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PRESIDENT'S Message

by Mark A. Easter



Memories of Justice Barton C. Gaut (1935-2025)



Justice Barton C. Gaut

In February, our legal community lost one of its greatest role models. Justice Barton C. Gaut ("Bart") served as a Riverside County Superior Court Judge from 1995 to 1997, and as Associate Justice of the Fourth District Court of Appeal from 1997 until his retirement in 2010. However, he first came to Riverside in 1963, and began his career with Best Best & Krieger, where he worked until his appointment to the bench in 1995. Bart had over 200 jury trials during his career, and gained a reputation for being a master trial lawyer, able to try a wide variety of cases. He also gained a reputation for his transcendent civility and professionalism.

This remembrance focuses on the tremendous impact Bart had on new attorneys who had the opportunity to work for him, and observe his dedication, discipline, civility and professionalism. I had the privilege of working for Bart from my BB&K

summer clerkship in 1988, until I was a senior associate in 1995. New attorneys working for Bart couldn't help but be in awe of him. He commanded respect, not because he was a bully, or spoke over you (as some people today think is the path to respect), but because he was wise, he was prepared, he was dedicated, and he was measured with his words. His depositions weren't filled with shouting matches; when opposing counsel made a frivolous "vague" objection, Bart would just pause, look quizzically at opposing counsel, then ask the witness: "Do you understand the question? Yes. You can answer." For 3 or 4 years, I worked with Bart on a battle over the ownership, control and occupancy of the Fox Theater Building, which was the subject of a 99-year lease entered into in the 30s. I had the privilege of watching Bart going up against another highly accomplished litigator, Donald Powell, in a 2-3 week jury trial. The case was hotly contested, and there was no love lost between the parties, but Bart and Mr. Powell remained civil throughout. No deceptions, no personal or ad hominem attacks, no procedural game playing. The impression made on this young litigator was immense.

Bart was also incredibly disciplined with his schedule, including the preparation and management of his cases, but also getting regular exercise and making time for family vacations. Bart was a great mentor, and had a unique way of expressing his confidence in you. On one occasion, we were litigating a very contentious business/claim and delivery action in Orange County. Bart was out of town for a few days, there was lots of activity on the case, and I sent Bart an e-mail that bombarded him with "what do we do now" type questions. As his way of saying "this is a messy case, but you're doing as good of a job sorting it out as I could," Bart responded "This is a fine kettle of fish you've gotten us into..."

Remembrances by:

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Meredith Jury (retired)

Judge Jury started her career at Best Best & Krieger in 1976. Judge Jury recalled a story that illustrates Bart's wisdom, insight, and ability to mentor. "[We were involved in] a dispute between the City of Corona and a water contractor regarding work he had done on the water system. I had done the depositions and research and wrote the trial brief, so I knew the evidence etc. It was a judge trial in Riverside. During the trial, the contractor tried to get a bunch of stuff into evidence that was inadmissible for varying reasons. Bart would jump up and object and time and again the judge would overrule him and admit the evidence. When the day ended, Bart commented to me that he was pretty confident that we were going to win. I asked why and he said because the judge had bent over backwards to admit all that evidence and when they did that,

most likely they were going to rule for the party which was overruled. Sure enough, the judge ruled 100% in our favor. I never forgot that lesson and observed the same thing happening in cases I tried. I never panicked when evidentiary rulings flooded against me again."

U.S. District Court Judge Virginia Phillips

Judge Phillips began her career as a litigation associate with BB&K in 1982, and became a partner in 1988. Judge Phillips shared a humorous story that illustrated Bart's discipline and dedication. "One morning, when we were trying a case out in Victorville, I arrived at the office about 7 for our drive to the courthouse to find Bart wasn't there yet. I was mystified because he was famously early. I went from puzzled to worried as I waited. When he arrived, he was sporting fresh stitches and blooming bruises on his face as well as a sheepish expression as he explained that he'd been delayed by a trip to the ER after being struck by a car when he was out for a pre-dawn bike ride. Did he ask for a continuance of trial? Of course not. We drove out to Victorville, spent a day in trial and his only concession to his injuries was asking me to do the driving. He was a mentor who led by example. I owe him more than I can say."

Jack Clarke, Past President, Riverside County Bar Association

Jack Clarke began his career with BB&K in 1985. But before that he was a summer "law clerk". No one in Jack's family had ever been an attorney, so "I didn't know how law firms worked or much about what lawyers really did." One of his first assignments was from Bart. Bart provided no explanation to Jack. "He just left me this big ugly file, concerning some sort of a title insurance dispute, with a sticky note that said: 'Read, review and give me your recommendations.'"

I couldn't ask him what he meant because he was in trial. I tried to get my breathing under control, wiped away the flop sweat and turned to the file. After several hours, I concluded that I needed more information. So, I decided to call the client to clarify a few things. I got what I thought I needed from the client, carefully did my research, and wrote a memorandum with my recommendations.

I intentionally waited until Bart was away from his office and tip-toed in to put it on his desk (for all I knew this might be the last thing I ever did for the firm). Later, he summoned me into his office. I asked him if the memo was sufficient, and I believe he said something close to these words: 'Yeah. The memo is pretty good. (Which, I, was later to learn, was about as much praise as Bart would give to anyone.) But I suggest that you NEVER call a client while you are a law clerk with this firm again.' I was sure my legal career was over. But I kept at it and, to my relief, got an offer from BB&K at the end of the summer. I initially thought about looking around for other

possibilities. But Bart made a point to call me to his office after I had received the offer to encourage me to join the firm. It was because of Bart Gaut that I started my legal career at BB&K. Justice Barton Gaut was, by a fair margin, the best attorney I was ever lucky enough to work for and with.

