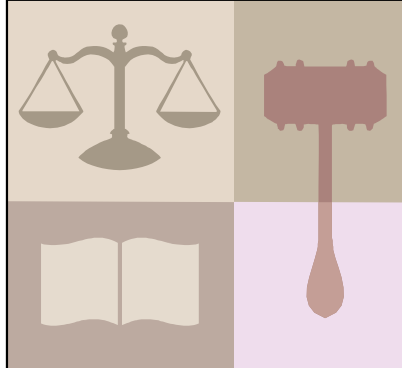


# GLENDALE BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – JUNE

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## JUNE DINNER/SEMINAR SPEAKER: DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVEN COOLEY

In Conjunction with the Burbank Bar Association  
with Seminar Sponsor Mad Dog Bail Bonds

### ***Challenges and opportunities for Los Angeles County's Criminal Justice System***

Steve Cooley was sworn into office as the Los Angeles County District Attorney in December 2004. When he last spoke to our Bar Association in September 2001, he had not been District Attorney for a year. The many changes, developments and numerous noteworthy prosecutions since that time have brought well-deserved prestige and praise to the DA's office. We know that there is much more that we do not hear about, or at least is not so publicly reported that consist of the ongoing challenges for the office. These challenges have led to many opportunities, such as improved inter-agency cooperation. Certainly, dogged determinism, such as in the case of the murder of Sheriff's Deputy David March, is a staple of the District Attorney's office, but the massive reorganization of the office, the pursuit of public corruption and the advancement of forensic science are topics we are eager to hear more about. We warmly welcome Steve Cooley back to bring us up to date on these new challenges and opportunities that confront his office as we also congratulate him on his overwhelming re-election victory this past June 3, 2008. PCW

### **JUNE DINNER/SEMINAR**

Date/Time: May 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.; Location : Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Dr.  
See Pager Four for Details and Reservation Information

## Notes from the Bar

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**JUNE SPEAKER**  
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
**SEVEN COOLEY**

We are truly honored to have Steven Cooley back after seven years. When he last visited, he had barely been the head of the District Attorney's office for nine months. Already, we knew that big changes were brewing in the DA's office. Now after nearly eight years in office, Steve Cooley has realized his goal of establishing the Los



angeles County District Attorney's Office as the premier local prosecution agency in the nation, as well as the largest. Cooley led a massive reorganization of the DA's office in his first term. This restructuring was influenced by his 27 years of experience in the office as a prosecutor and law clerk and nearly six years as a reserve officer with the LAPD. The DA has been relentless in his pursuit of public corruption and of lawbreakers within the justice system. He created the Public Integrity Division to prosecute corrupt politicians. He created the System Integrity Division that has pursued and led to prison sentences for lawyers engaged in criminal conduct. Recognized scientific advances have occurred in the investigation and prosecution of crimes. The Forensic Science Section was created, and under Steve's leadership, the use of DNA and other

new techniques in solving "cold cases" has been given priority. Steve took the lead in demanding a reversal of Mexico's refusal to extradite accused criminals who face life sentences in United States prisons. Key to this effort was the creation of the website EscapingJustice.com that highlighted the issue by telling the stories of victims whose killers had fled to Mexico. In 2005, the Mexican Supreme Court overturned a previous ruling and allowed criminals facing life terms to be extradited. The office has since returned several murderers, including the killer of Sheriff's Deputy David March. Steve's office advance public safety by creating the Criminal Justice Institute to showcase experts in his office who can provide high quality training programs to the justice system professionals. Steve is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of California State University, Los Angeles. He is a USC Law Center graduate in 1973. He joined the DA's office that same year. He and his wife Jana have lived in Toluca Lake for more than 30 years. Let's all attend and give Steve Cooley a warm welcome on Wednesday, June 25 at the Oakmont Country Club. See information about reservations elsewhere in this issue.

**MAY DINNER/SEMINAR**

We were very pleased to have had **John Rogers, Esq.**, as our featured speaker for our May **Dinner/Seminar**. The event was very well received. Certainly the new omnibus Conservatorship Rules will be affecting many of us in our practices and should change the way Conservatorship Law is practiced in California. We wish to thank John for his excellent presentation.

**POLICE FOUNDATION LUNCHEON**

The **Police Foundation Luncheon** was another success this year. Attendance was at capacity for the huge event room at the Glendale Hilton. If you have never attended this event, you should try to do it. If you ever needed something to give you a positive view of law enforcement, the bravery and backbone of our citizens and the overall willingness for individuals to serve their community, this is the place. ABC7 News anchor David Ono has been the perennial event narrator of the heroic deeds and outstanding accomplishments of individuals from law enforcement and from the community. His professional presentation and silky voice add to the drama of the moment and make it all the more enjoyable. The Glendale Police Foundation does a magnificent job putting on this enormous event each year which it carries off with drill-like precision. The GBA co-sponsors this event with the Glendale Kiwanis. The GBA bought and filled an entire table for ten and was able to contribute \$850 to the GPF. We had invited Judge Charles Stoll to be our special guest. Due to illness, Judge Stoll was unable to attend. We wish him a prompt recovery. We are pleased to say his seat was filled quickly. We were honored to have Judge John Doyle from Glendale Division 2 to share our table with us. Judge Doyle has become a good friend of the GBA and we welcome his attendance at our events.

**SUMMER BARBEQUE**

Our GBA Board Secretary, **Dave Di-Julio**, is chairman of the **Summer Barbeque** Committee. Look for more news at the **GBA Website** at [www.glendalebar.com](http://www.glendalebar.com).

Vik Brar, President

**INTERESTED IN GBA MEMBERSHIP?****[Mail to P.O. Box 968, Glendale, CA 91209-0968]**

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Bar Activities:

\_\_\_\_ Lawyer Referral Panel

\_\_\_\_ Fee Arbitration Panel

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Annual Dues: General Membership \$175; Government Attorney: \$150; Students \$35

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**The Glendale Bar Association  
The Burbank Bar Association and  
Mad Dog Bail Bonds**

On WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2008

Present:

**District Attorney Steven Cooley**

***CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM  
(ONE-HOUR MCLE)***

Time: Social Hour: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting: 7.00 p.m.  
Seminar: 7:10 p.m. (immediately following meeting)

Location: Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Dr., Glendale, CA

Cost: \$45.00 per person; \$55.00 without reservation; RSVP Early,  
\*\* Non-RSVP seating is very limited and may not be available

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**Call for Reservations: (818) 956-1633 or  
FAX Reservation Form to: (818) 956-1985**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Menu Selection: Beef:  Fish:  Vegetarian:

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