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WHAT'S HAPPENING

By James M. Hallett

I learned of **Ben Sadler's** death from this very publication in a brief tribute submitted by Gene Bloodgood last month. This news brought up some bittersweet memories of Ben.

I moved to Manhattan Beach in 1972, enamored of life by the beach, and immediately took up scuba diving.

This led me to the Los Angeles County Advanced Diver Program, a grueling and fascinating spring and summer stint experiencing every aspect of diving under the leadership of some of the finest scuba divers in the world.

Amongst these was Ben Sadler, whom I first met through this program, not through the practice of law.

By happenstance, I was assigned to Ben's dive team for the summer, and I got to know him as my tough minded but amiable drill sergeant.

Life did not always go Ben's way after those halcyon 70's days, but I had the privilege of knowing him then as a strong and wonderful leader.

Those were also halcyon days for Elton John, so our award-winning dive team became popularly known as Bennie and the Jets. I shall always remember Ben as the Bennie I knew in 1975, and I shall always be a Jet.

Judge Thomas Sokolov will be representing the Southwest District on the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Executive Committee.

I caught this item in the Beach Reporter: Nicolas Kimose, **Randy Kimose's** son, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey and was promoted to his present rank of Coast Guard Seaman.

The new mayor of Manhattan Beach is none other than former judge **Joyce Fahey** (whose husband is **Judge William Fahey**).

The infamous dog mauling case featured a co-prosecutor who used to work right here in Torrance. **Kimberly Guilfoyle Newsom** has left Los Angeles for her hometown of San Francisco.

News reports tell us that she is now married to San Francisco Supervisor Gavin Newsom, who is said to be considering a run for mayor next year.

Their wedding was celebrated at a lavish reception at the home of billionaire Gordon Getty, and attracted both Browns, i.e., Oakland's Mayor Jerry and San Francisco's Mayor Willie.

The "twin towers" often mentioned in this column are back. The Disney Channel did a feature movie in January about Heather and Heidi, **Larry Burge's** twin daughters, who were basketball stars at Palos Verdes High, Virginia, and in the WNBA.

The Los Angeles Times review described Larry as "rather unhinged," at least in the movie. I watched it, however, and it looked more to me like "Father Knows Best."

Allan McPhee (PVattorney.com) was not only Chadwick's quarterback decades ago, but was also a high school All American Swimmer. He went on to swim at Cincinnati when his par-

ents moved there. He is now busy raising three athletic daughters, who are playing soccer, basketball and softball.

Steve and Margaret Kirby now have daughter **Amy**, a recent Southwestern graduate, working as an attorney in their office. Daughter Allison is meanwhile in her first year of vet school at UC Davis.

Although not local to us here in the South Bay, most of our local family law lawyers have had the happy experience of appearing before **Commissioner Jeffrey Marckese** in Compton. His recent tragic death in an automobile accident (when a big rig driver lost control of his truck on the Long Beach Freeway), was a terrible loss to all of us.

Whenever I run out of column material, I turn to the Daily Journal, which rarely lets me down. For example, the profile of **Judge William Willett** included this quote about his fondness for hunting: "I'm kind of a meat gatherer. When you have the potential of an animal hunting you, that's what gives it the little extra thrill."

And this from **Commissioner Douglas Carnahan's** column, describing the joys of judging: "Lawyers who used to refuse your requests for extensions now fall all over themselves to osculate your gluteal regions." (Yes, this was written tongue-in-cheek.)

And a few grammatical rules from Commissioner Carnahan:

1. It is the California Court of Appeal and the United States Court of Appeals.
2. In open court, do not address the court as "Judge."
3. William H. Rehnquist is the Chief Justice of the United States, not the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
4. The plural of "attorney general" is "attorneys general."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SOUTH BAY BAR ASSOCIATION

**Annual State of the Courts Program
(1 hour MCLE Credit)**

When: April 4, 2002
Time: 6:00 p.m. Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres
6:45 p.m. Program
Where: The Portofino Inn, 260 Portofino Way,
Redondo Beach

Speakers: The Honorable James C. Bascue,
Presiding Judge Of The Los Angeles Superior
Court; The Honorable Andrew C. Kauffman,
Supervising Judge Of The Southwest District
Price: Members & Judges - \$35.00 Prepaid;
\$40.00 at the door; Non-Members \$45.00
R.S.V.P. To the SBBA by March 26, 2002.