James Gilpin, Partner, Best Best & Krieger, San Diego

Jim Gilpin spent the first years of his career working directly for Bart. In those years, Bart "had a profound impact on me. He taught me the importance of hard work and how to behave professionally and deal with difficult adversities. I will never forget some of his unique expletives; when a situation called for it he would blurt out "RAFT" or "YOGURT!" He was truly one of a kind and a magnificent role model as an attorney and person.

Cynthia Germano, Partner, Best Best & Krieger, Riverside

Bart was also incredibly supportive of female attorneys who worked for him. Cynthia Germano began working as a litigation associate at BB&K in 1990. When she was still a junior attorney, Bart asked her to work with a client on a matter. In her first phone call with the client representative, an older male, the client suggested that he would prefer to speak with a male attorney. "I reported this back to Bart, assuming the project would be reassigned because we of course didn't want to anger or lose the client.

Bart calmly but forcefully, and with that Bart sly smile, said "Cynner, clients don't get to tell me who works on the matters they give to me." He told me to continue doing the work that had been assigned, that the quality of my work would speak for itself, and if the client ever said anything further, he would step in. He was right, and the client never said anything further. Bart's support and confidence in me meant everything.

I also appreciated that he navigated the situation in the way that was best for my growth and the firm. He showed us that you not only have to be a great lawyer (and he was the best), but that the approach to a given issue is sometimes just as important." Cynthia's final comment about Bart sums it all up: "I don't think there was anyone who ever worked for Bart that didn't want to be just like him when we grew up."

I agree with Cynthia. We all wanted to be like Bart. And as Jack Clarke so aptly put it, "May God care for him."

Our next RCBA General Membership meeting will be on Friday, April 18th. Jeremy Roark will be presenting on "Autism and the Law." Hope to see you there!

Mark A. Easter is the president of the RCBA, a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLC, and has been residing and practicing law in Riverside since 1989.



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President's Message

by Summer M. DeVore



Barristers is staying busy this term! In February, Barristers hosted a social networking mixer at Hangar 24, and it had a fantastic turnout. It was wonderful to reconnect with familiar faces and meet some new ones as well. Needless to say, the event was a great success. Whether you are looking to network, make new friends, or simply connect with other new attorneys, the Barristers mixers provide the perfect opportunity to do just that.



In March, Barristers participated in the University of California, Riverside, Womxn in Law's Networking Dinner. At the event, Barristers had an opportunity to share their experiences with UCR students aspiring to pursue a career in law. But it was not just about offering advice and answering questions; it was about providing encouragement to help students achieve their goals. Barristers is incredibly fortunate to have so many judges and attorneys who generously volunteer their time and expertise. Through this event, Barristers was able to pay it forward to the next generation of attorneys.



Speaking of attorneys volunteering their time and expertise, in April, attorney Eugene Kim

of Stream Kim Hicks Wrage & Alfaro, PC presented a free CLE to Barristers entitled "Should I fake it till I make it?" During the presentation, Mr. Kim spoke to Barristers about challenges new attorneys face and how to conquer them. I may sound like a broken record, but it is this sense of support that truly makes practicing in Riverside such a rewarding experience.



Join us at our upcoming events!

- Joint "Hike" at Mt. Rubidoux with the HBAIE: Saturday, April 12, 2025, meet at 8:15 a.m. at the flagpole at Ryan Bonaminio Park located at 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside. Family, friends, and fur-babies are welcome to join.
- Barristers "Happy Hour" Mixer: Friday, April 18, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at The State, which is located at 3800 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501.
- Barristers "Happy Hour" Mixer & New Attorney Academy Graduation Celebration: Friday, May 16, 2025, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Lake Alice located at 3616 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501.
- Wine Tasting Outing in Temecula: Saturday, June 7, 2025—Save the date! More details are coming soon.

If you have an idea for Barristers or are interested in joining a Barristers committee (CLE, social, or community outreach) for the 2024-2025 term, I encourage you to contact me or any of the other Board members. I can be reached at (951) 783-9470 or summer.devore@streamkim.com.

Stay up to date by following us!

For additional information about our upcoming events and updates, please visit Barristers:

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Barristers Board Spotlight: Kevin E. Collins, 2024-2025 Treasurer

Kevin is an attorney at Rizio Lipinsky Heiting, PC, where he specializes in employment litigation and personal injury. This is Kevin's fifth year on the Barristers Board. Before becoming an attorney, Kevin worked in corporate accounting and finance for 13 years. Kevin is a self-proclaimed "avid cinephile," who also enjoys reading. Kevin hosted a monthly book club for several years. His favorite book is *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller.

Summer M. DeVore is an attorney with Stream Kim Hicks Wrage & Alfaro, PC in downtown Riverside where she specializes in business litigation. She is also a member of the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court. Summer can be reached at summer.devore@streamkim.com.

The Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court

by L. Alexandra Fong

The Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court ("Deegan Inn") is a professional organization comprised of attorneys and judicial officers and organized under the American Inns of Court. The Inn was established by Sharon Waters, Honorable Robert J. Timlin, Stanley Orrock, James Heiting, and Terry Bridges. It received its charter from the American Inns of Court in April 1992. The organization focuses on improving the skills and professionalism of the bench and the bar.

Each month, the Deegan Inn holds a dinner meeting, during which a team of members presents a program that focuses on matters of ethics, skills, and professionalism. The Deegan Inn was named for the Honorable Leo A. Deegan, a legend of the Riverside legal community. Judge Deegan first began practicing in Riverside in 1946 as a member of the Office of the District Attorney. After also serving in the County Counsel's office, he became the city attorney for the City of Riverside in 1958. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Edmund Brown in 1959. He served on the superior court until his retirement in 1975. In the late 1980s, he served for 14 months on the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in Sacramento.

