

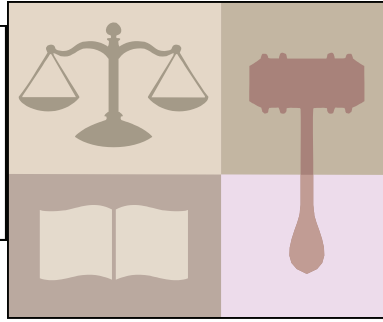
# GLENDALE BAR ASSOCIATION

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## FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

### BILL CROUNSE

Since 1992 BILL CROUNSE has been president of Bill Crouse Communications, specializing in speech coaching, media training, speech writing, and debate preparation for political candidates.

Mr. Crouse's nationwide client base includes current members of the U.S. Congress, state and local elected officials, and corporate executives.

Mr. Crouse has also worked in politics as a

campaign manager, direct mail consultant, and field consultant. In addition to being in demand as a guest lecturer, Mr. Crouse has taught classes in public speaking both privately and at Glendale Community College in Glendale, California.

As a complement to his political career, Mr. Crouse has written several produced screenplays and television shows (most recent writing credit: RUGRATS). Mr.

Crouse's background in acting, stand up comedy and improvisational comedy performance informs his consulting work and teaching with a wry sense of humor and wit. He has been an on-call speech/joke writer for comedians, authors, and other professionals (most recent acting credit: YOU LIE LIKE A DOG, Animal Planet Channel)

## FEBRUARY

### DINNER MEETING

**DATE:** FEB. 23, 2005

**TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** OAKMONT  
COUNTRY CLUB  
3100 COUNTRY  
CLUB DRIVE

**COST:** \$45.00 WITH RSVP  
\$55.00 WITHOUT

**MENU:** BEEF OR CHICKEN  
TO RESERVE:

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## GBA Website

Thanks to the generosity of NextClient.com the Glendale Bar Association has a new website. Please check it out at:

[www.glendalebar.com](http://www.glendalebar.com).

In the next few months we are hoping to have the newsletter, new member

applications, LRS and fee arbitration information online. We are currently asking the members for their advice as to how to improve this site, so please e-mail us with your opinions and suggestions for the new website.

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no job is too small"

## LRS NEWS

### News From the LRS:

We are pleased to announce that our Administrator, Michele Wilson, is now training an assistant. We hope this will lead to the expansion of office hours from four per day to something considerably more than that with the ultimate goal toward all-day staffing. The latter is something still off in the future. Having back-up for the Administrator in the case of illness, emergency or vacation will be very useful. Our new Administrator's Assistant is Mr. Luis Gonzales. Luis is a second year law student in the GUCL JD Program. He is fluent in Spanish which will be a great asset to the LRS. Michele advises us that Luis' training is proceeding smoothly and he has already started taking shifts by himself. We hope to get Luis to a Bar Meeting for formal introductions even though his evening classes may interfere with that for a while.

Panel member sign-ups have improved since last month, but we are still looking for more. Please consider joining our service if you haven't already. Applications in all areas are welcomed.

The new LRS Board has held its second meeting. Its goal this year will be to break new ground in business development. In addition to the new plaques in the Glendale Courthouse, we will soon have them in the Burbank Courthouse and now have our sights on Pasadena. The LRS is placing public service ads in local Newspapers and is planning programs in the community to gain interest in the services the LRS provides.

Once again, be sure to nominate the GBA/LRS Fee Arbitration Program in your fee agreements.

Peter Wright, Chairman

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Annual Spring Seminar

Spring is just around the corner and we are already planning our annual spring seminar and retreat.

Last year's event was at the Royal Scandinavian Inn at Solvang and was a big hit. We are hoping that this year's will be even better.

Please send an e-mail at [info@glendalebar.com](mailto:info@glendalebar.com), or [info@paulkistler.com](mailto:info@paulkistler.com) with your suggestions for location and if you have suggestions on speakers or topics.

Generally, locations are within a two hour drive of Glendale. Previous seminars have been in Lake Arrowhead, Temecula and Santa Barbara.

We are also interested in what activities you would enjoy. Past seminars have included golf tournaments, wine tasting and even hot-air ballooning.

## 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>
26th Dinner meeting installation of officers	23rd Dinner Meeting	23rd Dinner Meeting Past Presidents Night	Spring Seminar No Dinner Meeting	25th Dinner Meeting Court Appreciation Night Law Day	22nd 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	21st Dinner Meeting	26th Dinner Meeting (Annual Meeting) Nominations	16th Dinner Meeting Annual Officer Elections	Christmas Party TBA No Dinner Meeting



## Coming in March: Guest Speaker: Judge James S. Otero

The March speaker to the Glendale Bar Association is United States District Judge S. James Otero. Judge Otero was appointed by Governor George Deukmejian to the Municipal Court in November 1988, and elevated to the Superior Court in 1990. He was appointed to the Federal District Court in July 2002 and confirmed in February 2003. Judge Otero was the Supervising Judge of North Central District from 1994 through 1996. In January 2002 he was named Assistant Supervising Judge Civil Division.

During his years on the bench, Judge Otero has handled class action

suits, insurance coverage, commercial civil and complex criminal litigation, including a three defendant special circumstance case. He has handled complex high profile civil matters such as the litigation involving the California Legislature's enactment of the Holocaust Victims Act, and sat by appointment as a Judge in Orange County to handle a politically charged challenge to the validity of Measure F concerning the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Judge Otero's many administrative and policy positions include the following: Judicial Council of California,

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee; Vice President California Judges Association; Executive Committee, Los Angeles Superior Court; the Supervising Judges Committee; and served as a Delegate to Mexico in June of 2000, as one of 35 judges selected to represent the California Court in meetings with the Federal Government of Mexico, headed by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George.

For several years Judge Otero has been a member of the Board of the Salesian Family Youth Center and the Salesian Family Boys and Girls Club located in East Los Angeles. It is a non-

profit faith based organization which operates two centers serving approximately 2,500 at-risk youth. The organization provides educational, tutoring, recreational, and social services. Judge Otero was awarded the Don Bosco Award in appreciation for outstanding service to the Salesian Youth Centers.

Judge Otero will be speaking to us about the difference in procedure and practice between state and federal court. Be sure to mark your calendar for March 23, and come join us!

## "The Art of Peacemaking - Beyond Mediation: Dealing with Difficult Cases"

**April 16, 2005**  
**Pasadena Conference Center**  
**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Presented by Lynne Bassis & Doug Noll**

This is a workshop for those who want to understand why those other mediations did not work.

\$395 (Includes breakfast, lunch, materials and book)

**(MCLE 7.5 hours [includes 1 hr. Ethics, 1 hr. Elimination of bias])**

Early Registration \$325 by March 15, 2005

For Seminar Content Information, Brochure or Registration

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