Topic: Trial Lawyers in Action: A View From
The Bench-The Jury And The Client
Price: Members WLALA - \$175.00
Non-Members \$190.00
Lunch Only: Members WLALA-\$60.00
Non-Members - \$65.00

Speakers: *Honorable Margaret M. Morrow*-
United States District Court, Central District,
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Courtroom Goes to the Movies*; *Jo-Ellan
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the registration form at www.wlala.org

**Women Lawyers Association of Los
Angeles 8th Annual Litigators' Forum
3.5 hrs. MCLE (1.25 hrs. MCLE in gender bias)**

When: Friday, April 26, 2002
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Full Forum
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. - Keynote
Speaker Luncheon

Where: Omni Hotel, 251 South Olive Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Be sure to check out our website for
up-to-date information on upcoming events!

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A limited number of copies of the 2001-2002 South Bay Bar Association Membership Directory are still available for members for \$20.00 each (includes postage). Directories are also available for non-members at a cost of \$50.00 each.

If you are interested in purchasing additional directories, please send your check made payable to the SBBA to 3465 Torrance Blvd., Suite C, Torrance, CA 90503 or call (310) 543-9773 for more information.

IMPORTANT — SBBA EVENT POLICIES

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ing. Others will be seated to the extent they can be accommodated. Your early R.S.V.P. and pre-paid reservation will enable the SBBA to ensure that there is adequate seating at its events enable it to avoid being charged for guarantees which are not met.

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TORT TACTICS

Beating the Disability Game

by Lawrence R. Booth of Booth & Koskoff

If the average disability carrier acted the same way they normally act on the docks of New York, they would have both of their legs broken. People are frightened of the notion that they will be disabled and unable to take care of their families and therefore they are suckers for buying this insurance. They really ought to sell it out of the back of a wagon the way they sold miracle remedies at the turn of the century. The worst cases arise out of disability insurance which is sold to doctors and lawyers who are in high income situations. It is not uncommon for these professionals to pay \$6,000 to \$10,000 per year in premiums to protect an income stream which may run into hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Commonly these policies will pay \$10,000 per month or more and the doctor or lawyer may be paying premiums for ten or fifteen years before he becomes disabled. Generally the carrier will pay for awhile and then cut off benefits on some flimsy excuse, leaving the doctor or lawyer wondering why he paid those premiums all those years in the first place. My advice to doctors, lawyers or others similarly situated is that unless they really love litigation, they should invest their money some place else to guard against the risk of sudden disability prior to retirement age. The bottom line is that the disability carrier has absolutely no intention of paying on these policies for life, and they will turn heaven and earth to avoid doing so. It is really a numbers game because they calculate that only a small percentage of policyholders will put up a real fight; many will settle for a fraction of the future benefits, and the few that engage in major litigation will probably wish they hadn't done so. With the single exception of law firms which regularly defend automobile manufacturers, these guys are about the

slickest attorneys alive and have a regular pattern for beating up on the plaintiff until he finally settles for a sum which, even if large, doesn't begin to equal the amount that the carrier would have to pay out over the next twenty or thirty years.

The first step in the process is to remove the case to the federal court. Unless the policyholder purchased the policy through some agency which is a viable defendant, the only defendant is the disability carrier, which is usually headquartered outside of California. These defendants love the federal court because you must get a unanimous verdict, there are only six jurors and therefore it is much more difficult to get a unanimous verdict. The judges tend to be far more likely to carve up the case and even eliminate a bad faith cause of action on a motion for summary judgment.