Each year, the Deegan Inn recognizes both an attorney and a judicial officer for their outstanding contributions to the legal community, as well as for their professional accomplishments. The Terry A. Bridges Award honors an outstanding attorney, while the Leo A. Deegan Award honors an outstanding jurist. Additionally, the Deegan Inn's membership votes on its favorite presentation, and an award is given to that team.

Each year, the four Inland Empire Chapters of the American Inns of Court – Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court (Riverside), Hon. Joseph Campbell Inn of Court (San Bernardino), Southwest Inn of Court (Temecula), and The Warren Slaughter-Richard Roemer Inn of Court (Desert) hold a joint meeting. This year's joint meeting was hosted by the Southwest Inn and held at the Vienza Winery at Europa Village in Temecula Wine Country. Former United States Attorney Ali Moghaddas, the lead prosecutor in the *U.S.A. v. Thomas Vincent Girardi* trial, was the featured speaker at the joint meeting.

Since the 2018-2019 program year, the Deegan Inn has achieved Platinum status, the highest level awarded in the Achieving Excellence Program by the American Inns of Court. Achieving Excellence is a tiered achievement-based program that recognizes activities in which Inns are already involved and builds on an Inn's successes. Each level recognizes an Inn's progress toward mastering effective practices in five core competencies of Inn management: administration, communications, program development, mentoring, and outreach.

If you have any questions about Deegan Inn, you may contact any Deegan Inn member or officer. The 2024-2025 Deegan Inn board consists of Hon. Joshlyn Pulliam, Gabriel White, Hon. John Vineyard, Goushia Farook, Hon. Matthew Forsse, Michelanne Hrubic, Jeremy Roark, Maryann Briseno, Hon. Malvina Ovanezova, and Hon. Stefanie Field.

If you are interested in joining the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court, please visit our website at: www.deeganinnofcourt.org for additional information, including an application to apply

for membership. Applications are accepted now through mid-summer, for the 2025-2026 program year. Membership is by invitation only, and decisions are made by late summer.

L. Alexandra Fong is a deputy county counsel for the County of Riverside, practicing juvenile dependency in its Child Welfare Division, is a past-president of RCBA (president in 2017- 2018) and the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court (president in 2018- 2019), a former member of the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court, chair of the Project Graduate Steering Committee, co-chair of the Juvenile Law Section of RCBA, and a member of the RCBA Publications Committee.



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The Desert Bar Association

by Summer Shaw

It is a great honor to write something to introduce people to the Desert Bar Association ("DBA") because I can honestly say that I would not be the attorney I am today, without the support, camaraderie, and mentorship that I received from those I connected with through the DBA.

In 1951, the Desert Bar Association ("DBA") was established to "maintain and promote the honor and integrity of the legal profession and the judiciary, to increase the practice of law's usefulness in advancing the due administration of justice, to cultivate social activities among its members, to carry on and promote programs of continuing legal education and to support and administer programs and activities consonant with such goals" for all members of the Coachella Valley. But what does that really mean to attorneys of the Coachella Valley and beyond in 2025? It means a whole lot!

The DBA is not just an organization of attorneys and judges, but its membership has expanded over the years to include law students and affiliate members which includes **any member of the community** interested in the goals and objectives of the DBA.

The DBA is not just an organization offers continuing education for its members from time-to-time, so they may meet their MCLE requirements, but an organization that brings an already close-knit community even closer together.

With exciting social mixers at local venues, the DBA is not just able to bring its long standing legal community together, but to foster a welcoming of its new members. Whether we are gathering for a beverage and appetizers at a restaurant, collaborating with another association or group in town for a meal, or learning self-defense techniques and/or Tai Chi exercises to make us more relaxed and mindful while we go about our practice of law, the DBA and its members are sure to be having fun together while learning and bettering themselves.

The DBA also puts on some fabulous annual events that get all of the community involved, such as: the Hall of Fame Awards Evening, held in conjunction with The Warren Slaughter-Richard Roemer Inn of Court, where young and distinguished attorneys and jurists are honored for their service and professionalism within the legal community; the "Bird Awards" where the association members get together to write and produce an outstanding performance of music and acting (and always a good laugh); and the Annual Spring Golf Tournament where the community can come out and enjoy the fabulous weather

of the Coachella Valley and each other's time and company on a local green, whether you are "a golfer" or not.

And finally, the DBA is an organization that is actively giving back to its community and facilitating access to justice for all, through ongoing and long standing programs like: the "Lawyer in the Library" program where members volunteer to meet with the community to answer legal questions; the DBA's "First Friday" program, which provides a panel of volunteer mediators to the Superior Courts in Palm Springs and Indio, to assign matters to a free day of mediation; the Coachella Valley's own Fee Arbitration Program, which is staffed solely by volunteers that decide fee disputes between parties of the community; and, most importantly, through educational programs such as funding school buses so local school children can visit courthouses in the desert, or assisting the judiciary in organizing events where our esteemed appellate courts travel all the way to the desert to hold live oral arguments, in real cases, at one of our local high schools! The DBA is always looking to encourage the youth of the Coachella Valley to pursue education and employment in the legal professions.

As an individual that started out as a receptionist for a local attorney, who then became a paralegal, and then went to law school in the evening and became an attorney in 2012, I am living proof that the DBA welcomes all members of its community, at every stage of their career, and it is an organization made up of people that truly want to give back and encourage those that want to get involved, in one way or another, because all along my path to becoming an attorney, the DBA and its members were there to encourage me along, teach me to be a better professional, and give me a means to give back to my community.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly encourage not just members of the Coachella Valley, but all those in the surrounding areas, or those visiting our beautiful desert, to get involved in the DBA, come to a DBA event, become a member of the DBA, and be a part of an association of people that simply want to make the practice of law better every day!

