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Welcome to Fall!

By Beth Sharpe, Hearsay Editor

You guessed it! It's the fall issue of SFLPA's *Hearsay*! If you feel the need for a cornucopia of warm colors, homebaked flavors and, of course, some seasonally spooky fun and games, keep on browsing!

Danya Gonzales authors a feature article on a potential law change to the longstanding ban on cruising in California, key for many Latinx communities. Lorri Nicolini shares her experience of Dia de los Muertos on a visit to Mexico. Next, Suddie Scott recounts her experience in Israel and reminds us that Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) was in September.

New for this issue is Odaya Buta-Scott's DEI calendar which provides a clear day-to-day reference for upcoming cultural, religious or community days of significance. Look out as well for the pink leaves dotted throughout the pages. They represent Pink October, or Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

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Open Positions: Scholarship and Day in Court



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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FRANCIE SKAGGS, CCLS

With Perseverance in Our Sails, Through the Storm, We Prevailed. We are Unstoppable!

Greetings Members,

I deliver this President's message to you with so much enthusiasm! This year's theme celebrates the strength of the present SFLPA Board members. This team is unstoppable, and they have matched and even surpassed my expectations!

SFLPA held its Membership Happy Hour on August 17, 2023 at one of our favorite venues, the Patriot House in Embarcadero Center. We doubled the attendees from last year! The following day, we received six brand new applications and will be welcoming and installing our new members at our October Membership Meeting.

There is a new strain of Covid in town, and shortly after arriving at the quarterly LPI Conference in Orange County, I tested positive. I was sad that I missed out on many of the events, which is covered in the Governor's Report in this *Hearsay* edition. Because of this, I was not able to attend the Membership Happy Hour physically, but a quick-thinking Odaya Buta called me via FaceTime, and a "Virtual President Francie Skaggs" was there on the iPad! It was nice to say hello to everyone on FaceTime. I look forward to seeing everyone in person at the next event, which will be either at the Giants Game or the SFLPA Membership Meeting on October 17.

It was touching to see everyone working together and supporting each other to make this event happen. Guests were greeted by *Hearsay* Committee Chairs Odaya Buta and Danya Gonzales. Vice President Suddie Scott, looking as glamorous as ever, personally welcomed each guest. Lorri Nicolini, CCLS and Chris Flores, CBA, spoke to the guests and let them know many of the benefits of being in SFLPA. Of course, Programs Chair Lillian Wong was everywhere making sure that everyone was okay, having fun, and that guests didn't miss out on all the fun opportunity drawings. Claudia Deza and Kristen Craig-Reed were also making everyone feel welcomed. Thanks to Lillian, and all her hard work, SFLPA was able to make this event free for everyone with as little money as possible from our budget. Thank you also to all the vendors who contributed to help a good cause that is all near and dear to our hearts – SFLPA! I would like to recognize U.S. Legal, Veritext, Express Network, and Suddie Scott for their contributions.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





The July Membership Meeting was at Jones Day with special guest speaker Michael Lavine, Esq., Partner at Jones Day. Mr. Levine presented on the topic of "Intersection of AI and IP." A new legal question presents itself to the universe: "When anyone uses AI to create something, whose owns the rights? Is it the AI creator's or is it the AI user's?" I'm sure the courts will be providing pages of analysis in the near future.

Be sure to visit the LPI webpage at https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/education/ to check out the new educational structure for LPI, which now has three silos: (1) Continuing Legal Education, (2) LPI University, and (3) Legal Technology Training. For our members, the Continuing Legal Education portion will be at no charge! Prior to this year, members received a discount of \$25 per webinar, but now, those benefits come with your membership! Go to the LPI website at https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/events/ to find out more.

I hope to see many of you, including our new members, at our upcoming Membership Meeting on October 17. The speaker is yet to be determined, but we have reached out to a couple of potential special guests. The meeting will be at Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass at One Montgomery Street.

In the future, SFLPA would also like to plan a Day in Court event with a Mock Trial, as well as our Popcorn Fundraiser in September, and a Silent Auction or Bingo Game at the beginning of 2024. Look for details in updates sent to your emails and on our website at https://www.sflpa.org/.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to us. Get to know our Board, including some brand new superstars as upcoming *Hearsay* Editor Beth Sharpe, Vice President Suddie Scott, Education Chair Claudia Deza, and Ways and Means Chair Genevieve Miranda. You can find out more about our Board by going to https://www.sflpa.org/about/.

If I didn't see you at the September Giants game, I hope to see all of you at our October Membership Meeting and/or our December Holiday party!

Your President,

Physical and sometimes virtual,

Francie Skaggs, CCLS





SFLPA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT





NEW MEMBERS! Summer season, 2023 A very warm welcome to:

Stephanie Riddell (left) Kathleen Hill (right) and the other members who joined SFLPA this summer!



Welcome Kathleen



3 VOTES

- -Updates to the law
- -Professional development information
- -Citation guidelines
- -Interviews with professionals (support staff)
- -SFLPA and LPI events calendars
- -Games and puzzles (law related)

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2 VOTES

- -Legal analysis articles
 - -International law
 - -Photos from events
 - -Practice guides

-Diversity, equality and inclusion (DEI) articles

-California superior court updates

-Court updates for other circuits

-Competitions

Culture, society and the law articles

-Interviews with professionals (lawyers and judges)

-Member profiles/soundbites/interviews

Specialty deep dives

THANK YOU!

Professional practice

Anything else you want in the Hearsay? Let us know by writing to editor@sflpa.org!



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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SUDDIE SCOTT

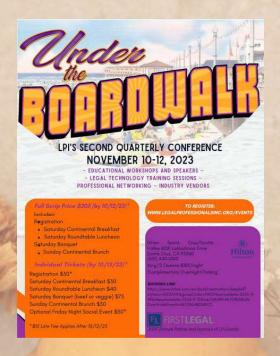
Dear Friends, Members and SFLPA:

I would like to give you an update on the membership of San Francisco Legal Professionals Association. Since my last report in June, we have received a total of 16 members who renewed or joined for the first time. At our Membership Happy Hour at the Patriot House, San Francisco, on August 17, 2023, we received a total of six applications. We had a great turnout with 33 people in attendance. I would like to thank everyone for their support in attending the Membership Happy Hour. We had a great team of people from SFLPA that helped make this event successful, including vendors from U.S. Legal Support, Express Network, Consillio International eDiscovery, Veritext, as well as our own members, Lillian Wong and Claudia Deza.

We will be installing our new members at our General Meeting on October 17, 2023 at Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass, San Francisco. The new members will have immediate access to the "Members Only" section of the SFLPA website: www.sflpa.org.

If anyone is interested in joining San Francisco Legal Professionals Association, you can log onto https://www.sflpa.org/membership and complete the "Active Application."

Suddie Scott Vice President and Membership Committee Chair







COMPETITION WINNERS!

FALL 2023







The member winner of both the fall competitions (Halloween event photo & best fall recipe) is ...

Mel Minas!

Mel wins a \$50 gift card for each competition!

A San Francisco native, I work as a litigation paralegal at Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP. The lovely and oh so sweet and helpful Francie Skaggs introduced me to SFLPA when I was on a hunt to join an association with likeminded people in the legal trenches, and I'm very grateful to her for it. I love the events and the camaraderie within the group, and I look forward to getting to know everyone better.





... And the second prize goes to board member contributor

Lillian Wong!

The names of board members who entered were pulled from a mug. Lillian won a ticket to the SFLPA Giants ball game event donated by Sally Mendez.



See all the competition entries below!







