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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mike Armstrong

Happy Ground Hog Day!

Now that 2003 is a reality, and the war hasn't started yet and we are still more or less alive and well, we can get back to the things that really matter: Super Bowl winners and losers, basketball, winter vacations, smiling about the Outer Banks of North Carolina getting 9" of snow while we stroll out for a latte in our short sleeves, days getting longer, the economy getting better(?), the vibrancy of our law practices, Isuzus for no money down, no interest and no payments 'til 2004, and the

carrot cake at the Prolific Oven. Then again, we are reminded of Governor Ryan in Illinois commuting the sentences of 166 people on death row, of Homeland Security, of allies becoming less so, of so many missing adults and children in America, of continuing racial strife around us, of health care and the lack of it, of people everywhere who need our help. Are these the best of times, or the worst of times, or just extremely interesting times? As lawyers, we can be part of the positive spin on many issues without really making things any better, or we can each resolve to do what we can in our own little part of the world to make it a better place. Let's see what happens if we try the latter.

BOARD MOVES TO EXPAND PAABA MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

Nancy Clark

In an effort to increase membership as well as PAABA's leadership ranks, the Board of Directors for the Palo Alto Area Bar Association recently approved two changes to PAABA's By-Laws. These changes must now be voted on by the PAABA membership at a special meeting to be held on February 7th, 2003, at the Annual Judges Luncheon with Presiding Judges of Santa Clara and San Mateo County Superior Courts, Honorable Tom Hansen and Honorable Mark Forcum.

The first By-Law change the Board approved will permit any active member of the California State Bar who is interested in practicing law in the Palo-Alto-Los-Altos-Mountain View Judicial District to become a member of PAABA. Currently, the By-Laws only permit those members who maintain an office or residence in the designated geographical area to be a PAABA member.

The second change will increase PAABA's leadership by separating the officer position of Secretary-Treasurer into two separate positions. Currently, PAABA's By-Laws provide for three officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer position is responsible for the following duties: keeping minutes and records of the Corporation; a membership roster; and accounts of properties and business transactions, including a year end financial report. By separating these two positions, the Secretary's duties will be limited to maintaining minutes and records of the corporation and oversight of the monthly bulletin. The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining PAABA's financial accounts, including the annual budget.

PAABA encourages all members to attend and vote on this By-Law change.

The current amendments to the By-Laws are attached, with changes in italics in the first:

1) Article II (Members), Section 2 (Active Members): Every active member of the State Bar of California who shall maintain an office or residence or regularly practice *or has an interest in the practice of law* within the area known as the Palo Alto-Los Altos-Mountain View Judicial District or within that part of southern San Mateo County which includes East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley, and Woodside, and adjacent unincorporated areas, shall be eligible to become an active member of this

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PALO ALTO AREA BAR ASSOCIATION

"State of the Courts"

Annual Judges Luncheon
With

Hon. Mark Forcum, San Mateo County
&
Hon. Tom Hansen, Santa Clara County

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2003
11:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Morrison & Foerster
755 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304
The International Room

Cost: \$20 for PAABA Members
\$25 for Non-members
\$10 MCLE credit for one hour

**Registration at door or Please RSVP to PAABA:
Via Nozipo Wobogo at (650)326-8322 or PAABAR@earthlink.net
Or by mailing the form included below.**

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NEW PAABA MEMBERS

PAABA WELCOMES

Michelle Dennedy,	<i>Sun Microsystems</i>
Angela M. Xavier,	<i>San Bruno, CA</i>
Ryan P. Gallagher,	<i>Weil, Gotshal & Manges</i>
Steven A. Swernofsky,	<i>Swernofsky Law Group</i>
Kendall Coffman,	<i>Law Offices of Dean Lloyd</i>
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Eiko Itoh,	<i>Thoits, Love, Hershberger & Mclean</i>
Brenda Leanhart,	<i>Belmont, CA</i>
Susan Levenberg,	<i>Santa Clara County Counsel Office</i>
David Lowe,	<i>De Ito and Lowe</i>
Nicole Ryan,	<i>Nolan, Armstrong & Barton, LLP</i>
Jason Turner,	<i>Flicker and Kerin</i>
Joseph Thieman,	<i>Doty, Sundheim & Gilmore</i>

PAABA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Soyeun Choi

PAABA does not currently endorse the candidates mentioned in the following but does want to acknowledge the efforts of our PAABA members.

Chris Kelly: PAABA member Mr. Kelly is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 21st Assembly District. Chris is an attorney with Baker McKenzie.

