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- A Conversation with George M. Sundheim (p. 2)
- Privacy in the Workplace (p. 3)

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## President's Address Nancy Clark

In reviewing our year thus far, one thing is for sure: PAABA's activities have resulted in more attention being paid to our organization.

Three different organizations have contacted PAABA in the last couple of months requesting speakers. As a result, on March 9, 2004, PAABA VP Soyeun Choi will be presenting information on PAABA and our Lawyer Referral Service to the Palo Alto Family Ambassador Program. On March 25, 2004, member Judith Recchio of Tomlinson Zisko will present an introductory class on the basics of employment law to the Palo Alto Legal Secretaries Association. And I will be giving a short talk to the Lions Club of Palo Alto on March 2, 2004.

We do have a list of members who expressed interest in being on PAABA's speakers' bureau which helps when we get these types of calls. If you didn't sign up and are interested in representing PAABA out in the community or, if you know of an event which is looking for a speaker, let us know.

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Notices have been sent regarding our

upcoming *Conversation with Duf Sundheim* to be held at Magdalena's on March 11, 2004. We don't often get the chance to hear from past PAABA presidents and, as Chairman of the California Republican Party, George should have plenty of good stories to tell. We are fortunate that he is able and willing to take time out of his schedule for this evening event.

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Also, by the time you read this you will have hopefully received this year's membership directory. It will show that we have approximately 300 members—down from a few years ago but hanging steady. We are always looking for ways to increase our membership of course. Which raises the importance of the membership survey you have all received in last month's Bulletin and in your electronic mail.

Organizations need new ideas and initiatives, not to mention new members, to survive and thrive. We hope you take time out from your schedule and complete the survey. Send us your thoughts on how we can better serve your needs and the needs of our community. If you have some ideas for ways to increase our membership, send those along as well.

## PAABA ANNUAL PRESIDING JUDGES LUNCHEON SERENA TORVIK

PAABA's annual Presiding Judges' Lunch was February 6, 2004, graciously hosted by Morrison & Foerster in Palo Alto. Presiding Judge Mark Forcum attended from San Mateo County, and Presiding Judge Thomas Hansen attended from Santa Clara County.

Here are some highlights:

San Mateo

The administration is considering and attempting to implement on-line case access.

They are currently accepting email addresses from attorneys requesting contact via email.

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Join PAABA in

A Conversation with

## DUF G. M. SUNDHEIM, ESQ.

Chairman of the California  
Republican Party  
& Former PAABA President

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004**

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Maddalena's Restaurant  
544 EMERSON STREET, PALO ALTO,  
CALIFORNIA

*APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED*

Cost: \$30 PAABA Members - \$35 NON-MEMBERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO **RSVP** CALL PAABA AT 650.326.8322 OR  
EMAIL [INFO@PAABA.ORG](mailto:INFO@PAABA.ORG) AND MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: PAABA, 405 SHERMAN AVE., CA  
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Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Event: *Conversation with Duf M. Sundheim*

The PAABA Women Lawyers' Committee  
and  
Carr & Ferrell, LLP  
*Present*

**WORKPLACE PRIVACY**  
*Implications for Employers and Employees*

Thursday, March 25, 2004  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by Carr & Ferrell, LLP - 2200 Geng Road, Palo Alto, California

Speaker:

**Deborah Pierce**

*Executive Director*  
PrivacyActivism.org

Deborah Pierce is founder and Executive Director of PrivacyActivism.org, a non-profit organization. PrivacyActivism focuses on consumer education campaigns, advocacy, and analysis of privacy issues, with particular emphasis on data flow, data matching, privacy risks associated with data collection, and biometrics.

Speaker:

**Michelle Finneran  
Dennedy**

*Chief Privacy Officer*  
Sun Microsystems, Inc.

As CPO, Dennedy works on all aspects of privacy within Sun: from being the driving force behind Sun's privacy practices that safeguard customer and employee personal data, to helping product teams develop products and services that enable the company's customers to meet their own privacy obligations. She is also a key technical liaison with the Liberty Alliance, promoting Sun's vision for secure federated identity management.