SPECIFIC OCCUPATION

These policies are written in two different ways. The cheaper policies protect against disability when a person is disabled from any and all occupations. This creates a wonderful defense where the carrier can claim that a world famous brain surgeon can become a janitor. The other type of policy is occupational specific. For example, a brain surgeon has to be able to work as a brain surgeon and not just as a doctor, and if he can't, he is disabled under the policy. Furthermore, it is typical for the policies to pay for life and not just for the work life expectancy of the policyholder. Therefore, theoretically, a sixty-four year old surgeon who is involved in a horrible accident and loses both of his hands would be able to collect disability benefits for the rest of his life even though he may not have continued to do surgery more than a few years.

DEFENSE STRATEGIES

Disability carriers and health insurance carriers, for that matter, tend to be set up in layers. This means that initially

the claim is reviewed by an examiner and if there is a protest when the disability is inevitably turned down, then it goes to an examiner at a higher level, and ultimately to some sort of committee. This has often been compared to a shell game where you can never find the pea because the pea keeps getting moved. If the policyholder objects to being turned down by some low level examiner, then it will often go to an in house physician, who spends fifteen minutes reviewing the file and universally rejects every claim. Rarely do they send these cases out to outside medical examiners, and even more rarely do these examiners actually examine the plaintiff. Of course, the outside medical examiner is not independent at all, despite the fact that they tend to call him an I.M.E. because he derives a substantial part of his income by justifying the carrier turning down policyholders. If one persists and goes through these layers of rejection artists, then it will go to some sort of an in house committee (big surprise) and they find other ways to turn down the claim and agree with the initial examiner. It is like playing a football game, and just as you're getting into the red zone or the last twenty yards before the other guy's goal, they keep moving the goal line.

EXAMPLE

Our office recently concluded a case in which the policyholder paid premiums for fifteen years, totaling something like \$75,000. He had an occupational specific policy so if he was unable to work as a surgeon, he would be entitled to \$10,000 per month for life. He was required initially to fill out a form, which like most pre-printed forms has a space about an inch long and the request is to document the history of your life. He filed that form only to be told that he needed to supply a great host of additional records, including medical records, tax records, etc. His claim was based on an uncontrollable high blood

Los Angeles County Bar Liaison Report

By Roy Daniel

South Bay Bar Association members receive a discount on their 2002 Los Angeles County Bar Association dues. Enjoy this member benefit by joining the LA County Bar Association today. SBBA Members can join through the LA County Bar Association's web site at www.LACBA.org.

The LA County Bar Association's Committee on Evaluation of Professional Practices is recommending to the State Bar Board that the "One-hour Emotional Distress component" required under MCLE Rule 2.1.2 be deleted. If the emotional distress component is deleted the one-hour of prevention of substance abuse will still be required. If you have any comments on this proposal please contact Roy Daniel at 323/526-6201 or rdaniel@counsel.co.la.ca.us.

Also available through the Bar web site is new service, a searchable Superior Court Civil Register. It includes the complete Civil Register database of all civil cases filed through February 15, 2002. It is a members only service that allows you to easily get data on the number of summary judgment motions granted/denied, peremptory challenges filed, days in trial, and much more. Learn more about the judges, commissioners, mediators, parties, attorneys, and law firms then you thought possible.

The LA County Bar has also established a new Cyber-Center that is intended to become a focal point for Internet law and for Internet legal activities. The Cyber-Center can be reached through the Bar's web site.

The Association is also soliciting the donation of old, but usable, cellular telephones for conversion into emergency phone for use by domestic violence victims. You can donate an old cellular phone dropping it off, or by sending it to the Association offices.

Coming soon to your South Bay Bar Association web site will be a quick link to the LA County Bar Association site to allow you even faster connections to the many services offered by the Association.