Summer Shaw is the president of the Desert Bar Association for 2024-2025, and the managing attorney of Shaw & Hanover, PC in Palm Desert. Her practice focuses on bankruptcy and related matters. She is a Certified Bankruptcy Specialist and especially enjoys litigation and assisting small businesses and individuals in Chapter 11 matters.





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It's Time to Reconnect to Your Local Legal Community

by Shalah Fisher

The ways we connect with each other have drastically changed in recent years, especially with the advancement of technology. One of the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has been a reluctance to return to the "old ways." Out of necessity, people adapted to remote interactions, and many organizations continue to conduct their business remotely. There has been a collective shift in the ways we connect with each other – using videoconferencing instead of meeting in-person, texting instead of calling, using social media to stay current on the happenings in others' lives. This hasn't occurred in a professional vacuum but applies in our personal lives as well.

Southwest Riverside County practitioners can often feel isolated from the larger legal community in downtown Riverside. Distance can discourage participation in bar association events, leaving some feeling disconnected from their local bar. The Southwest Riverside County Bar Association ("SWRCBA") was formed in 1982 as a nonprofit 501(c)(6) corporation, to offer more local opportunities to the Southwest Riverside legal community. Our geographic region spans from Corona south to Temecula, and from Lake Elsinore east to San Jacinto and Hemet, and even includes the more remote Aguanga and Anza areas.

Our Association hosts a monthly lunch that is focused on relationship building and providing members with continuing legal education credit. We gather, network, enjoy lunch, and walk away having learned something new. We secure speakers to present on topics that fulfill the State Bar of California's MCLE compliance requirements, including the specific requirements for legal ethics, elimination of bias, competence, technology, and civility.

Some have voiced that they would prefer a remote program, but our board of directors has decided that it is valuable to continue to meet in-person. There is something to be said about meeting face-to-face, catching up with colleagues, and breaking bread across the table. Strong relationships are built over time, through seeing the same faces consistently, building reputations and trust. This is true not only for professionals, but for neighbors, schools, and faith communities.

Building a sense of community also allows local practitioners to build a robust referral network of trusted professionals. If we ourselves are unable to help a client with a specific issue, often times we know someone from our local bar association who can help. Word of mouth is still the best way to secure business in a world that has come to rely on online reviews, and it feels good to have a net-

work of people that we know and trust from our in-person interactions.

Although the SWRCBA has always been a modestly sized association in comparison with the larger bar associations of Southern California (looking at you – RCBA, SDCBA, and LACBA), in the last few years we have seen a decline in attendance at our monthly gatherings. We would like to extend an open invitation to all attorneys, judges, support staff, and legal-adjacent professionals to come and reconnect with your local legal community. In addition to our monthly luncheons, we enjoy gathering for a summer wine mixer and holiday celebration each year, as well as other educational and networking events – and we'd love to see you there!

We look forward to growing our membership and seeing some new faces in the crowd. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SWRCBA, you can apply online on our website: www.swrcba.org. If you have any questions about the SWRCBA, please do not hesitate to reach out to us on our website or by emailing southwestrcba@gmail.com.

The board of directors for 2025 is as follows: Deborah Fujiwara, *President*; Shalah Fisher, *Immediate Past President*; Barak Berlin, *Vice President*; Allison Tilton, *Secretary*; Kim Roberts, *Treasurer*; Michael Bender, *Board Member-at-Large*; Selina Steel, *Board Member-at-Large*; John Cannon, *Board Member-at-Large*, and Brandy Tristao, *Board Member-at-Large*. Many of our board members have served the association in some capacity for many years.

Shalah Fisher is a consumer bankruptcy attorney with New Tomorrow Law, APC. She is currently the immediate past president of the Southwest Riverside County Bar Association, having served as president in 2024. She also serves as secretary of the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum, and volunteers in the pro se bankruptcy clinic for Riverside Legal Aid.



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Installation of Officers Dinner 2025

The Annual Installation Dinner for the 2024-2025 Boards of RCBA and Barristers took place a little late this year. It was held at the Mission Inn on January 23, 2025, and was a memorable evening. Despite facing a recent medical emergency, President Mark Easter was in attendance, demonstrating incredible strength and commitment. In his heartfelt speech, the president shared his personal journey, inspiring everyone with words of hope and perseverance. He spoke about overcoming obstacles and thanked the many friends and family who had helped him in his recovery. His words resonated deeply with those present, leaving a lasting impression of courage and determination. The dinner not only celebrated the new leadership, but also reflected the spirit of overcoming adversity.

Andrew Saghian and Holland Stewart served as the masters of ceremonies. Judge Sophia Choi administered the oath of office to the RCBA board members. Mark Easter was installed to a second term as 2024-2025 president. The other officers installed were Megan Demshki (president-elect), Elisabeth Lord (vice president), Goushia Farook (CFO), Lauren Vogt (secretary), Erica Alfaro, Alejandro Barraza, Heather Green, and Malvina Ovanezova (directors-at-large), Lori Myers (past president), and Summer DeVore (as Barristers president, she sits on the RCBA Board).

Ted Stream gave the oath of office to the 2024-2025 officers of Barristers. Summer DeVore was installed as president. The other officers installed were Sharon Ramirez (president-elect), Nolan Kistler (secretary), Kevin Collins (treasurer), Henry Andriano, Derek Diemer, Ellen Peng, Amadna Perez and John Rafter (members-at-large), and David Rivera (past president).

