

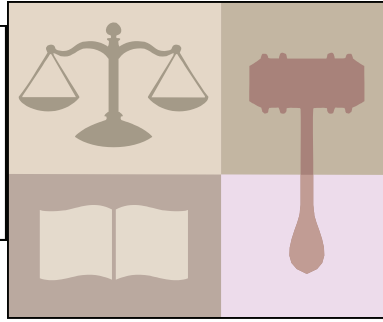
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## MARCH DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT 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.

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.

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!

## MARCH

### DINNER MEETING

**DATE:** MAR. 23, 2005

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

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

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

**MENU:** Chicken or Fish

TO RESERVE:

**FAX:** (818) 956-1985

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## Past Presidents Night

Now there is another reason besides the good food, intelligent conversation and MCLE credit to come to the March Dinner meeting—a free cocktail! That is if you are a Glendale Bar Association Past President (and can prove

it) Seriously, we want to honor your service to the GBA and hope that you will continue to share your experience and leadership to make our organization better than ever.

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no job is too small"

**SPRING SEMINAR GUEST SPEAKER**

**THOMAS V. GIRARDI**

The Glendale Bar Association is very pleased to have Thomas V. Girardi of the Los Angeles Law Firm of Girardi and Keeses.

Mr. Girardi specializes in medical malpractice, products liability law, toxic torts and bad faith cases. He was the youngest member ever to be admitted to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, an organization limited to 500 lawyers in the world, and currently serves on their Board of Directors. In addition, he is a member of the Inner

Circle of Advocates, an organization limited to 100 lawyers in the country who have obtained the largest verdicts in the United States.

Mr. Girardi is a member of the Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County, and served as national President of the American Board of Trial Advocates in 1999. he is widely recognized as one of the finest practicing trial lawyers of America.

**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 April 23, 2005 Mandalay Bay Resort, Oxnard 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

**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 23, 2005

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

Featured Speakers:

**Thomas V. Girardi** of Girardi and Keese-Current Litigation Issues

**Maxwell M Blecher** of Blecher & Collins- Premier Antitrust Attorney

**Linda Barney** of Holmes & Holmes- Family Law-Domestic Partnership Issues.

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

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

**Seminar Price** (includes 3 MCLE): \$140 (Early Bird Special) if paid before April 8, 2005 \$160 if paid after April 8, 2005

Send payments to:

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**LAW DAY 2005 APPROACHING!!!**

"Law Day is an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate and enjoy our freedoms. The jury is the embodiment of democracy. We entrust juries—small bodies of ordinary men and women—with decisions that involve the liberties and property of defendants. In doing so, we confirm our faith in the ability of people to make just and wise decisions, and that is the very definition of democracy. We also see the jury system as an opportunity to educate Americans in law, legal processes, and decision-making in a democracy. On this Law Day, we can help people understand the jury system, and appreciate their role in making it effective." (American Bar Association Website)

The Glendale Bar Association has traditionally honored America's Law Day by its member attorneys volunteering time to a local high school to speak with students about the law and being a lawyer. The commitment is less than one hour, can be done solo or with another attorney, and will be at one of the Glendale Unified School District High Schools (five of them) speaking with a class of seniors. The format is up to the attorney volunteering her or his time, but it often consists of questions and answers from the students ("have you ever represented a famous person" "my uncle was stopped by a police officer and...." "how much money do you make as a lawyer" "what is a good major in college to be a lawyer," etc.).

This year, Law Day will be honored by the Glendale Unified School District and Glendale Bar Association on May 6, 2005. All of you interested in giving back to our community, helping our youth, or just practicing your speaking skills, reserve some time that date. Also, call Eric Ashton, Sr. at (818) 247-7380 or e-mail him at [ericcsr@eagllp.com](mailto:ericcsr@eagllp.com) to let him know you wish to be called when he is ready to schedule actual classes with attorneys. Let's provide an overwhelming interest to reach out to our kids this year!

**"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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