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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ethics – is this really a new concept in the high ceiling - deep carpet world of Corporate America? Back BE (that's Before Enron) the phrase “*restated* financial report” was used to explain a mistake. This past year end has seen a dramatic rise in the number of restated financial reports. We recall that Enron, with a little help from the sharp pencil experts over at Arthur Andersen, took a lot of people – some bad, most good – down with it. It was fitting that Author Andersen was in that same leaky boat, since they were the guys who drilled the holes. But I digress. This is supposed to be an essay for lawyers, not accountants or C.F.O.'s.

It seems to be the tradition of our society to assume that lawyers are indifferent to principles of truth or justice, and that they are wholly lacking of ethics. (Heard any good lawyer jokes lately – do those punch lines mirror what the public truly thinks about us?) I will acknowledge that among our ranks there are a few who seem to have left their ethics on the steps of the Law School Campus. Most of us have heard lawyers making what we would characterize as blatant misrepresentations to the court. Some have even witnessed opposing counsel suborn perjury. One lawyer once argued to me that it was his duty to help a client sell a lie in a capital murder case. I guess it ought

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

By James M. Hallett

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you for honoring me with the Jeannie Award. The acknowledgments expressed by Past President Susan Hargrove, President Tara McGuinness, Commissioner Douglas Carnahan and Judge Jack Hourigan were profoundly special to me, as was the recognition afforded me by those in attendance at the Judges Night Dinner.

Now, back to work:

It was a wonderful touch to have the Torrance Courthouse First Floor monitors, which usually display orientation videos, broadcasting Martin Luther King's speeches during the week of his birthday recognition. For anyone my age, “I have a dream,”

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SAVE THE DATE!

“Temecula Wine Tasting Trip”



Saturday, March 22, 2003

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

\$75.00 per person all inclusive



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“State of the Courts”

Previously scheduled for March 25th, 2003 has been rescheduled for April 22nd, 2003 due to a scheduling conflict requiring Judge Dukes to attend the Chief Justice Ronald George's State of the Courts Message presentation of the State Legislative.



On April 22nd 2003 Judge Robert Dukes will be joined by Judge Aviva Bobb, Supervising Judge of the Family Law Bench for the County of Los Angeles and Judge Eric Taylor, Supervising Judge for the Southwest Judicial District.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SOUTH BAY BAR ASSOCIATION

**"STATE OF THE COURTS"
(1 Hour MCLE Credit)**

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2003
Place: The Portofino Hotel & Yacht Club
Speakers: Hon. Robert F. Dukes, Hon. Eric C. Taylor & Hon. Aviva Bobb
Topic: Information on the new Family Law and Mediation Rules
Time: 6:00 p.m. Cocktails
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Program
Prices: Members & Judges: \$35.00 Prepaid
Reservations; \$45.00 at the Door,
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RSVP to the SBBA by April 15th, 2003. In order to receive a discount, payment must be received by the SBBA at least 5 business days prior to the event.

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**South Bay Bar Association and
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Cordially invite you and your guests to...
... enjoy a scenic tour of Temecula's Wineries.
We will travel in a luxury coach from the Torrance Courthouse to the Temecula Valley where you will experience three different wineries. Your tour will begin at Callaway Winery where you will enjoy a picnic style catered lunch under the grape arbors overlooking the vineyards. From there you will travel to Maurice Car'rie Winery followed by Thornton Winery, known for their champagne. All three tours will be private and you will receive commemorative logo wine glasses as well as a 20% discount on purchases made at Callaway Winery.

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What's Happening

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and "I have been to the mountaintop" still make the heart race with pride in what America has become in our short lifetimes.

Speaking of monitors, as I recently stripped down for the metal detectors at the entry to the courthouse, I found **Judge Cecil Mills** monitoring those very metal detectors.

It turns out that he has, at least temporarily, hung up his black robe as a full time occupation, although he still sits as an assigned judge periodically.

However, he said (in vintage Mills' fashion), "Lynn and I have been married a long time. She agreed to 'for better or for worse,' but not necessarily for lunch." So he has found something to "keep myself busy."

