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President's Message

Fall is finally here and we are experiencing the worst September heat Southern California has seen in decades. Our earthly resources are dwindling. Let's make an effort to stay green and conserve our precious water.

The last few months have been very good for the Glendale Bar Association. In early August, Paul Kiesel presented a wonderful program regarding the technology that he uses in his own law practice. The paperless e-world is fast approaching and Mr. Kiesel did a terrific job in catching us up on the latest ranging from google glass to the i-watch. Most importantly, Mr. Kiesel taught us the beauty of technology in the courtroom and the potential effect it has on the jury. 2015 will be a fantastic year for Mr. Kiesel as he takes over the presidency of the Los Angeles County Bar Association!

In September, I also had the privilege of attending the Annual Bar Leaders Conference in San Diego where I sat in on lectures relating to the new technological world and the benefit of technology to bar organizations. I learned quite a bit and cannot wait to implement what I learned to our own group.

During the last third of the year, there are many great events planned. In October, GBA is hosting its Annual Liberty Bell Night. Mr. Marcellus Antonio McRae of Gibson, Dunn will present on the recent *Vergara v. California* ruling where the tenured teacher's statute was struck down. Constitutional law is in the air, and Mr. McRae, lead counsel on the *Vergara* case has graciously agreed to speak to the Glendale Bar. Come join the GBA on this fabulous occasion where we also celebrate our Liberty Award recipients, Glendale Fire Chief, Harold Scoggins and Glendale Community College Trustee, Ann Ransford. We will be also recognizing GBA past presidents that evening, so it is anticipated to be a night to remember. Special thanks go out to our friends at City National Bank for proudly sponsoring the event.

In December, the GBA will host its annual Christmas Party at the Elk's Lodge. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014. It is free to all GBA members, so mark your calendars. We are also collecting toys for the Salvation Army that night! More details to come. I look forward to all the upcoming events and seeing you all there. Cheers!

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS Save the Dates!

- October 1, 2014, Marcellus Antonio McRae, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher-Lead Counsel on *Vergara v. California*-CLE-(Dinner)-Oakmont-Liberty Bell Night! Past President's Night! Sponsored by our friends at ***City National Bank***
- October 23, 2014, Charles' Billiards-1st Annual GBA Billiard's Tournament. More information to come.
- October Networking Lunch Wednesday, October 29, 2014-Paella anyone?-Casa Cordoba-Montrose-Noon
- Thirsty Thursday (Halloween Edition), Thursday, October 30, 2014-5:30pm-VenueTBA
- November 5, 2014-CLE-(Lunch)-Notte Luna-Legal Legal Malpractice Insurance Workshop-CLE speakers: Peter J. Senuty of Knapp, Peterson & Clark; Wesley G. Hampton of Narver Insurance
- November Mixer-TBA
- Thursday, December 4, 2014-Annual Christmas Party-Elk's Lodge-Mark your calendars for the holiday event of the year!

PROMINENT GLENDALE LAWYER RETIRES AFTER 68 YEARS

John U. Edwards

John Edwards not only made an impact on the legal community for more than half a century, but more importantly, he touched many lives. John Edwards grew up locally in Glendale and attended Herbert Hoover High School. His high school academic career was so noteworthy that the University of California, Berkeley, accepted him as an undergraduate at the young age of 16 years. John was not only superior academically but he also excelled as an athlete. At Cal, he played baseball alongside the soon-to-be legend, Ted Williams.

Shortly after he completed his undergraduate studies, John was drafted into the Navy. He became a Flyer during World War II. In the same fashion as Louie Zamperini, John's naval ship was struck by a German torpedo which John heroically survived. After returning from the war, John attended Boalt Law School and started his practice of law in 1946. He settled down in a small suburb known as Glendale, California. In 1948, John decided to hang out his shingle and start his own practice. His brother, Mark Edwards joined John's practice in 1951. It was that same year that John also served as the President of the Glendale Bar Association.

After many years of successful lawyering, John and Mark decided to bring in more talented lawyers into their practice. In 1959, a young chap by the name of Eric Ashton, Sr. joined John Edwards in a law practice that would soon grow to dominate the city and its surrounding areas. During its first two decades, the firm hired an elite group of lawyers from impressive backgrounds. 6 of the new recruits were graduates of Boalt Law School, 2 from Loyola Law School, 5 from USC Gould School of Law, and 2 from UCLA School of Law—all Phi Beta Kappa. Bill O' Brien and Michael Flannigan were among those prominent recruits. John Edwards served as a mentor to these prominent lawyers and contributed to many successful careers.

John is an educator and a man who cares dearly about upholding the law. Individually, he has handled many multi-million real estate transactions. He has also served as co-counsel on many complex cases within the firm given his extensive knowledge and expertise.

John has 3 children who have followed his lead. One of children became a lawyer and another became an educator/teacher. He turned 95 years old recently and decided to retire. He retired officially in June, 2014.