Judge Craig Riemer (Ret.) presented the 2025 E. Aurora Hughes Award to Judge John Vineyard. This annual award was named in honor of E. Aurora Hughes who served as the 2008 RCBA president. The award is to honor a distinguished member of the RCBA for his or her service to the RCBA and to the legal community.

Megan Demshki presented RCBA lapel pins to Commissioner Stefanie Field and Julianna Tillquist for their 25-year or more membership in the RCBA.

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RCBA Board of Directors being sworn-in by Judge Sophia Choi



Barristers Board being sworn-in by Ted Stream



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Honorable John Vineyard

2025 Recipient of the E. Aurora Hughes Meritorious Award for Service

by Honorable Craig Riemer (Ret.)

At the annual dinner for the installation of officers on January 23, Judge John Vineyard's extraordinary record of service to the RCBA and the Riverside County legal community was recognized by presenting to him the E. Aurora Hughes Meritorious Award for Service.

Aurora Hughes had a long record of service to the RCBA, ultimately becoming president-elect. But before her year as president began, she was diagnosed with a progressive, incurable, and fatal disease. Faced with such a diagnosis, most of us would have decided that someone else could fill that office, so that we could focus on ourselves and our family for the few years that we had left. But that is not the choice that Aurora made. She was so dedicated to this organization and to this profession that she went ahead and served her year as president. From a wheelchair, she continued to serve another year as the immediate past president. And she did so with distinction.

We do not expect anyone to make the kind of sacrifice that Aurora chose to make. But the award that bears her name is intended to recognize a record of service to the local bar that is so broad, so continuous, and of such long duration that it demonstrates the same level of devotion that motivated Aurora.

One could illustrate John Vineyard's remarkable record of service by reciting the long, long list of boards and committees on which he has served, the offices that he has filled, and the activities that he has undertaken. I chose to demonstrate the magnitude of his service by comparing his career as a lawyer to his service to the bar.

John started practicing law in 1989, the same year he began to participate in the RCBA. He was selected as a commissioner 19 years later, in 2008. Although he continued to devote time to the bar after he became a judicial officer, let us consider for a moment just those 19 years as a lawyer. During that period, he served on the Barristers board for four years, including a year as president, and on the board of the RCBA for seven years, again, including a year as president. And he served at least 56 one-year terms on various RCBA committees, of which 13 terms were as the chair of the committee.

All together, during those 19 years as a lawyer he served as a committee member, committee chair, board member, or board president for 67 annual terms. Not many of us can match that.

Nor did his service to the bar end when he became a judicial officer. For instance, he continued to chair the Krieger Award committee for another 16 years. He has served on the



Judge John Vineyard
and Judge Craig Riemer (Ret.)

new attorney academy steering committee since it began in 2014. And he is currently a judicial master and officer with the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court.

We all know of people who sit on committees or boards but do little other than, well, sit. By contrast, John is a leader, a do-er. An example that I witnessed first-hand is when he assumed office as the RCBA's president in September of 1999. At that time, the RCBA was in serious financial straits, in danger of losing our building. John rolled up his sleeves, announced that the board would be meeting every week, and slowly but surely led the organization out of the red and into financial stability. Without him, the RCBA would be a renter today.

Another example of John as an active worker rather than a passive observer is his seven years in charge of our magazine, then known as *The Bar Bulletin*. As Jacqueline Carey-Wilson can tell you, being the editor of the magazine is a Sisyphean task. Each month for 11 months of the year, you choose a theme, enlist contributors, and monitor the submission of articles—push the rock up the hill, if you will. But once the issue goes to press, the rock rolls down the hill again, and you start all over on the next month's issue. It is a task that requires dedication and persistence, and John did it well.

More recently, John was instrumental in getting the New Attorney Academy off the ground. As Robyn Lewis describes it: "Judge Vineyard was an integral part of the development and creation of the Academy from its start. Without his involvement and commitment to the program, we would have never had the support of the court. The court's involvement and commitment to the program is what makes the program so special and so valuable. All of that is directly and solely attributable to Judge Vineyard."

In discussing service, the late President Jimmy Carter said that he felt compelled to "do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have, to try to make a difference." John's career-long record of service demonstrates that he feels an equal obligation to make a difference to the local legal community.

Thank you, John, for your remarkable record of service, for the service you will undoubtedly render to the RCBA, to our legal community in the future, and for setting an example for the rest of us to emulate.

Honorable Craig Riemer was president of the RCBA in 2000-2001, and is a retired judge of the Riverside Superior Court.



Project Graduate

by L. Alexandra Fong

Are you interested in helping struggling high school students graduate from high school? If so, Project Graduate needs you!

What is Project Graduate?

Project Graduate is a collaborative program of Riverside County Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Superior Court, and Riverside County Bar Association to assist foster youth who are having a difficult journey to graduate from high school.

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What is an educational representative?

An educational representative is an adult who has been vetted by Riverside County Department of Public Social Services and is approved to be a volunteer with the program. The vetting process consists of completing an application and submitting to a background check with a LiveScan (fingerprinting).

The educational representative is matched to a foster student who agrees to be in the program, after learning about the program through their social services practitioner. The educational representative is appointed to represent the student's educational rights by court order.

What are the duties of the educational representative?

The duties of an educational representative are varied, but include and are not limited to, the following:

1. Speak with the assigned foster youth at least once a month, outside of the day that we meet for educational calendar for the month.
2. Obtain the student's educational records (attendance, disciplinary, and GPA) monthly from the student's high school.