Specifically, he holds a contract with the Los Angeles County Superior Court to streamline and improve security services. He has been working with the Sheriff's Department for the past one and one half years on behalf of the court, with the goal of improving security services while, at same time, saving over \$10,000,000.00 in the annual security bill.

Part of this has included working with judges countywide to improve court management so as to reduce Sheriff overtime.

The happy news is that he projected that Torrance will not be suffering large cuts because the courthouse is operating pretty efficiently already.

Compton **Attorney Maxcy Filer** is the father of **Judge Kelvin Filer** and At-

torney **Anthony Filer**, who is the directing attorney of Community Legal Services in Norwalk. Maxcy, though a generation ahead of his two sons, did not become a lawyer until 1991, after 15 years as a Compton City Councilman - and after 48 attempts at passing the Bar exam.

Said Maxcy to the Daily Journal, "I felt good about taking the bar each time, but I am a masochist."

Joe and Irene Guimera have moved their offices to 1600 Rosecrans Avenue in Manhattan Beach, telephone 310-727-3330.

Rick Thomas played football on the same team as USC Heisman trophy winner (and now USC Athletic Director) Mike Garrett.

It was, however, flag football. They attended University of San Diego Law School together, and Garrett played a portion of the University's intramural football season.

That picture in a recent issue of the Easy Reader of Alex Gray turning his short board on the lip of a very large wave was indeed a picture of the son of **Judge Dudley Gray**. The accompanying article described him as "Peninsula's top surfer," who "surfed great" in the recent Pacific League Championship.

Here's legendary South Bay surfer Mike Purpus describing Alex: "Peninsula answered back (to Mira Costa) with skinny 5-10, over-amped Alex Gray. He looks at every wave and wonders what he can do on it. He doesn't care if it's a good or bad wave. He's the best surfer in

the league because he has no limits. I used to tell surfers, 'The only way to get out of impossible situations is to put yourself in them.' That's Alex.

"The wave of the day came storming through. It was an 8' barrel. Alex free fell down the face and caught an edge just before the curtain came down. He pulled up and disappeared in the tube. The big tunnel raced past him, but he somehow squeezed through a doggie door at the bottom of the barrel and popped out, wagging his tail all the way to the beach."

Roger Stanton, Board Member Eternal of the South Bay Bar, retired as a division chief in the Public Defender's Office in July.

Paul McPherson (age 51, third base) and **Steve Cooper** (age 49, right field) are amongst the stars of the Los Angeles Indians, part of the South Bay League of the National Adult Baseball Association (NABA).

NABA has an annual national tournament and the South Bay League sends its All-Stars to represent our area.

Since 1996, Paul's and Steve's team has been nationally ranked somewhere between first and fourth.

They won outright in 1996, and won again last October at the World Series in Phoenix.

Two hundred teams enter the national tournament. In the championship game between the Los Angeles Indians and the San Diego Giants, Paul's and

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Got An Interesting Article or Announcement? We'd Really Like to Hear About It!

If you have any articles or special announcements on topics which might be of interest to our readers, please send them to us. Articles and/or announcements submitted will be published as space allows and will be subject to editing and approval of content, with final approval for form and content to be under the authority of the Editorial Staff. Articles, announcements and advertising copy are due by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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President's Message

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to be admitted that on occasion perjured testimony has won its day in court, but it will never win the war. The tattoos left on the reputations of those few of us who will sell a lie without blinking will eventually be noticed by the rest of us – and by the courts as well.

I hope everyone read Chuck Sevilla's Article in last month's Bulletin. He drew from the lesson of *People v. Westerfield* in his comments about "Ethics and Advocacy." He reminded us of Rule 5-200 (A) and (B). It was clear enough:

"In presenting a matter to a tribunal, a member: (A) Shall employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to the member such means only as are consistent with the truth; (B) Shall not seek to mislead the judge, judicial officer, or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law...."

To me "truth" is like the centerline on a dark highway in the middle of night. If you stay focused on it, you'll find it much easier to negotiate the curves.