For those of you who are looking forward to using all of the new digital trial technology, we now have Department 89 in the Central Civil Courthouse. Department 89 is the only courtroom completely wired for all of the newest electronic presentation media. If you want to see firsthand the advantages, and I regret to say, some of the disadvantages of the newest technology stop by Department 89 for a visit.

More next time. Thank you.



Mystery Photo



"Can you identify these distinguished local attorneys?"

If you can identify them – call Melissa at SBBA with your answer (or guess). You will be "officially" recognized as the smart person that you are in the next Barristers Bulletin.

If you have a "Mystery Photo" you would like to submit – send it Jim Hallett or to Melissa at SBBA.

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. Please submit your contribution (in electronic form if possible) to:

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BRIEFS BY BLOODGOOD

SCHOOL DRUG TESTING HEARD BY US SUPREME COURT:

Facts: In 1995 the US Supreme Court had allowed Student Drug testing of school athletes as an exception to the general rule that there must be some specific reason to suspect wrongdoing before targeting someone for a Search.

Now, this Oklahoma School Board wanted to make Drug Tests on students with other after-school activities (band, glee-club, etc). This was because of a drug problem with kids.

Proponents said that random screenings would deter a big problem.

Opponents said that it would lead to "universal testing".

On 3-19-02 The US Supreme Court heard arguments. From the questioning by the Justices, particularly SCALIA and BREYER, that the Search and Seizure laws were about to be greatly expanded!!! A Decision this Summer. Stay tuned.

(ACLU ?) v TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA SCHOOL BOARD,

SEXUAL PREDATORS MAY BE CONFINED BEYOND THEIR PRISON SENTENCE SAYS US SUPREME COURT:

Facts: In 1997 the US Supreme Court had upheld a Kansas law allowing sexual predators to be confined beyond their prison term. The Justices did not consider the offender's ability to control his violent behavior.

Here the Kansas Supreme Court had ordered a New Trial for one CRANE, saying that the jury should have controlled his violent sexual behavior.

The case went up to the US Supreme Court.

Held: States may keep violent sexual offenders locked up beyond their prison term only if the State proves that the offender lacks some self-control.

Note: This case is important because there is a similar case before our

Cal Supreme Court (People v GHILETTI) which has an additional requirement that two (2) independent experts must agree that the offender is likely to "re-offend" if released.

In this CRANE case, a 7-2 Decision by Justice BREYER says that States do not have to show that "inmates have not control at all".

A Dissent by Justice SCALIA says that this new ruling "guts the Court's 1997 Decision and give Judges no guidance."

KANSAS v CRANE, 00-957, US _____, 1-22-2002.

MAXIMS OF JURISPRUDENCE:

Have you ever wondered where EQUITY is in the books? You will find several of the Equity Rules in Cal Civil Code Sections 3509 thru 3548.

Each month we will introduce you to these wonderful, little-used but very useful Maxims. Here are a few.

Suggestion: Memorize a few Sections and amaze the Court and your opposition with your erudition.

Tip: Read the Annotations for your Briefs and Arguments.

CCC 3510. REASON FOR RULE CEASING:

When the reason for a rule ceases, so should the rule itself.

CCC 3511. REASON SAME:

Where the reason is the same, the rule should be the same.

CCC 3512. CHANGE OF PURPOSE:

One must not change his purpose to the injury of another.

CCC 3513. WAIVER OF ADVANTAGE; LAW ESTABLISHED FOR PUBLIC REASON:

Any one may waive the advantage of a law intended solely for his benefit. But a law established for a Public reason cannot be contravened by a private agreement.

CCC 3514. USE OF RIGHTS:

One must so use his own rights as not to infringe upon the rights of another.

CCC 3515. CONSENT; EFFECT:

He who consents to an act is not wronged by it.

CCC 3516. ACQUIESCENCE IN ERROR:

Acquiescence in error takes away the right of objecting to it.

CCC 3517. ADVANTAGE OF OWN WRONG:

No one can take advantage of his own wrong.

Stay tuned for more of these splendid Maxims of Jurisprudence.