Persian Cuisine - Sholeh Zard
(Saffron Rice Pudding)

by Mel Minas

3.5 hours
INGREDIENTS

ı tbsp saffron threads

1.5 cups boiling water

1 cup jasmine rice

1 tsp kosher salt

1 1/2 cups sugar

3 tbsp butter (unsalted)

3 lightly cracked green cardamom pods

2 tbsp rosewater

Cinnamon and sliced almonds

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Grind the saffron using a pestle and mortar.
- 2. Put the rice in a large bowl and cover with water.
- With your hand, stir the rice so the starch is released and then drain it of the water.
- 4. Rinse the rice five to seven times until the draining water is clear.
- 5. Cover the rice again with water and place in the fridge overnight.
- The next day, drain off the water and crumble the rice with your hand.
- 7. Combine the rice with nine cups of water and salt in a large nonstick pan.
- 8. Bring the mixture to the boil and then simmer on medium-low for approximately 30 minutes or until the rice softens.
- 9. Mix the six tablespoons of brewed saffron, butter, sugar and cardamom into the rice.
- 10. Simmer, stirring now and then, until the mixture is of a loose porridge consistency.
- 11. Mix in the rosewater. Place into eight glasses and cool slightly until they can be covered with food wrap and refrigerated for around an hour, until the pudding is thick.
- 12. Decorate with cinnamon and almonds and serve at room temperature.

Recipe adapted from an article by Mahin Gilanpour Motamed (August 2, 2023) in *Food and Wine* Available at: www.foodandwine.com/recipes/saffron-rice-pudding-sholeh-zard









Fall Chai Latte Served Hot or Cold

by Francie Skaggs

(§ 15 minutes

INGREDIENTS

Two teabags of your favorite chai tea

1/3 cup of Nutpods brand coconut and
almond creamer in coffee cake

(unsweetened)

One tbsp of real maple syrup

Cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

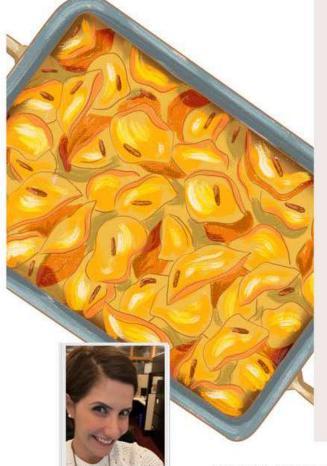
- Pour just a little of the maple syrup around the rim of your glass so that it goes on the inside of the glass. (If preparing iced, follow with 4-5 ice cubes).
- 2. Pour 1/3 cup of Nutpods creamer.
- Add the remainder of the maple syrup to the chai tea while it's hot.
- 4. Pour chai tea into creamer.
- 5. Top with cinnamon.

Since here in the Bay Area, we often experience our summer weather well into the fall, this can be prepared either iced or warm, whatever the temperature calls for that day!









Jewish Cuisine - Kugel by Odaya Buta-Scott



INGREDIENTS

400 grams of egg noodles (thin, medium or wide) 1 teaspoon of salt 1/3 cup of oil 300 grams (1½ cups) of sugar 4 eggs 1-3 teaspoons of freshly ground black pepper

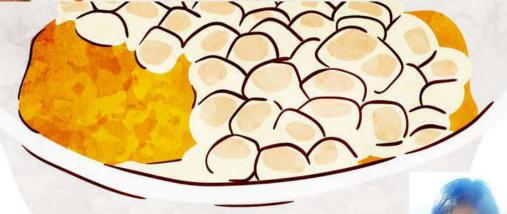
1 teaspoon of cinnamon (optional)

PREPARATION

- 1. Heat the oven to 300F (150C) degrees.
- 2. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook noodles to a bit more than al dente, stirring occasionally, according to package directions. Then drain.
- 3. In a large pot (suitable for the oven) over medium, heat the oil. Add 1 cup of sugar until caramelized (5 minutes). Add the hot noodles and stir.
- 4. In a large bowl break the eggs, add 1/2 cup of sugar, salt, black pepper and cinnamon and pour over the noodles. Mix well.
- 5. Flatten the mixture in the pot, lower the flame, and cook for 15 minutes until the edges turn a bit brown.
- 6. Place the pot in the oven and bake for two to three hours (or overnight at a temperature of 200F (100C) degrees.







Sweet potato/yam casserole

by Lillian Wong

() 1 hour INGREDIENTS

- -Casserole square dish or aluminum 9x13 pan (grease the pan)
- -6 boiled big sweet potatoes or yams; or 3 of each and blend (depending on if you like it less soft, then go with all sweet potatoes). The objective is to fill the pan.
 - -1 can of crushed pineapples (drained)
 - -1 bag of mini marshmallows
- -2 tablespoons of cinnamon (can add more or less to taste)
- -2 teaspoons of nutmeg (can add more or less to taste)

-Aluminum foil



DIRECTIONS

- Mix all the ingredients into the dish/pan.
- 2. Add the mini marshmallows on top.
- Cover dish/pan with aluminum foil.
- 4. Heat oven and bake at 375 to 400 degrees for 30 mins or when the potatoes get dark around the edges of the pan.
- 5. Remove foil and put back into the oven for 5 mins or until the marshmallows are golden and be mindful of not burning the marshmallows.

Enjoy!





Halloween

Photo Competition &



Claudia, Jesse and Vida aka The Addams Family.



New member Melina Minas's Halloween Pups!



comics, pop-art and She-Hulk!











Francie's cat, Chicory, getting into the spirit in between sleeps! Thank you, Chicory!



CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME

By Danya Gonzales





I have lived my whole life in the great State of California, and never knew that a ban on cruising existed here until receiving a newsworthy text message with photos from my brother Demetrius. He and other members of Impalas Car Club, a local chapter of the nation-wide classic car organization with the same name, attended Assemblymember David Alvarez's introduction of Assembly Bill 436 (AB 436) on February 3, 2023 at the State Capitol. AB 436, co-authored by Mr. Alvarez, was introduced to repeal sections of the California Vehicle Code to make cruising possible, and to prohibit local authorities from stopping cars modified below a certain height. The prohibition on lowriding cars was enacted in the State in 1958; the Vehicle Code was amended in 1988 to allow local governments to pass anticruising ordinances to address concerns about traffic congestion, crime, and gang violence. Lowriding or cruising was deemed a lifestyle associated with gang members. As noted in the bill's fact sheet, AB 436 celebrates "classic cars and cruising" that to many "is an expression of art and a cultural identity." Cruising is not a crime—the title of the bill—and AB 436 spotlights the historic role of cruising for many multicultural communities.

There is no clear-cut date when cruising evolved, but it became a popular teenage activity after World War II. Cruising down Main Street or around the town square was a social activity, and "cruise night" was a friendly evening meant for car enthusiasts of all types. Some ethnic groups identified with lifestyles related to cruising, like the youths of Mexican heritage who began driving low-hanging cars. The roots of this car culture can be traced back to the 1940s, becoming more prevalent in the '60s and '70s. While the "hot and fast" rod trend swept the country, Los Angeles's Mexican American communities, with access to inexpensive automobiles, began modifying their vehicles as a means of distinguishing themselves as the "low and slow" rod. So too, San Jose became an important hub of the lowrider culture because of its large Mexican American population. The cars were a source of pride and a way to create identity in a country historically keen on marginalizing distinct ethnic groups. Henceforth, lowriding became an integral part of California's celebrated car culture—immortalized in the 1975 R&B hit Lowrider by the legendary band War!