Moderator:

**Jefferson Scher**

*Partner*  
Carr & Ferrell, LLP

Jefferson Scher specializes in intellectual property counseling and litigation, with an emphasis on copyright and trademark protection and enforcement on the Internet.

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Cost: \$15 members, \$25 non-members, \$10 1/hr. MCLE\* available

RSVP by March 22 to PAABA, 405 Sherman Avenue, Palo Alto, 94306 or call (650) 326-8322

NAME/FIRM \_\_\_\_\_

MCLE CREDIT: YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*The Palo Alto Area Bar Association certifies that this activity has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of one hour. The Palo Alto Area Bar Association is a State Bar of California MCLE approved provider.

## PAABA ON TOUR

Meet PAABA VP Soyeun Choi



Wednesday,  
March 17, 2004,  
8:30am  
Printers Inc. Café  
320 California Ave.,  
Palo Alto, 94306

Look for  
me!



In addition to other technological developments, traffic tickets may not be paid on-line and traffic schools are now listed at the site as well.

Judges claim to like court call for Case Management Conferences and law and motion.

They also claim that they are more relaxed on continuances these days, and the calendar is up to date. Trials are going out as scheduled.

There will likely be a change of scheduling of settlement conferences in most unlimited civil cases. Under the proposed plan, settlement conferences in most unlimited cases would be on a date during the week before the trial date. Settlement conferences for limited cases will continue to be held two to three weeks before the trial date. Whether to hold day-of settlement conferences will be decided on an ad hoc basis.

In regards to the Peterson case, the two weeks before the Judges luncheon was spent dealing with the press and creating a website as ready reference for the press. Court documents will not be posted on the site, a decision reinforced by the Judicial Council rule.

### Santa Clara

The administration is saving money by changing their database system and bringing it "in house". In the past, they spent \$1.9 million by hiring an outside company to maintain the system. Included in the savings is the maintenance fee that the outside company used to charge at every instance of data entry.

The self-help center for low income people has been a success, drawing in enough people to form a healthy sized line at 7:30 am. In addition, the homeless court and juvenile programs on DUIs continue to great reception.

There is a new civil discovery judge. Judge Patricia Lucas (formerly of Fenwick & West) will do the honors, and she will preside in Department 18 (same place discovery has been for the last few years). Judge Thang Barrett has moved to civil trials in Department 21.

There will also be discussions of tentative rulings on law and motion, but it does not sound like it will happen.

The civil case managers will remain: Judge William J. Elfving, Dept. 2, Unlimited Case Manager; Judge Socrates P. Manoukian, Dept. 7, Unlimited Case Manager; Judge Neal A. Cabrinha, Dept. 10, Supervising Judge & Limited Case Manager; Judge Kevin E. McKenney, Dept. 16, Unlimited Case Manager

The phone system has changed so that now the numbers have an 882-prefix.

Finally, the Santa Clara court website was entered into a *world wide* court-related website contest and won first place. An entry from Singapore took second place.

In both counties, E-filing appears to be a long way off due to conflicts with the administrative oversight committee.

Photos: Presiding Judge of San Mateo, Judge Mark Forcum  
Presiding Judge of Santa Clara, Judge Thomas Hansen  
A room of attorneys await at Morrison Foerster.

**Meet CopyDox**  
**Local Document Support Specialists**  
 Soyeun D Choi

*From producing hardcopies of our monthly Bulletins, to the Golf Tournament to our new Local Landmarks sponsor (see below), CopyDox has supported PAABA in its printing needs. In addition to fast, reliable services, they are conveniently located off of the 101 Freeway and have some of the most friendly representatives. Both John Kelly and Chris Lorenz have extensive experience in the legal support services and a ready ear to bend.*

**PAABA:** *Chris & John why did you get back into the litigation support business?*

**Chris & John (C&J):** We wanted to bring high quality customer service back to the Palo Alto legal community. After talking with a number of attorneys and paralegals in the area we were convinced that a big need for our type of services still existed.