3. Attend meetings with school representatives to discuss the educational needs of the foster youth, which may include participating in the creation of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the student, attending IEP meetings, and attending disciplinary meetings.
4. Participate in Child and Family Team meetings with the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services.
5. Attend Steering Committee meetings via Zoom. Steering Committee meetings are held quarterly.
6. Prior to attending the educational calendar with your student, the representative completes an Individualized Educational Advocacy Plan form, which is a fillable form if the representative prefers to type. The representative also provides supporting documents (student educational records) to justify the award of points.
7. Attend educational calendars in person, once a month.

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L. Alexandra Fong is a deputy county counsel for the County of Riverside, practicing juvenile dependency in its Child Welfare Division, is a past-president of RCBA (president in 2017- 2018) and the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court (president in 2018- 2019), an emeritus member of the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court, chair of the Project Graduate Steering Committee, co-chair of the Juvenile Law Section of RCBA, and a member of the RCBA Publications Committee.



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In Memoriam: Charlotte Butt

(July 1939-December 2024)

Memories of Charlotte Butt Former Executive Director, RCBA

By Honorable David Bristow

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Charlotte Butt, one of the quiet giants of the Riverside legal community. Charlotte may not have been a lawyer, but she was nonetheless an integral part of the Riverside County Bar Association and had a profound impact on our legal community through her more than 30 years as a volunteer, employee, and ultimately Executive Director of the RCBA. Her commitment and devotion to the RCBA and its members during her three decades of service left a lasting mark on the bar, and on all those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Charlotte started volunteering at the RCBA in 1976, and was hired full time in 1978. She assisted several executive directors full-time prior to assuming that position in 2001 with the encouragement – if not insistence – of the Honorable Craig Riemer. Charlotte possessed a beautiful sense of humility and never sought attention or the limelight, and thus was never completely comfortable in the role as executive director. She was, however, devoted to the RCBA and its members, and so she reluctantly embarked upon her journey as the executive director.

Charlotte was the executive director during my tenure on the RCBA Board, including as president in 2006-07, and I was able to experience first-hand her kind and thoughtful personality and her wonderful relationship with the amazing RCBA staff. Charlotte was as much a den mother as she was a boss to both staff and attorneys alike, and was always supportive and encouraging, particularly to younger attorneys. Her gentle leadership style also served as the perfect foil to some of our more assertive (and brusque) members.

Under her stewardship, directed by the board, the RCBA was able to stabilize and grow after its financial difficulties in the 1990s, and by the time she retired in 2009, the RCBA was on solid financial and operational footing. Charlotte's remarkable devotion to the RCBA was reflected in her long tenure, a standard and tone that the organization has fortuitously been able to perpetuate. Indeed, Charlotte exemplified an underappreciated facet of the RCBA – the remarkable longevity of its staff. In a world (and profession) where employment is ever transitory, the RCBA has been blessed with a remarkably loyal cadre of key staff: Charlotte (33 years of service), our current executive director, Charlene



Charlotte Butt

Nelson (48 years), Lisa Yang (33 years), Mae Krems (34 years), and Lisa Ayala (21 years).

The RCBA is a remarkable organization, having been the foundation of Riverside County's legal community since it was established in 1894. Yet as important as the RCBA is to our legal community, it is the staff—most of whom are not lawyers—who have devoted (literally) much of their professional lives to our bar, and who have helped build the RCBA into such a tremendous organization.

The RCBA was lucky to have been such an important part of Charlotte's life for more than 30 years, and she should always hold a place of honor in our hearts. I know she will in mine.

By Robyn Lewis

How could you ever forget Charlotte Butt? With her beautiful red, wavy hair, her glasses perched on her face or around her neck, her infectious smile, and her constant attention to everything going on, she was a memorable and remarkable woman.

I first met Charlotte Butt as a brand new attorney. On the first Friday of working at my first job, I was dragged to a RCBA General Membership meeting with my then boss, Harlan Kistler. I was so nervous and became even more so as Harlan and I entered the Gabbert Gallery. I was just a stranger and knew no one.

Suddenly, I felt a hand on my shoulder and a warm, friendly voice saying hello. I turned around to see Charlotte, who introduced herself and welcomed me to the meeting. I immediately felt comfortable and felt like I already knew her.

As I started to become involved in the RCBA, Charlotte was always encouraging and supportive. I was lucky to meet and to get to know her lovely family, who volunteered their time for the then annual RCBA Gold Tournament. When my now husband and I wanted to coach mock trial, she connected us to her niece, who was the teacher advisor for the Mock Trial team at Santiago High School. As the years passed, Charlotte became a dear and cherished friend.

After serving my term as Barristers president, Charlotte was instrumental in my decision to run for the executive board. And it was Charlotte who convinced me to run for secretary of that board, which began my path to becoming president of the RCBA.

Perhaps my most cherished memory of Charlotte is all of the support and love that she offered to me when I

lost my daughter, Ellie Cate. In the aftermath of losing my daughter, I contemplated resigning from the board and not continuing with my involvement in the RCBA. Charlotte had also lost a child and was able to offer me guidance in dealing with my grief that few others were able to do at that time. Her support persuaded me to not give up, for which I will be forever grateful.

Years ago, our legal community lost another great woman, Louise Biddle, who was also a former executive director of the RCBA. Former RCBA President Terry Bridges remarked of Louise: "If the RCBA...could have a caring and loving mother, it would be Louise." The same could be said of Charlotte. She loved the bar association, she loved her staff, she loved lawyers, and she loved the legal community. She was a gem and I am so grateful for her friendship, as I know so many others are. She will be truly missed.

By Honorable Craig Riemer (Ret.)

These days, not many people stay in the same job for 33 years. But Charlotte Butt, our former executive director, was no ordinary person. Here is some of what I wrote about her in 2001, when we were celebrating a lesser but still impressive milestone that she had achieved: 25 years of service to the Riverside County Bar.