During the social and political Chicano Movement in the 1970s, car clubs—which were forming at this time—began offering community services and events to incite social change, combat structural racism, gather support for farmworker welfare, and assert their rights against other injustices. Chicanos also expressed solidarity

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through Chicano art that borrowed heavily from stories and myths belonging to Mexico's indigenous people. This art eventually made its way onto the lowrider car, which has been described as a "mobile canvas." Remarkably, the hydraulic system was helpful in getting around the prohibition on lowered vehicles by allowing drivers to raise and lower their cars. In contrast to street racing, lowriding is associated with cruising slowly to showcase these modified vintage cars with vibrant colors, religious and indigenous imagery, custom upholstery, and bouncy hydraulics.

My brother is the president of his local chapter, and to him and many other members of Impalas, the organization offers brotherhood, life-long friendships, and integral roles in their communities that bring members and families together. Throughout the year, different chapters host car shows and gatherings, and once a year, members converge on an "All Chapters" weekend at a designated location—this year in New Mexico—bringing together families from across the country. Demetrius's chapter has done its part for local neighborhoods, such as collecting and donating basic necessities to the Paradise community severely affected by the deadly 2019 wildfires, handing out homemade breakfast burritos and essentials to homeless individuals at the local park, and donating to families at Christmas time.

Founded in San Jose, the parent organization's national guidelines and bylaws help to dispel the stereotypes that plague lowriders by requiring cars to be maintained to certain standards and upholding rules that govern members' conduct. "You have to live a certain lifestyle," Demetrius explained, "to afford the expenses" of a classic car and meet Impalas' conditions. "You are treated like a brother, whether you're from Northern or Southern California" or any other state. When his son graduated from the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot, members of the local San Diego chapter provided the family with lodging and entertainment ideas and an invitation to a member's barbeque. Family is the one thing that really bonds the club together, and the organization works hard to ensure that this focus remains intact.



By Artist Chris Granillo







While lowriding is largely popular in the Hispanic communities, people of all backgrounds have joined in on the lowriding and cruising lifestyle. For over 40 years, my hometown has hosted its annual "Woodland Street Cruisers" on Main Street, drawing hundreds of locals and auto enthusiasts from out of town to this highly celebrated sanctioned event. Participants pay \$50 registration fees to showcase their vehicles, cruise while gazing at autos dating as far back as the early 1900s, and delight in food from local restaurants, live music, raffle prizes, and shopping. Reno's "Hot August Nights" also comes to life during the first week of August with classic cars and hot rods. For six consecutive days, you can catch live music or enjoy the beauty of the cars that take over the city. Likewise, three 1960sera Chevy Impala lowriders were featured during the 2022 halftime Super Bowl show as a nod to California's classic car culture. The cars were used on the music set that featured hip-hop legends Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Mary J. Blige, 50 Cent, Eminem, and Kendrick Lamar. Remarkably, in the hours following the Super Bowl, Newsweek reported a 160 percent spike in searches for Chevy Impala lowriders on eBay Motors's website. Demetrius's Impala has been featured in the 2020 Netflix movie All Day and a Night, the cover album of Spice 1's Game Gonna Cost You, and in numerous photo shoots.

In 2022, the California Legislature, with overwhelming bipartisan support, passed Assembly Concurrent Resolution 176, which also celebrates and promotes the history and culture of cruising. Introduced by Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, a joint author of AB 436, this measure was intended to encourage cities to repeal their bans on cruising but to preserve their local control, while embracing the lowrider culture. Cruising in lowriders has long been a cultural pastime and artistic expression for many communities, and car club members have fought to rid themselves of the stigma of destructive stereotypes. "No owner of a pricey car is going to have it repossessed for failure to have insurance or for drunk driving when you sink \$20,000-\$50,000 into the car," asserted Demetrius. These custom vintage vehicles are their pride and joy, and they are not likely going to jeopardize this costly passion!

With the coordination from such car club coalitions and car enthusiasts, some cities have already unanimously repealed these antiquated cruising ordinances. Many other cities have also begun to consider repealing similar legislation. If successful in the Senate, AB 436 "will repeal the authority of local agencies to prohibit cruising across the State and highlight the role of cruising in creating

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community, expressing love for art, and bringing unity." City officials, including police chiefs and city councils, continue to meet with auto club coalitions and others to create a safe cruising and family-friendly environment to ensure public safety, particularly around traffic flow. Cruising is not a crime, and the bill will enable car enthusiasts across the State to freely enjoy their passion and experience the cruising culture in a more positive light.







Resources:

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POPCORN FUNDRAISER

OUR DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER (9/22 - 9/26) RAISED A MASSIVE \$5022!









WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



RECENT EVENTS

SFLPA hosted special guest speaker Michael Lavine, Esq. at Jones Day who presented on "The Intersection of AI and IP" on July 18, 2023! The presentation was followed by the General Membership Meeting.



Michael Lavine, Esq. presenting to attendees in-person and online.



Left: Catherine Logan being installed as a new member by Vice President, Suddie Scott (with President Francie Skaggs)

Right:
The Transamerica
Pyramid
photobombing
Claudia Deza,
Judy Nakaso and
Lillian Wong!



SFLPA held its General Membership Happy Hour at Patriot House on August 17, 2023!









Above: Vice President Suddie Scott headed up organizing this amazing event.



Left: President
Francie Skaggs joined
us remotely as she
was isolating with
COVID-19!



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RECENT EVENTS





There was copious food and drink, and an opportunity drawing with fantastic prizes was held!





Beth Davis accepting her gift in the opportunity drawing from Lillian Wong.



Left: Governer Chris Flores speaking to the guests about SFLPA.



Kristen Craig-Reed, Website and Employment Chair, Emily Bradshaw and Lillian



New members Trevor Wedge and Stephanie Riddell





Suddie, Hearsay Copy Editor Danya Gonzales, Claudia Deza, Lillian Wong and Suddie Scott.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



RECENT EVENTS



Danya and Odaya looked after the welcome desk





Claudia and Lillian



Erin Keller



From left to right: Odaya (with Francie remotely), Danya, Claudia, Kristen and Erin



From left to right: Trevor, Lilian, Odaya, Suddie and Danya





GOVERNOR'S REPORT CHRIS FLORES, CBA

LPI FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The First Quarterly Conference and Board of Governors Meeting was held August 11-13, 2023 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa and was hosted by Legal Professionals Incorporated. I attended as your Governor. Leanne Ruesink, Francie Skaggs, CCLS and Larry McGrew attended in their capacities as part of the LPI Leadership Team.

The conference began with a no host Reception, which was followed by a lively game of Bingo. The Friday night festivities gave all attendees the chance to network and catch up with colleagues.

The Board of Governors Meeting was called to Order on Saturday, August 12 at 9:02 AM by President Rod Cardinale, Jr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Siambis, LPI Education Council Committee Member/San Mateo County LPA Vice President. The Code of Ethics, Dedicated to the Memory of Joan M. Moore, PLS, CCLS was read by Yolanda Gollaz, President of San Diego LSA. Introductions of special guests were made by President Rod.

Executive Secretary Bettina Jacobson took roll, and announced that there were 17 Governors present, constituting a quorum. Corrections to the Pre-Annual Conference Board of Governors Meeting were read. There were no other corrections to the Minutes. The Minutes were approved as corrected. The corrections to the Post Annual Conference Board of Governors Meeting were read. There being no other corrections, the Minutes were approved as corrected.

The meeting continued with the reports of the Elected Officers. President Rod Cardinale, Jr. reported that online membership applications have increased membership. He also reported that there was increased attendance and participation in the webinars being offered. LPI members will soon be given a unique login and password to access the LPI website. A community Forum is being developed to encourage interaction with other members throughout the State.

