law students who are grateful for your pearls of wisdom?

All that is why we jumped to accept the Center for International Legal Studies (CLIS) invitation to teach in a developing democracy of a former republic of the
Soviet Union. When the Soviet bloc was dismantled, many former satellite countries enacted constitutions similar to ours but needed assistance in “acclimating” to the drastic changes inherent in implementing the Rule of Law.

The program is open to lawyers with 20-plus years of experience, subject to reference letters and an interview. As a married couple, we wanted to be posted to the same city where we could both teach, which made it a little harder for CILS to assign us. Having passed those hurdles, we were appointed to a university in Rezekne, Latvia, a small town hugging the Russian border.

Our term length was open (we made a two-week commitment, but varying lengths up to a semester are available). Beforehand, we were required to take a week-long training session at a stunning, historic palace in Salzburg, Austria, where we befriended fascinating American lawyers also crazy enough to go on adventures teaching in far-flung corners of Eastern Europe. Topics included theoretical issues such as the philosophy behind the Rule of Law and more-practical subjects like housing and transportation.

Another training highlight was the opportunity to judge a moot court competition via videoconference between various European law students. Fortuitously, we presided over a competition with some Latvian students, including one from the same remote village where we were to teach.

While we were responsible for the cost of travel, extremely modest housing was provided in Rezekne. Envision 1950s Russian-style housing, complete with 1950s appliances and bathroom. Now imagine two American lawyers without a microwave and without even an electric plug in the bathroom, much less an Internet connection!

Rezekne suffers from a whopping 36 percent unemployment rate. Not surprisingly, the university was also extremely modest. The entire university had only one projector and couldn’t provide us both with equipment for PowerPoint presentations for each of our concurrent classes. So we asked if we could teach jointly and combine our assigned classes on arbitration and litigation. Luckily for us, they agreed.

Why were we lucky? Because we faced a sea of interested but nonresponsive students from a culture wholly unaccustomed to questioning authority, much less engaging in the Socratic method. So we did what we do naturally: We argued “amongst ourselves,” demonstrating, by example, the principles we were trying to teach.

We found that all of our thoughtful preparation (including “borrowing” from the generous materials provided by other CILS instructors) required fine-tuning to meet the needs of our students. Their language skills and their ambitions varied widely, from some committed to becoming lawyers and judges to those who just wanted to practice the English language.

The students soon grew accustomed to our Socratic dialogue and began to engage with us. Some spoke nearly perfect English, complete with slang, while others had a limited ability to understand, much less express, their views in English. Basic PowerPoint slides, together with writing words on the blackboard and pantomime gestures, assisted in communicating. We also “bribed” students with candy and tokens to provide positive reinforcement when they posed insightful questions or responded to our rhetorical ones.

Their questions ranged from thought-provoking (“What does freedom mean?”) to banal (“Have you ever seen Hollywood
In a country where the Rule of Law isn’t defined by a strong and independent judiciary, and where the people are just beginning to flex their power to conduct free and fair elections, we had much to discuss, compare and contrast with our own democratic experience (“If America has free elections, how did the Supreme Court reelect Bush?”).

We tailored the next day’s presentations to what the students were interested in learning the previous day. We used clips from movies such as *My Cousin Vinny* and a YouTube LEGO reenactment of *Palsgraf v. Long Island Railroad*. To make our lessons more relevant, we spent evenings researching the Latvian constitution. We added topics, including ethics and the attorney-client privilege, after it became apparent their legal culture differed vastly on such matters. Fortunately, some friends from the Welsh Inn of Court graciously and expeditiously accommodated our urgent e-mail request for additional PowerPoints and materials. With each session, the students grew more assertive, and our discussions grew more intense.

Outside of class, we alternated between the very few restaurants in town, where we discovered basic but delicious Latvian favorite foods (the alternative was to cook in the limited rustic kitchen in our apartment). We also dined on fresh, locally grown and homemade foods. It was snowing and cold even though it was only October, and we were told to drink vodka to keep warm.

Throughout, we developed gratifying rela-
Rezekne held few attractions in our off hours, so on weekends we took a train to the capital, Riga. The moot court coach, Inga, and one of the students, Sandra, whom we met while judging moot court during the Salzburg training, dined with us in Riga. Articulate, educated and fascinating, they showed us a more sophisticated Latvian face. Riga also had first-run American movies (in English!), amazing international restaurants and wonderful shopping. However, to get there from Rezekne, we had to take an ancient train, complete with coal-burning stoves and colorful Soviet characters. Seeing Russians wake up and drink straight vodka for breakfast was eye-opening.

