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King Talks To Students About Race

By Jennifer Brobst

On Sunday, October 15, Coretta Scott King addressed an open forum of about 300 USD students and guests in the University Center. She is one of the first of several speakers sponsored by the Associated Students of USD in continuing lecture series.

After being introduced as a voice of "reason and healing" amid "an ever-widening racial divide in America," and entering to a standing ovation, Coretta Scott King began by remembering her childhood. As a child, she said her friends had to go to the rear of the local ice cream store to see what flavors remained after the white children had finished ordering. Despite this early history, King reflected that the 1955-1968 Civil Rights Movement achieved more to eradicate racial discrimination than the efforts in the four centuries which had preceded it. She particularly emphasized the 1964 Civil Rights Act which brought about desegregation. Nevertheless, King noted that today less than two percent of political office-holders are African-American, despite the fact that about 12 percent of the general population is African-American.

Race relations have been highlighted by the media in a negative way, according to King, especially since the O.J. Simpson trial and verdict. "Among intelligent, thoughtful people of all races, the trial should have no effect at all," she said. "There is something wrong when one case gets more news attention than another."

"Simpson is so influential upon the public. However she acknowledged that the Simpson trial did emphasize the problem of racism in law enforcement throughout America as well as the crisis of domestic violence.

West Law Limits Student Use of On-Line Services

By Weidi Whitman

Effective Sept. 1 of this year, Westlaw began limiting student access to its services to 25 hours of on-line time and 100,000 lines of printing per month for each user. Westlaw spokesperson Gregory Brown stated that the plan is aimed at teaching students to "budget" access to on-line services, such as LEXIS and Westlaw, and to curb abuses by students and law firms, according to a recent article in New York University's law school paper The Commentator.

According to The Commentator, Brown explained that law librarians in both schools and firms had complained that "students did not have an awareness of the cost of on-line services." Brown went on to say that law librarians and others suggested giving students a monthly "budget" of on-line time and printing in order to give students a better sense of the costs of electronic research.

Cost figures for Westlaw usage are not normally provided to students through any of Westlaw's communications with students. Although LEXIS permits any user to check the cost of her research session by typing "cost," a law student using this feature will find that her cost is "$0.00."

Westlaw also decided to limit student access because some law firms ask their law student employees to use their student access numbers for firm research, a practice that violates Westlaw's terms of service. Brown stated in the NYU article that Westlaw has taken actions against eight such firms in the past year. However, he noted that in such instances, Westlaw does not take formal action against the student (see Westlaw on page 7).
WHAT'S NEW IN THE LRC? BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Compiled by Franklin A. Weston
Senior Reference Librarian

FINKEL, John. The idea of an Ethical Community. Rejects contempo-
rary positions—the liberal theorist's politi-
cally neutral stance toward alternative conceptions of good, on the one hand, and the community's moral relations, on the other.

CLARK, Hunter R., Justice Brennan: The great conciliator. Traces the various
stages of Justice Brennan's life: his Irish
Catholic upbringing, his service as a labor
trouble-shooter for the army during WWII, his tenure as a NJ state judge, his bit-
ter confrontation with Sen. Joe McCarthy, and ultimately his career on the Supreme Court.

CLARKSON, Chris M.V. The politics of Sentencing Reform. Brings together
case studies of legislative sentencing
reform initiatives in the USA and Canada,
Australia, Sweden, and England and Wales
alongside essays by leading international
authors on the impetus for and dynamics of change.

COTTERELL, Roger. Law's Community: Legal theory in sociological
perspective. Offers a distinctive analysis of
law, identifying political and moral prob-
lems that are fundamental to contempo-
rary legal theory.

DANIELS, Stephen. Civil Juries and
Policy debate on tort reform.

CHARVET, Richard. The Crowds: Counterfeit heroes and unhappy
heroes. Shows how the quest for "strong blood-
lines" expressed itself in specific state laws
and public policies from the Progressive Era through World War II.

FRANK, Frank H. Questions of
Judgment: Determining what's right. Gives a new window on knowledge by
examining judgment as exercise, an aspect
that has received little notice since Aristotle.

HILL, ANITA DAYE. Race, Gender, and
Power in America: The legacy of the Hill-
Thomas hearings. Presents a collection of
disparaged counterpoints to the multilateral
negotiation process to identify those factors
making for success of failure.

HILL, BOB. Double Jeopardy:
Oblivion, murder, and justice denied. Weaves a tale of a frustrated police inves-
tigation and the calculated, highly publi-
cized antagonism between the defense
attorney and the prosecution and how the
jury had to deal with the decision. [No, it's
not about the O.J. case!]

HOEBKE, C.H. The Road to Mars
Democracy: Original intent and the
Seventeenth Amendment. Offers a
provocative, readable, and often seditious
look at the relationship between the "law on the
books," as set down in the Constitution
and as developed in cases and decisions, and
"common sense justice," the ordinary citi-
zens' notions of what is just and fair.