Vice President Donna Day reported that membership is steadily increasing, and local associations were encouraged to welcome the new members. She also encouraged support between neighboring associations. New firms are becoming members of the 100% Club – which indicates that all support staff in that firm or company are becoming members. There have been multiple signups through the LPI website. New member packets are available in electronic format and hard copy. A roster of members at large is available by contacting Lynne Prescott.



GOVERNOR'S REPORT CONT'D.



Executive Secretary/Programs Chair Bettina Jacobsen encouraged local associations to consider having social events in months where a business meeting is not held. LPI members are encouraged to contact Bettina for event ideas.

Treasurer Erika Garduño reported that the expenses of LPI during the first quarter totaled \$119,644. The amount of \$103,675 income was received, resulting in \$16,009 in expenses over income. On motion made and seconded, the actions of the Treasurer in paying the routine bills of LPI were ratified.

Executive Advisor Lynne Prescott reported that she is encouraging "In Touch Talks" between the local associations and the Executive Committee. Lynne is SFLPA's visiting officer and invited us to join her for an informal conversation after the Board of Governors meeting on Saturday. Leanne Ruesink and I found the time spent with Lynne and Bettina to be quite encouraging. Lynne also shared her plans to begin an Impact Mentoring Program where mentors would be introduced to mentees who are new to the field. She is planning a "soft launch" in January, with the program expected to be in full swing in May, 2024.

It was announced that there is now a course catalog available for the LPI University classes which can be found on the LPI website under the Education Tab.

Editor in Chief of the Publications Revision Committee reported royalties from all publications were received in the amount of \$13,018.71.

Renee Evans, CCLS was not in attendance at this meeting, but members were reminded that all MCLE forms need to be sent to her within two weeks for programs offering MCLE credit. A record of attendance, the written materials and any promotional materials should be included. Members were reminded that the State Bar could audit our records at any time.

Continuing Education Coordinator Mary Lou Floyd, CCLS reminded the members regarding upcoming programs. Professional Development Coordinator Cyndee Sauceda, CCLS encouraged members to share LinkedIn and social media posts regarding educational programs. An Advanced Legal Professional Training Course will debut starting October 4. The course will be live online and will be a 12-week course. Other continuing education and technology training classes are being developed.



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There was no unfinished business to come before the corporation.

It was announced that Livermore-Amador Valley LPA is in the process of dissolving and will be forfeiting its chapter. LPI Parliamentarian Elise Dresser, CCLS has been working with LAVLPA in this process. On motion duly made and seconded, the actions of the Parliamentarian were ratified.

It was announced that the Joint Venture Agreement between LPI and First Legal Network is being renewed. First Legal Network will be making a \$5,000 monetary contribution as part of this agreement.

The EC Recommendation to revoke the charter of Trinity County LSA was adopted.

The CCLS Certifying Board made the recommendation to update the CCLS logo. The recommendation was adopted. The CCLS Certifying Board made the recommendation to purchase 250 pins featuring the new logo at a cost of \$800. The pin is intended as a 35-year Anniversary Pin, to be given to existing CCLSes who are in good standing. Pins would also be available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00. The recommendation was adopted.

Following general announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Members then had the opportunity to attend a selection of educational workshops. The Executive Committee Resume was reviewed and discussed over the Roundtable Luncheon. Following lunch, several members took advantage of the continuing education offered.

Our Saturday concluded with the Pre-Banquet Reception and Banquet. Many members enjoyed music and lively conversation following the banquet.

The Second Session of the Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 12, 2023. June Hunter was the inspirational speaker, encouraging everyone to try something out of their comfort zone.

Executive Secretary Bettina Jacobsen called the roll. There were 18 Governors in attendance, constituting a quorum.

A recommendation was made which would allow a member to make a motion if it is sponsored by a Governor in good standing. The recommendation was adopted.

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President Rod Cardinale, Jr. announced that a bid to host Annual Conference 2025 has been received from San Diego LSA. There being no other bids received, the Executive Committee accepted the bid of San Diego LSA.

The last item of business was the wheel of chance spinning for complimentary scrip tickets. San Fernando Valley LPA, Desert Palm LPA, Los Angeles LPA and San Gabriel Valley LPA were the lucky winners of the scrip tickets for the November 2023 quarterly conference in Santa Cruz.

There being no further business to come before the corporation, the meeting was thereafter adjourned.

As always, it was a pleasure and a privilege to represent the members of SFLPA at this Board of Governors meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of the items of business conducted at this meeting. Complete copies of the written reports of the Officers and Chairmen are available on the LPI website.

Thank you. Christine J. Flores, CBA, Governor

San Francisco LPA



Being LPIs President is very rewarding.
Wanted to express my gratitude
regarding the gift that was given to me at
the Annual Conference. It is deeply
appreciated. Thank you.



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A thank you card from LPI President Rod Cardinale, Jr. for SFLPA's gift. Thank you, Rod!



MEMBERSHIP

Established in 1934, Legal Professionals Inc., also known as "LPI," is a nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation organized for the purposes of providing educational, professional, and personal development programs to its members.

Membership is open to anyone within the legal profession. In addition to legal support professionals, the membership includes court clerks, court reporters, paralegals, legal assistants, legal administrators, banking/trust department personnel, legal support vendors, and attorneys.

Local associations, located throughout the state, offer monthly educational and professional programs. Many sponsor lunchtime learning, evening, and weekend long-term educational workshops.

Advantages of LPI Membership:

- · Continuing education and professional development
- Local association educational meetings
- · Networking with other legal professionals
- The Legal Secretary magazine (published quarterly)
- Benefits available to members on an individual basis:
 - · Discounts on LPI's Rutter Group publications
 - Financial consulting
 - · Disability income plan
 - · Long-term care plan
 - Medical plan
 - · Credit union memberships
 - Rental car discounts

LPI Conferences:

Conferences are held May, August, November, and February at various locations throughout California. Continuing educational seminars and workshops are offered at each conference, conducted by respected attorneys, judges, and educators. Updated materials are provided for each workshop.

Membership-At-Large:

There are over thirty associations within the State of California. Legal professionals may join LPI as a Member-at-Large if a local association is not within a reasonable distance. Members-at-Large are eligible for all of the benefits of membership, but joining LPI through a local association provides instant access to the benefits of the local association as well as LPI.

LPI Publications:

Legal Professional's Handbook – This best-selling, two-volume publication sets out procedures and forms in most areas of law in a clear, concise manner.

Law Office Procedures Manual – This publication, an excellent training tool, contains completed Judicial Council forms, procedural guidelines and a glossary formulated for legal procedure.

Legal Secretary's Reference Guide – The essential, handy desk reference guide for busy legal professionals.

The Legal Secretary – This quarterly magazine, published by LPI and distributed to all members, contains educational and professional development articles from LPI officers, chairmen, members, and guests.

LPI Programs:

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<u>Legal Specialization Sections</u> – Further your legal education by joining one or all of the Legal Specialization Sections: Civil Litigation, Criminal/Family Law, Law Office Administration, Probate/Estate Planning, Federal Law, and Specialty Law. Classes are offered free to members at each LPI conference, as well as online. Members receive a statewide roster of counterparts and quarterly newsletters.

<u>Legal Secretary Training</u> – Online classes are offered, including Beginning Legal Secretary and Advanced Discovery. Classes are work-at-your-own-pace, and are designed for legal staff at all levels.