If all goes as hoped, the keynote speaker at our September meeting will be Michael Josephson. You Loyola people will remember him from his professorship days, but lately Mr. Josephson has become very popular on the speaking circuit with his views on ethics and character. Don't miss the September meeting.

I invite you all to join us for our State of the Courts address on Tuesday, March 25th. Presiding Judge Jude Dukes will give us the bad news and our own Judge Eric Taylor will provide some input on our local situation. You will also hear an update on the new family law case management project. If not particularly entertaining, I know it will be informative.

If you are looking for entertainment, we have that too. Join us for a wine tasting trip to Temecula Valley in Saturday, March 22nd. We will meet at the parking lot at the court house at 8:30 a.m. and travel on a luxury coach (with coffee and Danish) to Temecula Valley. Our first stop will be at Callaway Winery, which we will tour and enjoy lunch, with wine! Next stop, Maurice Car'rie Winery, finishing with a tour of Thornton Winery (known for its champagne). We will have you back at the Torrance court house parking lot by 6:00 p.m. Space is limited, so reserve early!

Tara McGuinness
President, SBBA



SBBA Membership Benefits

1. A GREAT ORGANIZATION - The South Bay Bar has an excellent tradition of improving the practice of law. Many of our local judges routinely attend meetings and programs. As a member you can be a part of the legal community in the South Bay and will have the opportunity to expand your practice, meet interesting people and have a good time.

2. PROGRAMS AND SEMINARS - We have informative programs and section luncheons throughout the year. Most all programs and seminars provide MCLE credit.

3. SPECIALTY SECTIONS - Join sections that concern your practice and regularly meet with other attorneys with whom you can share ideas and thoughts.

4. LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE - As a member you have the right to be a part of the South Bay Bar Lawyer Referral Service. What a great way to increase your practice!

5. THE BARRISTER BULLETIN - Keep up to date on what is happening in the South Bay. The latest developments in our local courthouses, informative articles and recent cases are but a few examples of what you can read about every week.

6. MENTOR PROGRAM - As a lawyer starting out, you can have a mentor who will be available to answer those questions that come up as you are building your practice.

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TORT TACTICS

Expanding Auto Coverage

By Lawrence R. Booth of Booth & Koskoff

It is quite common in auto liability policies for the coverage to be automatically reduced to the statutory minimum of \$15,000/30,000 whenever the operator is not a named insured but simply a permissive user. This is the typical situation where someone borrows someone else's car, even a family member who is not included in the definition of insureds because he or she hasn't lived in the immediate household. In that situation under the terms of many policies regardless of the policy limits, the coverage is limited to \$15,000/30,000. This comes as a complete surprise to some where they find out that the defendant has perhaps \$100,000/300,000 or \$250,000/500,000 or even more and yet the coverage is suddenly limited to \$15,000/30,000.

Agency

The solution to this dilemma is to establish agency on the part of the driver and the owner of the vehicle. This is surprisingly easy because the rules do not require a conventional employment but merely evidence that the driver is utilizing the owner's vehicle on behalf of the owner and for the benefit of the owner. For example, if a cousin were to borrow your car to go to the market to buy a quart of milk for himself, then he would be a permissive user and the coverage would be \$15,000/30,000. On the other hand, if he went to the store to buy a quart of milk for you, then he would be operating as your agent in the course and scope of the agency and the coverage would be the full amount of the policy. This issue sometimes becomes somewhat mystifying when the defendant driver has the accident under complex circumstances where he may have more than one destination or may be engaged in more than one activity.

This brings into play the whole subject of deviation. A simple example might be in a standard employment situation where a driver employed as a delivery man operating his employer's pickup truck decides to stop at his house

on the way to deliver some merchandise. The issue then becomes whether this is a minor deviation and therefore does he stay in the course and scope of employment or whether this may become deviation from his work which takes him out of the course and scope of employment. The same rules apply where there is no employment but merely an agency and this brings into play the issue of whether the deviation, if any, is authorized.