"Charlotte went on the RCBA payroll in June of 1976, and had been a volunteer in the office for several months before that. That was when the RCBA was headquartered on Tenth Street, before we moved into the Old City Hall on Seventh, and long before our purchase of our present building. And for those of you who measure the passage of time in the RCBA by the identity of our executive director, Charlotte started before Heidi, before Sue, before Louise, before Patsy, before Johnnie, and even before Bill.

"But nearly a hundred members and guests gathered in June [of 2001], not to celebrate merely the length of Charlotte's service, but the quality. Past President Jim Heiting said it best in a letter he wrote for the occasion. He noted that it has only been through 'Charlotte's unending loyalty and dedicated service' that the RCBA has been able to operate without an executive director for the last year and a half. 'Before that, she was the right hand and essential aid to our executive director. Whenever I have needed anything, I have always been able to call on Charlotte, and she has never refused me. She has always demonstrated herself to be willing, helpful, conscientious, and capable. I am sure that there were times when I have asked for information and for help, and it just piles one more thing onto her plate that is already way overloaded, but I never heard any complaints, or even any reluctance. Charlotte is always there for us.'

"Jim's experience over the years has been shared by every executive director, every president, officer, section and committee chair, and indeed by every member. It has certainly been my experience since I joined in 1980."

Fortunately, Charlotte's extraordinary service did not end in 2001. Instead, the month after that article appeared, she finally agreed to accept the role that had been offered to her over a year before but that she did not want: to be our executive director. Charlene Nelson recalls that I was the one who finally convinced her to take on that mantle, with the promise that she would not have to write monthly columns as some EDs had done.

I don't remember those details. What I do remember is that Charlotte served with distinction for another eight years. Until she retired in 2009, she continued to do what she had always done: to use her boundless energy and her years of experience to guide this Association and to serve its members. She did so in exemplary fashion, approaching every task with enthusiasm and with a positive, cheerful, can-do attitude.

At the same time, she was extremely modest. Just as she declined to write for the magazine, she shunned any public speaking and avoided any recognition of her achievements. She preferred to work in the background and to re-direct praise to others.

To me, her dedication to her job was illustrated by the way she moved within the office. She never simply walked from one part of the office to another. Instead, she would scurry, not quite breaking stride, to pack as much service into the day as she could. Similarly, a phone call from Charlotte began, not with a relaxed "Hi, Craig," but with an urgent "Craig!" as if every message or question had to be conveyed or answered quickly so she could get on to the next step of her day's work.

We could not have asked for a better, more dedicated, more loyal employee. We were so very lucky to have her working for us for so very long.

It is said that we are put on this earth to serve others. Charlotte's service to others – to her family, to the Bar, and to other organizations in the community – came to an end earlier this year. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with her will always remember the excellent service that she rendered to us. It is not an exaggeration to observe that all the members of the RCBA have benefitted and will continue to benefit from her efforts.

On behalf of all of us, I end with the same words with which I ended the article in 2001: "Thank you, Charlotte."

By Honorable John Vineyard

I first met Charlotte Butt in 1988 when I attended my first RCBA event. She was already an RCBA fixture, serving as the assistant executive director. She continued in that role until 1999, and was the go to person at the RCBA for support, help and knowledge of the organization. No matter how vital she was to the success of the RCBA, she stayed out of the spotlight, always avoiding attention.

In 1999 when I became RCBA president, the organization was in financial trouble. One of my first actions was to lay off our executive director – purely as a cost saving

measure. We were only able to take that drastic step because we knew we had Charlotte to take charge, and she did take charge. Charlotte was as responsible as anyone for leading the RCBA to a healthy financial position. But, as always, she wouldn't accept credit or attention. We initially named her interim executive director, but only because she refused the title of executive director, despite my best efforts. It was many years as "interim" before someone finally convinced Charlotte to accept the title for the job that she had been doing for years.

Charlotte could be "all business" when she needed to be – as many building tenants can attest – but my fondest memories are her "straight man" to the comedy of BJ Burgess (our former bookkeeper). Butt and Burgess could hold their own with Laurel and Hardy or Martin and Lewis. Charlotte and BJ worked as a team better than anyone – except maybe Charlotte and Lisa (Yang), Charlotte and Louise (Biddle), Charlotte and Patsy (Martin) or Charlotte and the RCBA president (whoever that might be). She made every team better.



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Opposing Counsel: Andrew Saghian

by Betty Fracisco

If you wondered who that dynamic master of ceremonies was at the Riverside County Bar Association Installation dinner at the Mission Inn recently, let me introduce to Andrew Saghian, litigation associate at Best Best & Krieger in Riverside and chair of the RCBA Civil Litigation Section. Andrew is a "local boy" in that he was born in Upland and spent his childhood in Rancho Cucamonga, then Upland. His father, an electronics engineer, and his mother, a database administrator, were Armenian immigrants who met at the University of La Verne. He had a happy childhood, with supportive parents in a working-class neighborhood, attending the local public schools in Rancho Cucamonga.

Andrew graduated from Alta Loma High School, where he played soccer for four years while also playing on his club team, the Claremont Stars. He was so preoccupied that he didn't think of college seriously until his senior year. Not wanting to venture too far from home, he began at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). During his two years there he was employed with UPS, which ate up most of his free time. Then he received word of an Armenian Studies Program at UCR and decided he had to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about his culture. He transferred to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for his last two years, and although he took as many of the Armenian Studies classes as he could fit into his schedule, he graduated with a major in political science. During his UCLA days, he actually interned with a music label in LA. After graduation, he became a case clerk with Shepard Mullin in their labor and employment practice group for two years. He found the work interesting, and he was encouraged by several of the attorneys to take the LSAT. Gregg Fisch and Ruben Escalante became his mentors. During this time, he commuted by train/bus from home in Upland to work in Century City every day, a daunting feat, which he continued when he entered Loyola Law School, only adding the Loyola Shuttle from school to the train in downtown Los Angeles.