For more information about membership or an association near you, contact LPI's Corporate Office: Kim Oreno, kim@legalprofessionalsinc.org; www.legalprofessionalsinc.org. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn & Twitter!

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Local Spotlight: Mexican American Artist

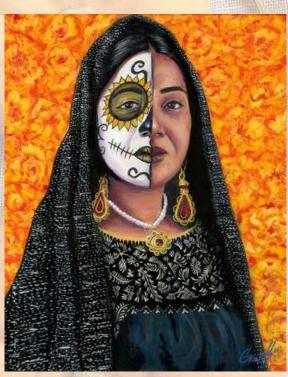
CHRIS GRANILLO



Our very own Danya Gonzales met local Mexican American fine and public artist Chris Granillo at Oakland's Grand Lake Farmer's Market. All the below artwork is published with his kind permission. To find out more, go to www.granilloart.com.



El Musico



Dia de los Muertos



Dia de los Muertos



Folklorico Dance



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO

BY LORRI NICOLINI, CCLS

As the days grow shorter and the weather cooler, many people in the U.S. look forward to wearing cozy sweaters, drinking pumpkin spice lattes, and taking brisk walks while viewing the colorful, changing leaves of autumn. Children look forward to dressing up for Halloween and trick-or-treating for candy. Parents may look forward to back-to-school and regular routines after the laissez faire days of summer vacations and outdoor activities. In Mexico and many parts of the U.S., thoughts turn to the preparations for Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, a celebration held in early November.

Sometimes falsely referred to as "Mexican Halloween," Dia de los Muertos is a holiday commemorating loved ones who have passed through the veil of death and in the process, allowing us to recognize the inevitability of our own deaths. Instead of the solemn, sorrowful way death is thought of in many Western cultures, Dia de los Muertos allows us to view death in a whimsical way, depicting skeletons engaged in any number of human events – a boy walking his dog, a couple courting and getting married, older people with canes, younger people dancing, laborers performing their crafts – all with wide smiles and grand gestures. We may also associate colorful decorations such as papel picado (garlands of intricately cut paper), bright marigolds, and colorful ofrendas (altars dedicated to the deceased) with this celebration.

There is some debate about the origins of Dia de los Muertos, some scholars noting that it retains features of pre-colonial rituals and celebrations while others note that it has developed in its current form as a nationalistic response to colonization and that it has elements of European, especially Catholic, rituals. No matter the origin, it is firmly rooted in modern Mexican culture, both in current-day Mexico and abroad.

I had the great good fortune to travel to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico in 2009 with my aunt to experience this holiday first-hand. It was a trip and an experience I will never forget.

San Miguel de Allende is a 500-year-old town in central Mexico in the State of Guanajuato. With an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet, it enjoys daytime temperatures in the low 70s (F) in the winter and mid-80s (F) in the summer. It was the site of an artist colony beginning in the late 1930s and continues to be a haven for artists and has a strong artist vibe to this day. The town has one of the most photographed churches in Mexico, La Parroquia de San Miguel Arcángel, located in Plaza Allende, also locally known as el jardin (the main square). The city is very walkable, and it's a good way to enjoy the beautiful architecture, restaurants, and shops San Miguel de Allende has to offer. In the past few decades, it has become a popular city for Americans and



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO



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Canadians at which to retire. These retirees account for about five percent of the city's population. Because of this, it is fairly easy for English-speaking tourists to navigate their stay.

Upon arriving in San Miguel de Allende a few days before Dia de los Muertos, my aunt and I went to the jardin where extensive preparations were underway. People were creating detailed mosaics made of different colored beans depicting Aztec symbols such as Quetzalcoatl, the god of life. Garlands of papel picado were hanging in many different colors, including ones made of all white paper. I later learned that the white papel picado was for children who had died. We went to the church, La Parroquia, and were able to tour the underground catacombs which are only open twice a year.

The night of October 31st, the eve of Dia de los Murertos, we returned to el jardin where it seemed everyone in the city gathered to participate in the festivities. It was wonderful to see multiple generations and families socializing and enjoying themselves. There were people dressed as various characters such as La Catrina, a skeletal woman in a largebrimmed hat, people in costumes on stilts and people dressed in elaborate, traditional Aztec costumes. A highlight of the night was a live play conducted at the foot of the church where people with faces painted in detail as skeletons acted out scenes of the living passing on to the realm of death. While there was whimsy in the scenes, there was also a solemnity and acknowledgment of the sorrow the living feel as they experience the passing of a loved one through the veil of death to the other side of life.

The day of Dia de los Muertos dawned sunny and bright, with a certain excitement in the air. My aunt and I first visited one of the many flower stands to purchase some marigolds to complete the ofrenda we set up in our hotel room. We then headed over to the main cemetery in the city to view the elaborate hand-crafted decorations and ofrendas on the various graves. We were not alone, as many people attended to pay their respects. Food and drink were mixed in with flowers and photographs, as the tradition is to leave the deceased their favorite foods and trinkets. We stayed several hours experiencing the cemetery and the people there. I left filled with a greater appreciation for the holiday that is Dia de los Muertos and the continuity of our connections to our loved ones and the cycle of life that we are all a part of.

Disclaimer: While I have sought to be accurate in my recollections and descriptions, any errors or misunderstandings of the symbolism and celebrations of Dia de los Muertos are my own.

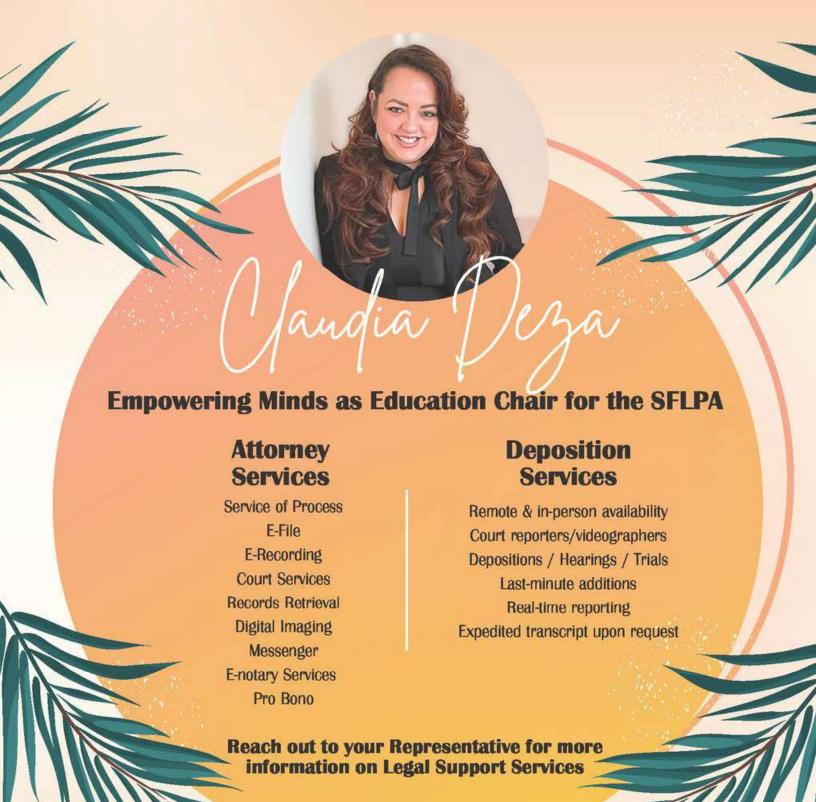












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SFLPA is honored to have LPI Vice President Donna Day as our special guest speaker. Donna has been a part of LPI since 1987. She will share her career success and the wisdom gained along her journey.