Example

In a recent case which we just concluded for policy limits of \$500,000, the defense carrier took the position that the coverage was \$15,000/30,000 and not \$250,000/500,000. There were three plaintiffs in a vehicle, two of whom were seriously injured when the vehicle was rear ended by a pickup truck on a Sunday morning. The driver of the truck was a regular employee of the owner of the truck during the week and drove the truck for the purpose of visiting customers to erect signs. On this particular Sunday morning, he was not doing anything in connection with his regular job and was not being paid. He was moonlighting as a handyman and had borrowed his employer's truck because his car was in the shop. At the time of the accident, he was on his way to a private home for the purpose of doing some repair work on his own, totally unrelated to his regular job. He was also planning, when he got done at this job, to go on to his employer's house to do some moonlighting repair work on the employer's private home where he would be paid by the hour out of his employer's pocket.

There was no issue that the defendant driver was not in the course and scope of his regular employment at the time of the accident but the question was whether or not he was acting as the agent for his employer who was also the owner of the vehicle. The evidence in the case demonstrated that on the previous day (Saturday), he had been doing some work on the owner's private premises and was planning on returning the next day after he finished this other

moonlighting job. The key testimony coming from both the defendant driver and the owner of the vehicle was that it was understood that he would first do the other job and this deviation from going straight to the employer's house was "authorized." The evidence got complicated by the fact that the direction of travel from the driver's home to the vehicle owner's home was in a completely different direction than the direction of travel to the first job.

The carrier wanted to litigate the issue by bringing a motion for summary judgment but the strategy that we utilized was to serve them with a Code of Civil Procedure Section 998 demand for the full \$500,000 policy limits. The time would run out on this demand before they would have time to file a motion for summary judgment and have the motion heard, and we refused to grant any extensions. This put the carrier in a dilemma where they had to decide whether to run the risk of "taking the lid" off the policy and exposing the insurance carrier to a potentially much greater judgment or forego the inclination to test the agency question. They elected to pay the policy limits.

Lesson

The lesson to be learned from this example is that the evidence should be closely examined whenever there is a permissive user to determine whether an agency situation can be developed either because the driver was on an errand for the owner or may have even had a dual purpose which was partly on behalf of the owner. Many people do not realize that their policies limit coverage to \$15,000/30,000 whenever the driver is not the main insured. Of course the owner's liability is limited by statute to \$15,000/30,000 unless there is an agency and he has no exposure beyond that amount anyway. The problem comes for plaintiff who may have suffered serious injuries at the hands of a vehicle driven by a permissive user who, under the circumstances, would have very limited coverage.



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We are currently scheduling Attorneys for our Pro Bono Program at the Torrance Courthouse from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesdays.

This is a great outreach program to become involved with. Please contact the SBBA today at (310) 543-9773 to reserve a date on our calendar.

Thank you!

Mystery Photo



Can you identify this distinguished attorney?

No one guessed the correct identity of the mystery attorney last month – Here’s a hint – he is the son of a Manhattan Beach lawyer and March 17th is his idea of a national holiday. Now do you know who he is?

If you can identify our mystery photo, call Shannon at (310) 543-9773. As always, the first person (or persons) to guess correctly win our usual “valuable” prize – *special recognition* in the next issue of the Barristers Bulletin.

If you have a “Mystery Photo”(of yourself or someone else in your firm) please send it to **Jim Hallett or to Shannon Shockley at SBBA.**

Thanks!

Our Bar Association Needs You - More Than You Think

This year our bar association will celebrate its 50th anniversary. For many of us, we take our bar association for granted. It has always been here and it will always be here, but will it?

As a non-profit organization, we have very limited means to pay our bills on a monthly basis. Our main source of revenue is our annual membership dues. The general meetings and luncheon meetings are priced at a break-even cost.

To illustrate just how important each paying member is to our bar association, consider the following. It takes over fifty-one members dues just to pay rent for one year. Like any other business, we have monthly expenses that include phone, insurance, wages, payroll taxes, office equipment, supplies, etc. And, like your law practices, expenses continue to rise each year.