**PAABA:** *What has changed since your first experience in the business?*

**C&J:** The digital era has definitely arrived. Every document production we are involved in has some component of digital processing. Either data conversion work, database building, online hosting or even email forensics. The interesting side note is that the digital era has increased the number of pages generated on an average case. It is far easier for an individual to create thousands of pages of documents today than it was 5 years ago.

**PAABA:** *Why start your business in Palo Alto?*

**C&J:** Besides having the opportunity to work directly with PAABA on Pro Bono efforts? Palo Alto's business environment is perfect for our "outsourcing" business model. Every company in the Silicon Valley is either developing cutting edge technology, growing rapidly, or competing globally. Outsourcing is a way of life for these compa-

nies and the legal community that supports them.

**PAABA:** *How did you pick your name and your company's colors?*

**C&J:** We chose COPYDOX because we wanted to keep it simple and explicit, similar to the slogan we run our company by "Total Accountability". Simply put, Total Accountability is Copydox's pledge to provide quality service and personal integrity to every customer on every job. As for the colors, we knew they couldn't be blue and gold, so we chose Chris' alma mater -- black and gold.

**PAABA:** *Thank you for your time!*

*This brief introduction will be followed by other articles on how CopyDox can help your practice. For more information, visit them at [www.copydox.com](http://www.copydox.com).*

**UPCOMING EVENT :**

A Discussion with Stephen Key  
 Invention, Intellectual Property and Innovation

April 2, 2004  
 11:30am -1:00pm  
 Venue to be Determined

Stephen Key is an inventor and owner of Stephen Key Design, LLC, a design firm specializing in licensing intellectual property rights. The firm currently owns eight U.S. patents and thirty International patents.

**POP QUIZ: LOCAL LANDMARKS**

**The RULES:** Every other month, the Bulletin will post a picture of a Peninsula landmark within the PAABA area. Members are encouraged to send responses to:

SoyeunDChoi@yahoo.com.

The first to correctly identify the landmark and its location receives a mug from CopyDox and lots of praise and attention in the Bulletin.

Deadline: March 15, 2004.

(Anyone also know the meaning behind this month's feature?)



**PAABA MEMBERS  
 IN THE NEWS**

Irene Blumenkranz moderates an IP Society event, *Designing an IP Licensing Program*, February 27, 2004 at Gray Cary. [www.ipsociety.net](http://www.ipsociety.net).

Judith Recchio will present an introductory class on the basics of employment law to the Palo Alto Legal Secretaries Association on March 25, 2004.

Mark Shepherd speaks at an NBI seminar, *Small Business Succession Planning in California*, on May 5, 2004 in San Francisco. [www.nbi-sems.com](http://www.nbi-sems.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcements to the Bulletin by the **15th day** of the **preceding month** in which you wish your listing to be posted. Send to the PAABA office or to Soyeun Choi at [SoyeunDChoi@yahoo.com](mailto:SoyeunDChoi@yahoo.com) or call 650-566-9510. Ads run for three months and may be extended.

Women Lawyers Committee Meeting—April 6, 2004  
Torrefazione on University from 8:00am to 9:00am.

PAABA ON TOUR! Visit PAABA VP  
Printers Inc on 320 California Avenue, Wednesday, March 17, 2004  
8:30-9:30 am. Share your views, concerns and get caffeinated.

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For additional information, contact STEVEN BABITSKY, 508-548-9443, or  
by email: SBABITSKY@AOL.COM

### Pro-tem Small Claims commissioners Training classes:

March 25th, at 6:00 p.m., at 111 N. Market Street, San Jose.  
RSVP to: Susan Beck (SJ Sup. Ct. Admin.) at (408) 882-2522.

Palo Alto law firm has two offices for sublease near California Avenue w/high speed internet, copier, conference room, kitchen, furnished or unfurnished. Please call 650-556-2290.

Interested in becoming a **Small Claims Commissioner** —pro tem— for Santa Clara County? For more information, contact George S. Cole, 650-556-9510 or email: [GSCdLawyer@aol.com](mailto:GSCdLawyer@aol.com).

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