October 17, 2023 @ 5:30

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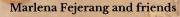
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President Francie Skaggs, CCLS with Emily and Doug Statler





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Education Chair Claudia Deza organized this fantastic event!



Marlena Fejerang, Lillian and Stephanie Riddell



Ways and Means Chair Lillian Wong and family



Kate and SFLPA Governer Chris Flores



Marlena Fejerang, Stephanie Riddell and friends



Francie and Lorri



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Educational & Networking Opportunities

October

10/3 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Shepardizing 10/3 (multi-week) (LPI) Adv. Legal Pro. Training 10/3 (multi-week) (LPI) Beg. Legal Sec. Training 10/3 (multi-week) (LPI) Overview of Cal. Discovery 0/17 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Outlook Tips and Tricks 10/4 - 5.30 pm Contra Costa LPA's Membership Meeting at El Tapatia w/ Emily Bradshaw 10/4 - 6 pm SFLPA Board Meeting 10/5 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Calendaring Part 1: State Court 10/19 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Calendaring Part 2: Fed. Court 10/7 Sacramento LPI's Reno Bus Trip 10/10 (multi-week) (LPI) Adv. Discovery Training

10/10 (multi-week) (LPI) Appellate Proc. CA/9th C. 10/10 (multi-week) (LPI) Trial Preparation Course 10/10 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Word Tips and Tricks 10/17 5:30 pm SFLPA Membership Meeting at Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass w/Donna Day, CCLS 10/17 Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Kick-Off! 10/24 - 12-1 pm SFLPA Brown Bag: Arbitration for Beginners with Emily McGrath

November

11/2 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Communicate With Attorneys

11/2 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Best Authority

11/7 - 6 pm SFLPA Board Meeting

11/10 to 11/12 - LPI's Second Quarterly Conference in Santa Cruz

11/14 - 12-1 pm (LPI) Federal & State Court Systems

December

12/5 - SFLPA Board Meeting

12/14 - Sacramento LPI's Annual Holiday Mock Trial and Ornament Exchange

All SFLPA events are posted on our website. You will also find some of the flyers published in this issue. Please visit us at www.sflpa.org and click on the Events tab.

We also encourage you to visit LPI's website at <u>www.legalprofessionalsinc.org</u> to keep up with all the educational webinars, other local association events, and information on upcoming LPI Conferences.



MY EXPERIENCE IN ISRAEL

By Vice President Suddie Scott



This year I went on a Pilgrimage to Israel with my church from February 27, 2023 through March 15, 2023. We left the States for a journey to the land where the Bible unfolded before our eyes. Flying over, we reached the shores of the land of the Bible. We arrived at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv where we met our guide. We received our visas at the airport and were told to keep them on us at all times while in Israel. We spent the night in a hotel in Netanya on the coast of the Mediterranean. We began our tour of Israel at Caesarea. This is the city of Cornelius the Centurion, the first Gentile to convert. We saw the first century water aqueduct. We then traveled to the Sea of Galilee to stay at our hotel for a couple of days. We visited Beersheva, Bethlehem, Caesarea and Capernaum. We visited the Temple Mount where we saw the impressive Dome of the Rock. After leaving the Temple Mount, we visited the Western Wall, part of the retaining wall of the Temple Mount and the most sacred site in Judaism. I had always wanted to go to the Western Wall to pray and leave my prayers there in the wall. We stayed at a hotel in Jerusalem.

We visited the hometown of David, Bethlehem, where we visited the birthplace of Jesus, the Church of the Nativity. We then visited Israel Museum where we saw the world-famous Dead Sea Scrolls and the Shrine of the book that houses them.

We were all baptized in the Jordan River. It was a very spiritual experience. We learned about the culture, the religion, and how the people lived. We began to understand the regional zones of the land of the Bible. Our guide talked about the Old and New Testaments, focusing on their culture, history, geography, and spiritual climate. I will no longer read about the biblical locations, but now I am able to picture them in my mind. I am able to recall the heat of the days, the feel of the land with its hills and canyons, all the while realizing how these elements played a part in the biblical narrative. We stood on ancient sites and roadways. Israel is the land between, "To get anywhere in the East-West world of ancient times, people had to travel through Israel, it was the crossroad of the ancient world, connecting Asia and Africa."

We visited the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. There were so many visitors there that it took several hours before we could actually go inside the site where Jesus was supposed to have been buried.



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While in Jerusalem, we witnessed the people celebrating the Sabbath, seventh day of the week (Saturday in Judaism), which God set aside as a holy day and appointed time to observe a complete rest from work for all Israelites. The period of rest begins at sundown the night before the Sabbath and ends at twilight on the Sabbath day.

On September 15, 2023, the Jewish people will celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year festival, held on the first (also sometimes the second) day of Tishri (in September). It is marked by the blowing of the shofar and begins the ten days of penitence culminating in Yom Kippur.

This was an unforgettable trip of a lifetime. I am so glad I was able to go with such a great group of people and a wonderful tour guide from Israel.





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San Francisco Legal Professionals Association

Brown Bag Webinar

THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ARBITRATION



Emily McGrath, Esq. October 24, 2023

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm



To Register, Scan the QR Code or go to www.sflpa.org/events-calendar/

One Hour of MCLE and CCLS Continuous Education Certificates Available. This event is open to anyone in the legal industry. Feel free to share with your colleagues and friends.

About the Presenter

Emily McGrath represents employees in trials and appeals, arbitrations, and negotiations against their employers. Since joining Barbara and Therese Lawless in 2013, Emily has fought on behalf of hundreds of clients. She is committed to providing compassionate counsel to those navigating a complicated legal system during a difficult period in their lives.

Emily is an active member of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and the Bar Association of San Francisco. She has been selected as a Super Lawyers Rising Star each year since 2018.



Before beginning her career as an employment litigator, Emily was a misdemeanor trial attorney at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. Emily attended law school at University of California, Hastings College of the Law. While in law school, Emily was as an Executive Editor for the International and Comparative Law Review, a Constitutional Law teaching assistant, and a judicial extern for Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero.





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APPLICATION TO TAKE CCLS® EXAM

Mail Application, copy of LPI Membership Card (if applicable), and fees to: Vivian L. Shreve, CCLS, c/o WSGR, 650 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304 Northern California Saturday, September 18, 2021 Saturday, March 19, 2022 Saturday, September 18, 2021 Southern California Saturday, March 19, 2022 Deadline: Applications must be received 60 days prior to the examination date. Late Application: Late Fees apply when Applications are received less than 60 days (but not less than 30 days) prior to the examination date, and accepted only if space is available. Deferral: Requests to defer to the next exam must be received at least 30 days prior to the exam date. EXAMINATION FEES PayPal Pavable to "LPI" Email exam application to (Select Payment Type) Mail to above address CCLSCertifyingBoard@gmail.com. Payment link will be provided upon confirmation of eligibility to sit for exam. LPI Members Non-LPI Members On Time Registration Fee \$ 25.00 On Time Registration Fee \$ 75.00 Examination Fee* 100.00 100.00 **Examination Fee*** Late Fee (if applicable) 45.00 Late Fee (if applicable) 45.00 TOTAL DUE w/o Late Fee: \$125.00 TOTAL DUE w/o Late Fee: \$175.00 Personal Information Name: . Mailing Address: ___ Last 4 digits of SSN: _____ Email: _ Phone (Day): _ Phone (Evening): __ LPI Member: Yes (enclose copy of LPI Membership Card) Name of Local LPI Association: _ **Employment Information** Provide your legal secretarial employment information beginning with your most recent (or current) employment in order to confirm that you have at least two years' experience. Attach a supplemental page if you have not been in your current position for two years. ____ Dates of Employment: ___ Position: -Employer: (name and address) Supervisor: Supervisor's Phone: -Supervisor's Email: __ Summary of Duties: . certify that I have completed this application truthfully. I understand that a false statement may result in the rejection of this application or revocation of my certification. I understand and agree that the contents of the examination are confidential and not to be discussed with anyone, and that my employment record will be verified by a member of the California Certified Legal Secretary Certifying Board. Applicant Signature

*Fees subject to change without notice.

