

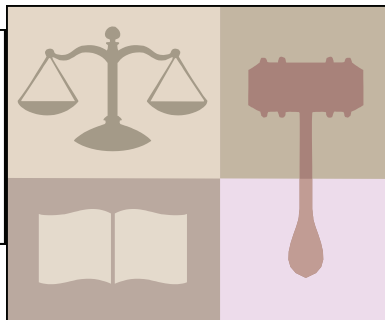
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FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

MARK GERAGOS

Mark Geragos, a Loyola Law School and Haverford College graduate presently serves as the managing partner of the preeminent, twelve lawyer boutique law firm of Geragos and Geragos, headquartered in Los Angeles, California. Geragos, who practices as a criminal trial lawyer in both Federal and State Courts, has represented dozens of prominent clients. His client roster includes some of the more prominent figures in politics, entertainment and business; such as former Los Angeles City Councilman Art Snyder - whose case Geragos argued before the California Supreme Court. He also won a dismissal of all felony kidnapping, arson and criminal threats charges against hip hop star, Nathaniel Hale aka Nate Dogg, recently convinced a Los Angeles Judge to set aside a 10 year old conviction against Homies Unidos founder Alex Sanchez which freed Sanchez from Federal Custody; and won dismissal of all alcohol related counts against former first brother Roger Clinton.

Always breaking ground in the criminal defense arena

and consistently setting precedent, Geragos successfully won a dismissal of all sixteen theft counts charged against a woman charged with embezzling millions of dollars from Hebrew Union College. And, the Court of Appeal in Los Angeles agreed with his argument that a minor could not be indicted under Proposition 21 and ordered dismissal of the Special Circumstances murder case. Geragos currently has cases pending before the California Supreme Court.

Geragos cemented his national reputation as a top notch jury trial lawyer with back to back acquittals for renown Whitewater figure Susan McDougal, the former business partner of President William Jefferson Clinton. In early 2001, Geragos was successful in obtaining a Presidential Pardon for Ms. McDougal.

Mark Geragos has appeared as both guest and legal commentator on the Today Show, Good Morning America, Dateline NBC, Larry King Live and MSNBC's Hardball. Mark is a regular fixture on CNBC's Rivera Live and CNN's Bur-

den of Proof. The legal newspaper, the Los Angeles Daily Journal, describes Mark Geragos as "arguably the hottest defense lawyer of the moment" while Investor's Business Daily tabbed him one of the best white collar criminal defense lawyers in California. The Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association has named him "Trial Lawyer of the Year." The Los Angeles Times described Mark Geragos as "seemingly unbeatable" and the California Law Business Magazine named Geragos as one of 100 Most influential Attorneys in California.

Please note that we need your reservations as soon as possible. If you come without reservation we cannot guarantee your entrée choice.

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

DATE: Feb. 22, 2006

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: OAKMONT
COUNTRY CLUB
3100 COUNTRY
CLUB DRIVE

COST: \$45.00 WITH RSVP
\$55.00 WITHOUT
\$55.00 Non-members

MENU: FISH / CHICKEN /
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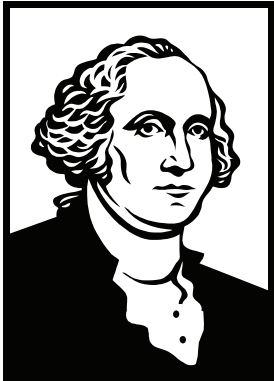
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no job is too small"



Year of Membership growth



"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company."

George Washington

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past few years the Glendale Bar Association has been redefining and restructuring itself.

Thanks to the efforts of our trustees and members, 2005 was one of our best years ever; we enjoyed top-notch speakers had a great spring seminar, Summer BBQ and we finished strong with a fantastic Christmas Party. And, thanks to Peter Wright, our LRS has been revamped and is running better than ever.

Despite our successes, the GBA has seen our membership steadily decrease. Some

of this is due to natural demographic changes, but some of it is due to our neglect. We have not done all we can to increase our membership. This year I would like to focus on membership growth.

At our last dinner meeting I was impressed by a comment made by Judge Sinanian. The judge mentioned that the reason he became involved with the GBA was that soon after he became appointed to the Burbank bench he was personally welcomed to the Glendale Bar Association by Charlie Whitsell. Coinci-

dently, Charlie Whitsell was the first person to invite me to the Glendale Bar after I became a lawyer in 1992.

The simple act of inviting a local associate that we run into at court or the office is often the most effective means of increasing our membership.

This year I am challenging each member to bring at least one new attorney to a dinner meeting. If you can do that, then we will do our best to keep them coming.