During law school at Loyola, Andrew was a member of their Ninth Circuit Clinic. He briefed and argued a due process claim before the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. After his first year of law school, through the efforts of Ruben Escalante, he interviewed with Judge Virginia Phillips of the US District Court for the Central District of California and served as a judicial extern for her during that summer, while she was still in Riverside. It was Judge Phillips who suggested Best Best & Krieger as a possible employer, based on its size, its impact, and its role in the community. At Shepard Mullin, while in labor and employment, he had seen it was hard to break into the entertainment industry, and he had



Andrew Saghian

decided he wanted to do litigation. So, he applied with Best Best & Krieger and worked there the summer between his second and third year, after which they offered him a job after he passed the Bar. During his time as a summer associate at "BBK" he firmed up his desire to litigate.

After he passed the Bar, Andrew began his career at BBK, following in the footsteps of many other BBK attorneys who began their careers as summer associates. He practices general litigation, which covers a wide range of cases. In fact, BBK lists his practice areas as "contract claims, business and real property disputes, tort litigation, civil rights actions,

employment/discrimination claims, property tax appeals, eminent domain, and inverse condemnation." As a result, he works long hours, always exploring new aspects of the law, and is never bored. He has had the good fortune of several mentors who showed him the ropes, namely Scott Ditfurth, Mark Easter, and Howard Golds.

Andrew has a busy life, and he is just taken on the responsibilities of being chair of the Litigation Section of the RCBA. He is looking forward to interacting with his fellow litigators and organizing monthly MCLE meetings. His other outside involvement has been with the International Right of Way Association—Inland Empire Chapter 57.

Otherwise, Andrew's free time is spent with friends and family. He married his wife, Taline, between his second and third years of law school. They had known each other almost since childhood and met through an Armenian youth organization where he played basketball with her brother, now his close friend and brother-in-law. They began dating in high school when she was attending Ontario Christian and he Alta Loma. They have two daughters, and Taline is an account manager for a logistics brokerage. Andrew proudly admits that one of his most enjoyable activities at present is coaching his older daughter in her first year of soccer, which brings a smile to his face. Other activities include playing basketball almost weekly in La Verne with his childhood friends and an occasional golf game.

Andrew Saghian is just one of those people who give lawyers a good name...someone who works hard to solve problems and represent his clients in the best way possible, and whose life is replete with family and friends. He is a credit to the RCBA and the legal community.

Betty Fracisco is an attorney at Garrett & Jensen in Riverside, a member of the RCBA Publications Committee and a longtime member of the Board of Governors of California Women Lawyers..



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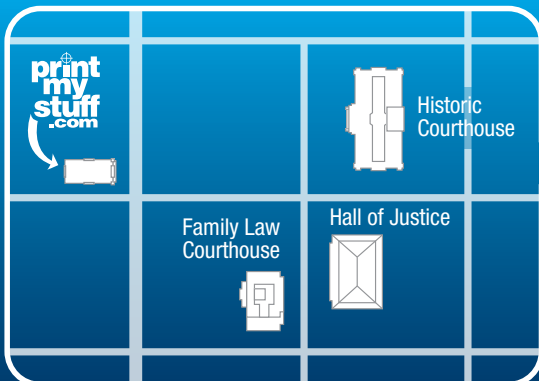
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Riverside County Superior Court – Proposed Local Rule and Form Changes Effective July 1, 2025

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside proposes local rule and/or form changes effective July 1, 2025.

Proposed changes to local rules and/or forms: Local Rule 3132 – Appearing Remotely at Non-Evidentiary Hearings (Amended); Local Rule 7010 – Appearing Remotely at Non-Evidentiary Hearings (Amended); Local Rule 7404 – Confidentiality (Amended); Local Rule 10015 – Executive Committee (Amended); Local Rule 10025 – Countywide Judges Meetings (Amended).

To view the proposed changes, please visit the Local Rules page on the court's website.

Please direct any comments regarding the proposed changes to the Riverside Superior Court Executive Office, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, or may be emailed to CourtExecutiveOffice@riverside.courts.ca.gov, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025, so they can be considered as part of the local rule and form adoption process.



The following persons have applied for membership in the Riverside County Bar Association. If there are no objections, they will become members effective April 30, 2025.

Alicia Aquino (A) – Aquino Trial Solutions, San Diego

Vanessa A. Gonzalez – Law Student, Murrieta

Robert S. Gurwin – Yahoo Inc, Palm Springs

Eric M. Michael – Southern California Disability Law Group, Riverside

Victoria C. Minnich – Pettit Kohn et al., San Diego

Greg Norris – Law Student, Temecula

Kent M. Sommer – Los Angeles County Counsel's Office, Los Angeles

(A) – Affiliate Member



CALENDAR

APRIL

- 7** Roundtable with Judge Hopp
12:15, Zoom
MCLE
- 11** Civil Litigation Section Meeting
12:00, Zoom
- 15** Family Law Section Meeting
Noon, RCBA Gabbert Gallery
- 18** General Membership Meeting
Noon, RCBA Gabbert Gallery
Topic: "Autism and the Law"
Speaker: Jeremy Roark
MCLE
- 22** Good Citizenship Awards
1:00 PM
Historic Courthouse, Department 1

- 24** Reading Day/Adopt-a-School
9:00 – 10:00 AM
Woodcrest Elementary

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- 2** Probate Marathon
RCBA Gabbert Gallery
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

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The mission of the Riverside County Bar Association is: To serve our members, our communities, and our legal system.

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