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Danya Gonzales, Legal Procedure Chair

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT – APPROVAL OF NEW RULE COMPELLING ATTORNEYS TO REPORT MISCONDUCT BY OTHER ATTORNEYS (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023)

The California Supreme Court approved a new rule of professional conduct, rule 8.3 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct, that requires California attorneys to report any lawyer who commits a criminal act, engages in fraud, misappropriates funds or property, or engages in conduct involving "dishonesty, deceit, and reckless or intentional misrepresentations."

The court's decision was based on one of two recommendations approved for submission to the court by the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California on May 18, 2023. The court modified the State Bar's proposal by adding additional provisions and comments to the proposed rule, including:

- Adding courts as an additional avenue to report misconduct and to take appropriate corrective action;
- Adding commentary to the new rule to note that a court's finding of misconduct may be used as evidence to facilitate subsequent State Bar disciplinary proceedings.
- Requiring attorneys to report others if their misconduct "raises a substantial question as to that lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects."
- Citing another rule of professional conduct that requires a lawyer to take remedial measures if the lawyer knows someone who has or will engage in criminal or fraudulent conduct related to pending litigation.
- Adding commentary to the new rule to make clear that a false report to the court, like
 a false report to the State Bar, can subject the lawyer to discipline or other criminal
 penalties.





For more information on the new rule and other court directives for the State Bar, please visit the court's official News Release at https://supreme.courts.ca.gov/news-and-events/California-supreme-court-approves-new-rule-compelling-attorneys-report-misconduct.

Additionally, the California Legislature is considering a bill, Senate Bill 42, which would establish a statutory duty for attorneys to report misconduct by other attorneys. Currently the bill reflects the same duty to report as outlined in ABA Model Rule 8.3. Please visit the State Bar's News Center for additional information on the bill at https://www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us/News/new-california-rule-compelling-attorneys-to-report-misconduct-by-other-attorneys-to-circulate-for-public-comment.

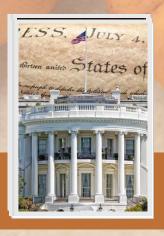
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – GENERAL ORDER 23-02 IN RE: COMPLEX 11 CASE DEFINITION AND PRE-FILING PROCEDURE (EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2023):

On July 31, 2023, Chief Judge Theodor C. Albert issued General Order 23-02, which defines a complex chapter 11 case and outlines procedures to be followed prior to filing a complex chapter 11 case. General Order 23-02 was entered for the efficient administration of complex chapter 11 cases and followed a proposed revision to the Court's procedures and subsequent comment period. Please refer to General Order 23-02 for applicability and procedures prior to filing chapter 11 cases. The Order is available on the Court's website at

 $\frac{https://www.cacb.uscourts.gov/sites/cacb/files/documents/general-orders/GO\%2023-02.pdf.$

ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT – COURT EXPANDS ELECTRONIC FILING; OFFERS DEMONSTRATIONS (EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2023):

The Superior Court of Alameda County will transition all family law, probate, mental health and adoption cases to a new electronic case management system this fall. The court is currently providing demonstrations and answering questions from attorneys and others who frequently file and access court filings for family court, probate, mental health and adoption. These demonstrations are being offered in anticipation of a transition of court files to the Journal Technologies' eCourt case management system on September 5, 2023.





Court Chatter Cont'd.

Attorneys will be encouraged to begin e-filing on September 5, 2023, but mandatory usage will not occur until October 23, 2023. The electronic filling of cases is accomplished through third-party e-filing service providers. Litigants representing themselves can continue to visit the courthouse to file cases but are encouraged to e-file using the eCourt system. The final day to fax file documents will be at noon on August 31, 2023. For online eCourt and e-filing demonstration registration, please visit https://forms.office.com/g/GN5aVecrzX.

Additionally, a limited number of documents such as bench warrants, subpoenaed documents, and bonds, will continue to require in-person filings. Please review the Court's local rules for specific exemptions. Local rules for each area of law can be found at https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/general-information/local-rules-forms.

EL DORADO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT – COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTRONIC AUDIO RECORDINGS OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 69957 and Local Rule 2.00.07, the court, at its sole discretion, may utilize an electronic audio recording device to generate a verbatim record of court proceedings in applicable instances where the services of an official court reporter cannot be obtained or is not required by statute. A party may obtain a transcript for an electronically recorded court proceeding by contacting third-party vendor For The Record. Cost estimates are partially based on the length of the proceeding requested to be transcribed but can increase significantly without the exact times, or as close thereto, that the hearing took place. To improve accuracy in the cost estimate, parties are strongly encouraged to keep track of the precise times of the court hearing. For more information on recorded proceedings and transcripts, visit the court's website at https://www.eldorado.courts.ca.gov/general-information/transcripts and https://www.eldorado.courts.ca.gov/system/files/local-rules/local-rules.pdf.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT – EXTENDED CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS (EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2023):

The clerk's offices at the San Francisco Superior Court have extended their hours of operation from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily (offices are closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m.). The clerk's offices are located in Room 101 (Criminal) and Room 145 (Traffic) at the Hall of Justice, Room 103 (Civil, Probate, Small Claims, Public Viewing Room) and Room 402





(Unified Family Court) at the Civic Center Courthouse, and Room 101 at the Juvenile Justice Center. The Court's official public notice of these extended hours is available at https://sf.courts.ca.gov/news/public-notice-extended-clerks-office-hours-effective-july-24-2023.

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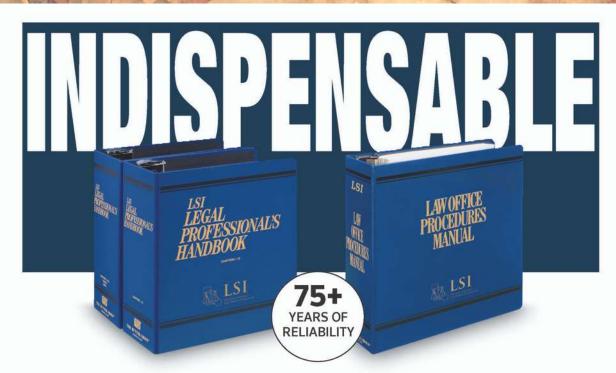


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The Laws of Grammar

Beth Sharpe, Editor



WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TODAY?

Typing St. James's Park into Google Maps and following its route would mean ending up dodging horse riders in London, England. If, on the other hand, you asked to go to St. James' Park, you would find yourself a bit further north in Newcastle, sitting amongst raucous soccer fans and watching a match. The punctuation in neither name is incorrect, but in legal writing, it is London's spelling of St. James's Park which is most acceptable: St. James's Park with the extra (some would say superfluous) "s" after the possessive apostrophe. Of course, you might also inadvertently land in St. James Park in the Bronx, which has lost its "possessive syntax" completely somewhere to the mists of time.