Paul Kistler

MEET THE NEW TRUSTEES

R. David DiJulio of DiJulio and Associates has been involved in business and real estate litigation for 25 years. David is a AAA mediator and arbitrator, and a LASD mediator. He received a B.S. degree in engineering and business from Drexel University and his J.D. from Southwestern. David has the distinction of winning 1297 of 1300 cases and in 1983 was voted *Washingtonian of the Year*.

Leon Mayer is active in Glendale affairs and can be seen regularly on local television. He is on the "Friends of the Glendale Public Library" Board of Trustees. Leon served as a Deputy District Attorney from 1955-1960. Since

that time he has been in private practice emphasizing in Personal Injury law. Currently is semi-retired and works as on consultant on selected cases. Leon received his B.A. from UCLA in 1949, and his J.D. from USC in 1952.

George Schulman has been representing injured workers in the Glendale/greater Los Angeles area in worker's compensation claims since 1992. George is the founding member and past president of the Los Angeles Valley Chapter of the California Applicant's Attorneys Association. George received a B.A. in Political Science from UCLA and his J.D. from Loyola.

Lucy Varpetian is a Sen-

ior Assistant City Attorney in the Office of the Glendale Attorney. She is a general transactional attorney, primarily assisting the Fire Department, the Department of Information Services, and the Commission on the Status on Women. Prior to her position with the City Attorney's Office, Lucy was a litigation associate at Messer, Mumper & Hughes, in downtown Los Angeles. She has been a member of the GBA from 4 years, the last two serving on the Lawyer Referral Service Committee. She is currently the Chairperson of the LRS.

LRS NEWS

LUCY VARPETIAN, LRS CHAIR

The Lawyer Referral Service has regrouped with two new members on the committee. Bob Graziano has just set up his practice in Glendale after years of service at Neighborhood Legal Services. He was instrumental in moving the NLS offices to its new Glendale location. Bob's area of expertise is in Landlord-Tenant, Social Security, and Immigration.

Nigol Manoukian has an established practice in Glendale since 1997. He focuses on Personal Injury and Criminal Defense. He also serves actively in a number of community organization, including the Armenian Bar Association, the Encino Armenian Church Board of Trustees, the

Glendale Armenian National Committee Board among others. Nigol spends half his efforts as owner of the trendy Side Bar.

Noelle Hallaby will serve as the Secretary of the LRS this year. She is an expert in Family Law, with a lucrative practice in Glendale.

We were fortunate to have Peter Wright return as advisor to the LRS. Pete served as Chair for the past two years and pulled the committee out of some very difficult times. He is a partner at Irsfeld, Irsfeld and Younger, specializing in Real Estate Law.

Sheldon Eskin has been a long time member of

the Association, serving the last 3 years as an LRS Committee member. His area of practice is in Criminal Law. He is also active with the San Fernando Valley Bar.

I was asked to serve as Chair this year after serving on the committee as a member for the previous two years. I am a transactional attorney in the Office of the Glendale City Attorney's Office.

We are looking forward to a productive year with the LRS. Our goals this year are to increase visibility and thereby improve service to the community. We look to establish liaisons with other community organizations to help build our service.

UPCOMING EVENT

Annual Spring Seminar

Please mark your calendars and reserve your room for our upcoming Spring Seminar.

Place: Embassy Suites Mandalay Bay Beach Resort-Oxnard, California

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2006

Time: Seminar starts at 9:00 a.m and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Cocktail Party on Saturday night at 5:30 p.m.

(Come up on Friday (21st) evening and join us at the managers reception-happy hour)

Seminar Price (includes 3 MCLE): \$140 (Early Bird Special) if paid before April 7, 2006, \$160 if paid after April 7, 2006

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CITIZENS FOR LAW AND ORDER LUNCHEON

Every year the GBA sponsors a table for this event supporting local law enforcement. This year we have space available for members wishing to attend.

Date: May 4, 2006 Price \$80.00 per person.

Please contact Paul Kistler at 818-549-9105

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>JAN '05</u>	<u>FEB. '05</u>	<u>MAR. '05</u>	<u>APR. '05</u>	<u>MAY '05</u>	<u>JUNE '05</u>
25th Dinner meeting installation of officers	22nd Dinner Meeting	22nd Dinner Meeting Past Presidents Night	Spring Seminar No Dinner Meeting	24th Dinner Meeting Court Appreciation Night Law Day	21st Dinner Meeting Staff Appreciation Night LRS Talk-to-a-Lawyer
<u>JULY '05</u>	<u>AUG. '05</u>	<u>SEPT. '05</u>	<u>OCT. '05</u>	<u>NOV. '05</u>	<u>DEC. '05</u>
Summer BBQ TBA	Vacation No Dinner Meeting	20th Dinner Meeting	25th Dinner Meeting (Annual Meeting) Nominations	15th Dinner Meeting Annual Officer Elections	Christmas Party TBA No Dinner Meeting