His practice includes the development of privacy policies and standards for businesses, strategic counseling on compliance with changing national and international rules on data usage, conducting privacy audits, and advice on the data protection issues in mergers and acquisitions. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, Chris was the Chief Privacy Officer for online service provider Excite@Home.

George "Duf" Sundheim: PAABA member and Past President (1991-1992) Mr. Sundheim is running for a position with the California Republican Party.

Mr. Sundheim has just been endorsed by California's Republican Congressional Delegation to go for the top spot in the CA Republican Party. He is competing against Bill Back, a "party insider" from Yuba County north of Sacramento. Mr. Back has been staving off criticism over an article he penned in 1999 which stated, "[T]he real damage to race relations in the South came not from slavery but from Reconstruction which would not have occurred if the South had won" the Civil War.

Mr. Sundheim is a partner at Doty Sundheim & Gilmore and a past recipient of the California State Bar Pro Bono Award.

Vivian Kral: PAABA Member Ms. Kral was elected to the open District 3 seat on the State Bar Board of Governors. District 3 includes Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Ms. Kral practices in the areas of family law and alternative dispute resolution in Redwood City.

Corporation. In addition, any full-time member of the faculty of an accredited law school in Santa Clara County, whether or not a member of the State Bar of California, shall be eligible to become an active member of this Corporation. Such eligible persons shall become active members upon written application in the form provided by the Corporation and payment of dues. A person will cease to be an active member if such person's membership dues for the current fiscal year are not paid by the first day of October of such fiscal year.

2) Article IV (Officers), Sections 1 & 4:

Section 1 (Elective Officers): The members annually shall elect a president, a vice-president, a secretary *and a treasurer*.

Section 4 (Secretary and Treasurer): *Section 4a: SECRETARY. The secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the Minutes and Records of the Corporation and a roster of the membership of the Corporation. Section 4b: TREASURER. The treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept the accounts of properties and business transactions of the Corporation. In addition to the written financial report required under Article VII, Section 3, the treasurer shall, upon request, render to the president or vice-president, the board members or the members, an account of all of his or her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcements to the Bulletin by the fifteenth day of the preceding month in which you wish your listing to be posted. E.g. to post an announcement for the January issue, send in the information by December 15. Send to the PAABA office or to Soyeun Choi at schoi@chhuoii.com or call 650-363-1123. Ads run for three months and may be extended.

OFFICE AVAILABLE FOR RENT: Located on Cambridge, near California Ave in Palo Alto, Conference room, DSL available, Price negotiable. Please contact Ann: 650-328-9500

WANTED: Legal Secretary in Palo Alto Law Office. Please call 650-857-0634.

Menlo Park: Two window offices, secretarial space, conference room, library, reception services, use of fax and copy machine, available in downtown Menlo Park. Please call 650-327-5570.

Large garden window office on first floor on Twin Dolphin Drive in Redwood Shores near lagoon. Share open space with an attorney and a CPA. Two year sublease at \$1,600 per month. Includes desk, chair and an additional space (cubicle) for support person. Also copier, postage meter, kitchen etc. Contact Edmund M. Nowicki at 650-596-9022 or taxspin@aol.com

Downtown attorney offices (1 or 2) with full services available, including receptionist, conference room, library, T-1, storage, parking. Call Kris or Mark at 650-321-5000.

SHARED LAW OFFICE SPACE: 525 University Avenue. Premier location in downtown Palo Alto with well established small law firm. Attorney office with support staff station, access to a fully equipped office, file space, underground parking. \$2000/month. Contact Maureen at 650-321-5700.

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University of California, University Counsel Position, Labor and Employment Law

The general counsel of the University of California seeks an attorney to fill a position in the Office of the General Counsel located at the Systemwide headquarters of the University in Oakland. A minimum of five years practice experience is required in addition to superior academic qualifications and excellent writing, analytical, communication, negotiation, and client counseling skills. Admission to practice in California required at the time of appointment or within a reasonable time thereof. Salary to be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position open until filled.

Responsibilities will include advice and representation in connection with a wide range of labor and employment law matters at ten campuses, five medical centers, and at other locations throughout California, including collective bargaining, proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board, academic and staff grievance hearings, writs and appellate litigation and state and federal statutory and regulatory compliance issues. NLRB or PERB experience is preferred.

Send resume and one or more examples of legal writing to Wilma Germany, Director of Administration, Office of General Counsel, 1111 Franklin Street, 8th Floor, Oakland, CA 94067-5200.

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