In Old English, the apostrophe was used to show letters were omitted. So, sign painters of ye olde public houses during the time of Chaucer may have chosen to write "Est'bl'sh'd in 1355" if their piece of wood was a little short. Then, when literacy became more commonplace in the sixteenth century, books on technical writing accuracy (aimed at the freshly literate public) brazenly introduced the fanciful idea that the "s" in possessive noun phrases like Edwards book was a contraction of "his," i.e., Edward, his book. It was therefore reasoned that the missing letters from "his" should be duly represented by an apostrophe, thus becoming Edward's book. The entire theory was nonsense, but the practice of adding an apostrophe before a possessive s stuck fast and it is now fully incorporated into Modern English.

Our apostrophe + "s" structure is one way we distinguish between the following:

's = Possessive

 \cdot s = Plural

 \cdot s' = Plural + possessive

Well, on the whole that's true. After all, we have irregular nouns whose plurals might not end in "s," but who just change up their vowel. For example:

·Man > man's / men > men's

·Woman > woman's / women > women's









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Then we have the really awkward nouns that already end in "s," or just an "s-like" sound:

- Chambers
- Economics
- Physics
- Series
- Headquarters
- James
- Jones
- Thomas









Also, in case we need a reminder, we have Bates.

In the above cases, do we really need that extra "s" after the apostrophe? No, not in most writing circumstances. Reference books on the whole only recommend adding that second "s" when the resulting spelling looks like how we would say it out loud. If it looks like it would be even more cumbersome to say with that extra "s," most writers would just say leave it off. Therefore, in most circumstances it's acceptable either way, depending on house style or personal preference and it tends to be fine to write:

- The judge's chambers' heavy wooden door was ornate.
- Economics' top experts
- St. James' statue
- Bates' patents hail from the 1800s and 1900s.
- Thomas' book

In legal writing, though, we should really be trying to keep that additional "s," never mind what the style guides suggest:

- The judge's chambers's heavy wooden door was ornate.
- Economics's top experts
- St. James's statue
- Bates's patents hail from the 1800s and 1900s.
- Williams's book ... Wait ... no, this is one of the exceptions!

Note that Jesus and Moses, and certain other ancient nouns, never take a possessive "s," only an apostrophe. Tradition also asks that we leave off the second "s" in Dickens and Williams. Notice our tendency here to reword things, writing or saying things like "the books of Dickens," or "the life of Moses" instead, just because it sounds nicer or is easier to say. So, we should write:





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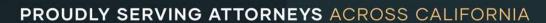


- · Moses' life
- Mr. Williams' pen
- · Dickens' books

Lastly, to add to our magical mystery tour of the possessive apostrophe + s, federal maps in the United States do not include apostrophes in any place names, apart from a very few special places including Martha's Vinyard. So, well, diligent adherence to grammar rules while map reading could mean an unexpected visit to just about anywhere! Enjoy!

Resources:

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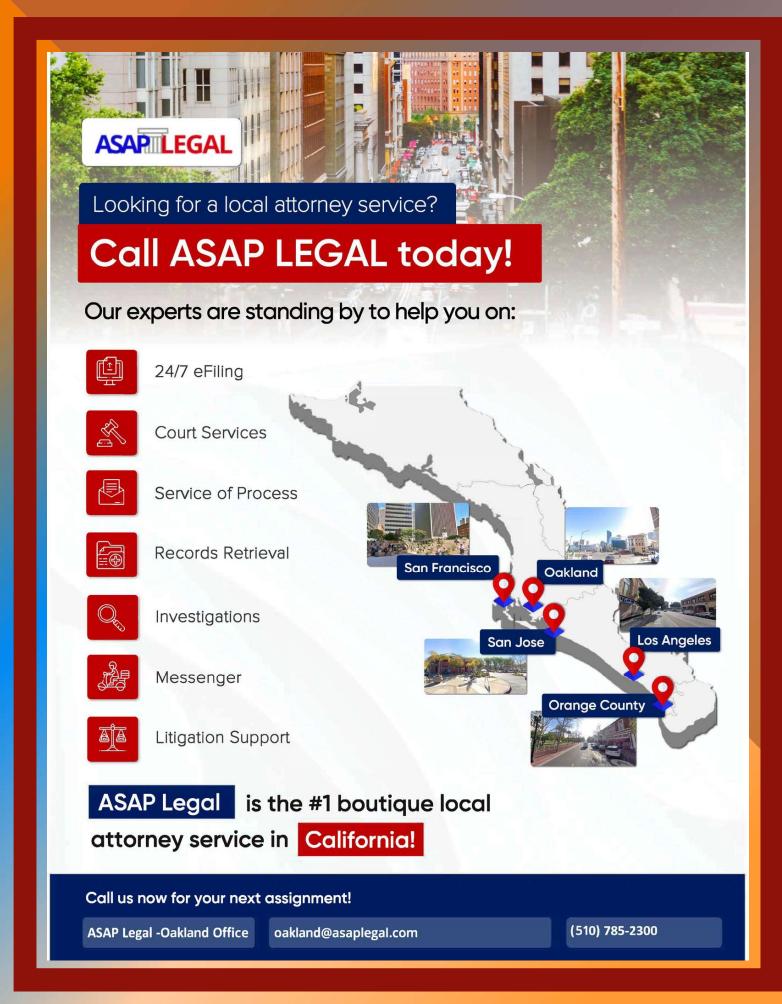
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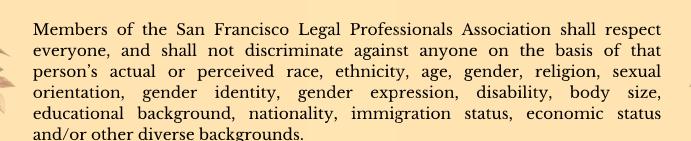




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Message From The Editor Beth Sharpe





This issue's background theme is "fall." However, perhaps the overt editorial theme is actually "change." In publishing each issue of the *Hearsay*, there is a lengthy production lead-time. This issue was produced through summer in readiness for the transition into fall, and in parallel, several of its editorial features reflect important transitions in law and also in society.

SFLPA has had a particularly successful summer with several educational Brown Bags and a Membership Meeting with guest speaker Michael Lavine, Esq. The equinox events were the hopping Happy Hour at Patriot House and the SF Giants v. Cleveland Guardians ballgame. Most recently we held the Double Good popcorn sale fundraiser which brought in a whopping \$5022! Thank you everyone! We are also elated at the host of new members joining SFLPA. The more the merrier, powerful and robust, with all of us pulling one another's professionalism up.

We will take note of the results of the *Hearsay* survey results. We received feedback on what members would like to read about. In this issue's spirit of change, we will endeavor to implement these suggestions in future editions. Thank you too to those who expressed interest in contributing. As always, everyone is welcome to write articles, enter our amazing competitions, or send in photos. So, please just get in touch at editor@sflpa.org!

Erratum: As a brief aside, I must highlight an erratum in a feature article in the last issue of the *Hearsay* (Vol. 87, Issue 1). The article is "Lessons in AI: Make Sure that You're the Boss!" by Francie Skaggs, CCLS. and can be found here: www.sflpa.org/pdf/Hearsay-April-July-2023.pdf. The erratum is in paragraph 9, page 10 which reads:

"In a recent SFLPA Brown Bag, NCRA past president Sue Terry, FAPR, RPR, CRR, CRC and CalPRO past president, Mary E. Pierce, CA CSR presented a webinar warning about the dangers of using AI in the court reporting industry and the importance of all transcripts having been prepared by a California licensed stenographer, or CSR."

Correction: Mary E. Pierce, CA CSR was the past President of CalDRA, not CalPRO.

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