In order to survive, we need to either increase our membership or increase our membership dues. In the last two years, your board of directors have put a lot of effort into reducing the bar associations expenses. We have reduced expenses as low as possible, without sacrificing the quality of service we provide to our members.

You are important. Our local bar association is important. We need you to attend our functions, we need your continued membership and we need you to bring in new members. We need you to keep our bar association fun and enjoyable.

As we approach the start of our next fifty years, we should strive for 500 members. This goal is really not that difficult to achieve, if we all put a little effort in it. Our annual dues are less than most attorneys’ hourly rate. I doubt that you can find any other way to obtain MCLE credit as inexpensively as through our bar association. We all know a great number of potential members; people we work with, attorneys that we share the same building with and attorneys that we have cases against. All you need to do is ask them if they would be interested in joining or invite them to a meeting as your guest.

You do make a difference. If you haven’t been to a meeting recently, please attend. If you have, we appreciate your support and ask that you invite a guest for the next meeting.

Rick Thomas, Vice President



What's Happening

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Steve's team won, 11 to 7, with Paul going 3 for 5 and Steve 3 for 4.

I am just catching up on old news: **Commissioner Glenda Veasey** was married one and one half years ago to Antoine Turner. All I could pry out of our local family law guru is that Mr. Turner is "in the insurance business."

The Daily Journal reports that **Compton Judge Ellen DeShazer** worked in the late '60s as a "Spacette" at the Houston Astrodome, including one memorable gig as the ring girl for the Mohammed Ali-Jimmy Ellis fight.

Dave Bowman dropped by, on his way through town to pick up a golden retriever and take it home to Lakehills, Texas, where the new puppy will join his ten other dogs, 7 cats and 5 birds. Dave's wife Sandee is president of the local county animal welfare center. They live in a small town 25 miles west of San Antonio. Although a member of the Texas Bar, Dave told me his major occupation is to "politically agitate."

New lawyer **Maureen Carnahan** joined her father, **Commissioner Douglas Carnahan**, when he was honored at the recent South Bay Bar Judges Night Dinner.

Judge Mark Arnold received All-City honors in 1966 as a high school shotputter.

Inglewood **Commissioner John Johnson's** son, John Marcus Johnson, is a stock broker in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, where he played varsity basketball and set the three-point shooting percentage record (42%) for the Ohio Valley Conference.

Judge Jack Hourigan has completed 15 marathons. The first was the fastest, 3:58, in Honolulu, where his daughter, Kellie, was second in her age group, finishing in under three hours. (This same Kellie submitted Kilimanjaro last year.) In gleaning this information, I failed to get still more details from Judge Hourigan's wife, Margaret, except to note that she regularly competes in 10K runs.

Deaths in the family: Alex DuGally's daughter, Louise, died February 7, 2003 at age 46. She was the first female to take auto shop classes at Torrance High, and she later raced cars and supervised a professional racing team.

On December 26, 2002, Kathryn Bloodgood, wife of our now deceased colleague **Gene Bloodgood**, passed away.

Judge Richard Lyman's father, Richard Lyman, age 81, died on December 14, 2002. He flew 48 combat missions in China and Indo-China during World War II, before moving to Manhattan Beach, where he and his wife ran Lyman Realty.

Deaths in our family: **Leslie Newton** died January 25, 2003 at her home in Carmel at age 55. Leslie served on the Hermosa Beach Planning Commission and was a director of the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce. She was named the Hermosa Beach Woman of the Year in 1994, and moved to Carmel in 1998 with her husband, **Jerry**, himself a lawyer still handling death penalty appeals and habeas corpus petitions. Early on in her career, Leslie clerked for then-attorney, now-**Judge Emilie Elias**.

Two issues ago I wrote that **Russ Collins**, retired Torrance bailiff and husband of retired Torrance clerk **Lynn Robinson**, was very ill. He passed away January 4, 2003. If you want to acknowledge him, donations to Hospice, the American Cancer Society or The Wellness Community-South Bay would be welcomed by Lynn.



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