The Glendale Bar Association congratulates John Edwards on all his accomplishments and salutes him for his many years of practicing law!

WEBSITE UPDATES

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How Becoming a Member of the LA Law Library Can Help Your Practice

LA Law Library enjoyed hosting the Glendale Bar Association for its September dinner event. After the dinner and presentation from Hon. Judge Scott Gordon, GBA members were given a tour of the library, including the Members Study. There were many questions about and much interest in the Members Program.

In 2009, at the request of the legal community, LA Law Library created the Members Program to provide practitioners with affordable access to practice essentials like work space, access to legal information, Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, printing, copying, and parking, in a single, convenient location.

At LA Law Library's main downtown branch adjacent to Stanley Mosk and the Foltz Criminal Courthouse, members enjoy access to the Members Study, a quiet workspace with personal computers, wi-fi, and copying and printing services.

In the Study, members have unlimited access to Westlaw, LexisNexis, CEB OnLAW, and a wide variety of other legal databases, along with the library's renowned print collection (the largest of any public law library outside the Law Library of Congress).

One advantage of working in the Members Study is the library's proximity to the downtown courthouses. One can draft a pleading, print, and file it across the street at Stanley Mosk; or, attend a hearing in the morning, then get some work done in the Study in the afternoon. While parking is at a premium downtown, members can select to include discounted parking in the members' parking lot in the cost of their membership.

While in the Study, members also have easy on-site access to professional reference librarians for assistance with legal research, and can receive reference assistance remotely, by phone or email.

When away from the library, members receive remote access to many of the library's databases, including Fastcase, HeinOnline, SmartRules (a database that provides procedural rules for any matter in any court), and Wolters Kluwer's tax and corporate practice materials. For material not available on the remote databases, members still have virtual access to the library's print and electronic collections through the library's e-delivery service, at a discount. Members can request prompt electronic delivery of a chapter from a practice guide, a form for a motion or brief, an annotated code section, or anything else in the library's collection.

In addition to accessing the Members Study, members may also reserve any of the library's private office spaces or conference rooms at a discounted rate, when needed for meeting a client, holding a deposition, as a private war room during a trial at Stanley Mosk, or for any other reason. The Members Program even takes care of its participants' MCLE needs, providing discounts to the frequent MCLE presentations held at the library, and providing increased borrowing privileges to members for MCLE self-study materials. To learn more about the program, or for a free day pass, call the members line at (213) 785-5555, email

members@lalawlibrary.org, or visit the Members Program on the web at <http://www.lalawlibrary.org/index.php/services-rentals/members.html>.

Submitted by Ryan Metheny, Members Program and Educational Partnerships Librarian at LA Law Library. Check out the library at www.lalawlibrary.org or call 213.785.2529 for reference assistance, e-delivery of legal resource materials, public classes and MCLEs, room rentals and events hosting.



Thank you to Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Family Law Judge Scott M. Gordon for his presentation to the Glendale Bar Association on September 4, 2014.

Pictured: GBA Secretary, Ritzel Ngo, Judge Scott M. Gordon, and Monica Molina

State Bar Updates

Council on Access & Fairness: The State Bar of California's Council on Access & Fairness would like to invite you to their upcoming Leadership Summit on October 30th and 31st. The event is for aspiring or established leaders within the legal profession. Details may be found in the attachment.

Daily News Digest: Now featured on the home page of the California Bar Journal is the Daily News Digest, a roundup of news and commentary concerning attorneys, the courts and our legal system compiled by the State Bar's Office of Communications, <http://www.calbarjournal.com/September2014/TopHeadlines.aspx>

Networking Lunches

Be ready to eat and network! We look forward to seeing more of you! The GBA had its seventh monthly networking lunch on August 25th, at El Morfi Grill, where members discussed many recent topics. The tasty Argentinean empanadas took us through the splendor of Buenos Aires. What's the best way to meet a group of attorneys to whom you can refer clients with confidence? Come to the monthly networking lunches! Meet your fellow GBA attorneys, learn about their practice areas, and get to know them. As an added bonus, if you want, the GBA will assign you to a small, 3-4 person group or "Troika," which will allow you to form an even better relationship with your fellow members. (Troikas change every month) Join us for the ninth lunch of the year on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at "Casa Cordoba" restaurant located at 2331 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose, CA 91020, where we will enjoy the splendor of Spanish cuisine. Don't forget to bring your business cards!

Annual Meeting Award Presentations: During this year's annual meeting in San Diego from September 11th through September 13th a number of awards will be given. To review the entire list, please refer to the attachment.

State Bar Board of Trustees Meetings: Agendas may be found [on the website](#).

2014 Bar Leaders Conference: A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Bar Leaders Conference. It was a great day of information sharing by our speakers Mary Byers, Shelly Alcorn and Brian Yacker. Next year on October 8th we'll be in Anaheim. Mark your calendars!