CRIMINAL LAW: FELONY BAIL SETTING AMOUNTS:

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It is a 22 page, large booklet, fits your briefcase. You can get a FREE copy by calling KIPERMAN BAIL BONDS at 1-800-666-2245.

BOOK SUGGESTIONS:

Am reading the best seller on JOHN ADAMS by DAVID McCULLOUGH. If you want to know the climate and conditions of the Revolutionary War time and the Constitution Convention of 1787 you will want to read it too.

ADAMS was a stalwart revolutionary who greatly influenced the Constitution Convention. Example: He insisted on the new Constitution having the "Separation Of Powers" (Doctrine) (Legislative, Executive and Judiciary).

Another book, a "must" for your knowledge and library is: "MIRACLE AT PHILADELPHIA" by CATHRINE DRINKER BOWEN, The Story of the

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Constitutional Convention, May to September 1787.”

This is the most lucid writing on the formation of our country that I have found. You must read and buy it!!!

EDITORS NOTE: Telephone Comments to GENE BLOODGOOD at (310) 316-1501.



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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.

7. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - An excellent way to find an attorney in the South Bay to whom you can refer a case outside of your area of practice.

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Beating the Disability Game

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pressure which made it dangerous for him to perform surgery. Initially his claim was turned down by an examiner who would have failed the third grade, knew nothing about surgery or medicine for that matter, and was simply there to reject any and all claims. I suppose he might not have rejected a claim if indeed the doctor had lost both of his arms, but my guess is that with innovative training they could come up with something. After he was turned down by this genius, the file then found its way into the hands of the in house doctor, who had practically no experience in private practice, was a general practitioner, and certainly not a specialist in the medical field which could determine the controllability and ramifications of extreme high blood pressure. Nonetheless, this in house doctor called the plaintiff's treating doctor, manipulated, as a lawyer would, the conversation, and then got him to sign a document confirming certain aspects of the medical condition which created great ambiguity as to his disability. When this came to light, it was too late, because they had found a loophole that they were not going to let go of. It was like trying to get a bedroom slipper from a pit bull. There was no way to get him to let loose except by shooting the s.o.b. Finally the matter ended up in litigation and of course was removed to the federal court. The inevitable motion for summary judgment was filed on the eve of trial, claiming that this is simply an honest medical dispute and is not a bad faith case. The law is that if the carrier is not in bad faith, then all you can collect by way of judgment would be the amount owing to date, and theoretically you would have to sue again and again as payments were refused. In the event there is a finding of bad faith, then you get the present value of all future payments for life, reasonable attorneys fees, damages for emotional distress, and potentially, punitive damages. In the state court, it would be unheard of to have a judge grant a summary judgment where there is a dispute as to bad faith, because it is clearly a factual question. In the federal court, it is not unheard of at all. This particular case was settled for a substantial sum, but nonetheless an amount which was less than the client might have received over his lifetime. If you factor in the amount paid to the attorneys to defend the case and the amount paid in settlement, although very substantial, the carrier saved money. Keep in mind that this was one of perhaps hundreds of cases which went that far. Most of them would be rejected and the policyholder would simply walk away or there would be some modest pre-litigation settlement. The best advice to doctors, lawyers and others similarly situated is to wisely invest your money or even put it in your mattress. It beats the heck out of paying premiums to a disability carrier.