Upon our return to the States, we communicated with Americans who'd had other Eastern European posts. Each assignment was unique. Some involved sophisticated, post-doctorate law students who spoke and questioned with eloquence and ease in English. Some were even more remote than ours (is it possible!), with less success. Class sizes varied from a score to hundreds. Accommodations also varied, and some assignments included luxurious home-cooked meals daily.

Would we recommend this experience? Well . . . we have committed to teaching at Debrecen University in Hungary this fall and in Mongolia next spring.

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San Diego just fell apart from 1886 to 1888. In his book *The History of San Diego*, Richard Pourade described this two-year period as “the most gaudy, wicked and exciting in San Diego’s history. The boomers and gamblers had followed the speculators to San Diego, and now came the entertainers and the criminals.”

The city editor of the *San Diego Sun*, Walter Gifford Smith, wrote that gambling “was open and flagrant; games of chance were carried on at the curbstones; painted women paraded the town in carriages and sent out engraved cards summoning men to their receptions and ‘high teas.’ The desecration of Sunday was complete, with all drinking and gambling houses open, and with picnics, excursions, fiestas and bullfights... Theft, murder, incendiaryism, carousals, fights, highway robbery and licentiousness gave to the passing show in boomtide San Diego many of the characteristics of the frontier camp.”

The city of San Diego went bankrupt in 1852 and was run by a board of trustees until 1889. In 1879, the city marshal’s office was disbanded, and as a result by 1885 San Diego had one of the worst crime rates in the country. Ad Pearson, who served as deputy sheriff of National City and parts south to the Mexican border, said in his memoirs that “San Diego had more questionable characters and all-around crooks than any city of similar size in the world.”

Research done by local writer and historian Garner Palenske showed that the city tried to beat down the rising crime. In 1886, Ordinance 19, “For the Prevention of Offenses against the Peace, Good Order and Health of San Diego,” was passed by the trustees. A police force of 12 was created in 1887 to enforce the ordinance.

According to Pourade, in 1887 saloons numbered at least 100 in the city. In the Stingaree district (around Third Avenue and I Street), more than 100 dance halls employed an estimated 350 women, and these halls were filled with “callow youth and balding rakes.”

There was little assistance by authorities. Police Chief Joseph Coyne was indicted by the Grand Jury in 1888 for violating election laws. The *San Diego Union* accused the board of trustees president of failing to supervise the police department (as a lawyer, he represented criminals and gamblers). Judge C.F. Monroe was accused of using the police court for private business and collecting fees in justice cases.

The city’s first courthouse, in Old Town, mysteriously burned down in 1872, but the museum that stands in its place today displays the San Diego Police Court Criminal Docket of January 3–April 27, 1888. Palenske notes that a total of 469 arrests were made during this four-month period, 161 of them for disturbing the peace and public drunkenness; most were handled through a court appearance and fine—before Judge Monroe.

Needless to say, things turned around. In 1888, the Hotel del Coronado was finished, new railway lines between San Diego and Los Angeles were opened, and the Sweetwater Dam was completed. A new mayor, aptly named Douglas Gunn, was elected in 1889. And for San Diego, the Wild West was finally tamed.

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NAME THAT COURT
Please submit answers by July 20 to martin@kruming.com. Your name will be entered to win lunch for two at Dobson’s Bar & Restaurant in downtown San Diego. Congratulations to Shannon Howell of The Howell Law Group, who correctly identified the Family Law Courthouse in the previous issue. Thanks to everyone who participated.

CORRECTION
The SDCBA’s Legal Legends project includes Hon. Victor Bianchini, whose name was inadvertently omitted in the May/June issue. His interview was taped on May 19, 2010.
The SDCBA honored its 2011 Service Award winners on May 3 during a special luncheon at The Westin San Diego. The SDCBA thanks GEICO, PROVEN and Dolan Xitco, its luncheon sponsors.
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The SDCBA’s Golf Tournament was held at the Rancho Bernardo Inn & Golf Club on March 31.


OPERA NIGHT
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The fourth annual Bar Night at the Opera on May 20 was hosted by the SDCBA and the San Diego chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

Mike Thorsnes, Gail King.

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Lawyers Club held its annual Awards Dinner on May 24 at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

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Henry Coker, Hon. Randa Trapp

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The Omni Hotel was the site of the annual dinner of the Tom Homann LGBT Law Association on May 12.

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This assemblage reflects the new downtown home of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, which opened for classes last January. Leslie Wallace (lesliepatricephoto@gmail.com) teaches legal writing at California Western School of Law.
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