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
TORRANCE
COURTROOM/CALENDAR ASSIGNMENTS
REVISED - APRIL 2, 2002**

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3	222-6531	Laura C. Ellison	Alicia Brandes	Rebecca Franco	Felony Preliminary Hearings; Misdemeanor Custody Arraignments
4	222-6544	Thomas R. Sokolov	Caren Cole	Susan Delgado	Felony Arraignments and EDP
5	222-6541	Sandra Thompson	Linda Green	Denise Bartholomew	Redondo Beach Misdemeanor Trials
THIRD FLOOR					
A	222-8872	James M. Ideman	Frances Dion	—————	Long-Cause Trials and Small Claims Appeals
B	222-8828	Jean E. Matusinka	Deborah Luna	Monica Lim	Unlimited Civil Cases 01-08, 49-56 and 97
C	222-8832	William R. Hollingsworth	Robert Fitting	Gina Zucco	Felony Trials - Case Numbers ending with 1 and 5
D	222-8836	Bob T. Hight	Elma Oda	Deborah Beckles	Unlimited Civil Cases 09-16, 57-64 and all 170's and Recusals
FOURTH FLOOR					
E	222-8871	Cary H. Nishimoto	Heather Howell	Marie Pilarca-Loretto	Unlimited Civil Cases 17-24, 65-72 and all 170's and Recusals
6	222-8841	Dudley W. Gray II	Darrin Oura	Sabrina Thomas	CHP (South Los Angeles), El Camino College, Gardena, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach Misdemeanor Trials
G	222-8849	Mark S. Arnold	Marcia Bouchelion	Nancy Shimane	Felony Trials - Case Numbers ending with 2 and 6
1	222-8851	Deanne Smith Myers	Shelia Bray	Maria Ronquillo	Limited Jurisdiction Civil, UD, Probate

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F	222-8861	Francis J. Hourigan	Marilynn Holcomb	Nancy Shimane	Felony Trials - Case Numbers ending with 3 and 9
L	222-8868	Andrew C. Kauffman	Ruth Gilliland	Gina Zucco	Felony Trials - Case Numbers ending with 4 and 8
P	222-3858	Bradley Fox	Michelle Milligan	Cristela Jurbina	Torrance Misdemeanor Trials
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7	222-6551	Mark H. McGee	Debbie Tillman	_____	Traffic Infractions
8	222-1759	Douglas G. Carnahan	Gipsy Baladad	_____	Small Claims
JUV	222-8879	Nancy Daniels	Lydia Colcol	_____	Juvenile Informal and Traffic Court
BEACH CITIES BRANCH, 117 W. TORRANCE BLVD., (UPPER LEVEL - PIER PLAZA), REDONDO BEACH					
9	798-6887	Ramona G. See	Maria Arreola	Loreen Gustafson	Unlimited Civil Cases 33-40, 81-88 and 99
M	798-6896	Lois A. Smaltz	Kerry Padilla	Tess Sangalang	Unlimited Civil Cases 25-32, 73-80 and 98
11	318-8710	William G. Willett	Amy Eubanks	Scott Kinoshita	Unlimited Civil Cases 41-48, 89-96 and 00

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5. And this is more a suggestion: Headline our court as "The Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles."

Several months ago, I reported on the sad death of **Neil Olsen's** dog, Bud, who had become quite famous on the Hill. It turns out that local attorneys **Larry Hall** and **Denise Martin** live and work just down the block from Neil, and that Bud was a regular in their house. They didn't know Neil, only Bud.

When Bud stopped coming around, they realized that he had passed on.

They finally got their own puppy, a Golden Retriever, whom they have named Buddy in honor of their old visitor and friend.



South Regional Capital Case Panel

One of the important functions of the South Bay Bar Association is to administer the *South Regional Capital Case Panel* (SRCCP).

The qualifications for SRCCP are: 10 years membership in the California State Bar or 10 years as a practicing attorney; attorney of record in at least 50 criminal trials of which at least 20 were completed felony jury trials; attorney of record in at least 5 cases where the charge at the time of Superior Court arraignment was a violation of Penal Code Section 187 and of which 3 were completed jury trials; malpractice insurance coverage, certain educational attendance; member of the South Central, Long Beach or South Bay Bar Associations; and an office within 20 miles of the Torrance, Long Beach, Compton and Inglewood Superior Courts.

Any SBBA member who feels qualified and would like to participate on the SRCCP is encouraged to submit an application. For more information contact Melissa Rivera at the SBBA at (310) 543-9773.