HACKETT, David A. The Buchenwald
Report. Presents the official report based on
the camp's own incriminating files and
records, and also from the individual reports from eyewitness camp inmates.

HAMPSON, OSLER. Multilateral
Negotiations: Lessons from arms control,
trade, and the environment. Studies the component parts of the multilateral
negotiation process to identify those factors
making for success of failure.

LOW-Beer, Frank H. Sex Discrimination in the Legal Profession. Offers results of surveys conducted by the
Low-Berk in 1984 and 1990 and challenges the notion that legislation outlawing discrim-
ination actually works.

MACLEAR, J.E. Church and State in
the Modern World: A documentary history.
Collects virtually every major document
associated with the evolution of the post-
Reformed churches-Catholic, Protestant,
and Orthodox—as their relationship to the
simultaneously developing modern state in the West, and follows each selec-
tion with suggestions for further reading.

MEAN, SHEILA A.M. Law Reform
and Medical Injury Litigation. Examines
how the court for claims against doctors, the
problems of gaining access to the legal sys-
tem, and the reconsideration of the basis
on which clinicians are held liable for
accidents or negligence.

ROBERTS, Ronald Suresh. Clarence Thomas and the Tough Love
Crowd: Counterfeit heroes and unhappy
trials. Examines the various aspects of the
law student from the Whittier team, where the tournament was sponsored, was
killed in a tragic accident on the way
home from a party thrown for players from
to all teams. The tournament has been
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O.K. here is this month's hot info: THERE WILL BE NO SUMMER BAR EXAMINATION HELD IN SAN DIEGO. WE WILL ALL HAVE TO GO TO LOS ANGELES OR ELSEWHERE TO TAKE THE BAR. Yes, this is true. Our good friends the Republicans are coming to towns this summer for a little get-together, and there is no space available to hold the bar exam.

Only students with disabilities may have to travel to San Diego, and they must petition early to get space. So, we have to go somewhere else and stay in hotel rooms. Just a nice way of adding stress. Here is the advice: start listing other law schools, which will be donated to a local charity in the name of all USL law students. On a sad note, a law student from the Whittier team, where the tournament was sponsored, was killed in a tragic accident on the way home from a party thrown for players from all teams. The tournament has been renamed in the student's honor, and hopefully it is something that continues in the future to help build the image of law student in the community.
Bar Exam Results

Bar Pass Rate of 41 Percent Is The Lowest Figure Since 1986

By Michael J. Hall
Daily Journal Staff Writer

The 41.6 percent pass rate on the February bar exam is the lowest in almost 10 years, according to figures released by the State Bar Tuesday, but the 1.7 percent drop from the 1994 exams does not appear to signal anything significant.

"If the rate were to drop below 40 percent or go on the constant down, I'd want to look at it, but don't think this is statistically significant," said Jerome Sesnic, the bar's senior executive for admissions.

The pass rate for 1996 is the lowest since 1986 when only 59.1 percent of applicants passed. In 1987, the grading system for the exam was reevaluated and pass rates for February have been in the 40th percentile since.

In all, 1,463 people who took this year's February bar passed, out of 3,515 takers. That compares to the 3,546 people who passed of 5,671 takers in February, 1994. The representation is a 63.3 percent pass rate.

Pass rates and the number of people taking the February exams are traditionally significantly lower than those who take the July bar exams, given more than two months to study after law school graduation.

Many of those taking the February test are people who have already failed it once people who have already failed it once before, looking for a much lower pass rate. For instance, of the 7,058 who took the July, 1994 bar, 4,459, or 63.2 percent, failed.

However, according to the bar's statistics, 75.3 percent of the first-time applicants from American Bar Association-accredited law schools passed, while 31 percent of the first-time applicants from State Bar accredited schools passed. The first-time pass rate for graduates of unaccredited schools was 4.9 percent.

For those repeating graduates, the pass rate for ASA law school graduates was 69.1 percent, for those from State Bar-accredited schools it was 22.1 percent, and among graduates of unaccredited law schools it was 17.8 percent.

The bar usually issues specific breakdowns by individual law schools about two to three weeks after it releases the overall pass rates. Those who passed this year's exams were not necessarily all admitted to the bar because they must pass a moral character exam as well. They must also be current in any child or family support payments, as reported by the state's district attorneys.

In addition to those passing the bar, 65.3 percent of the 170 lawyers who took the attorney's examination passed, the bar reported.

The attorney's exam is given to lawyers who have practiced four out of the last six years in other states. Attorneys who pass all the requirements for admission may either take their admittance oath individually or participate in admission ceremonies held throughout the state in June.
Dear Belinda:

I read with interest your recent article on Danit Black and her experience drafting legislation. The premise of your article - that the legislature is a very important source of law which must be understood by lawyers and the general public - is fundamentally correct. However, one sentence in your final paragraph is happily incorrect. Although the legislative and regulatory processes - which are the most pervasive and influential sources of law today - are ignored by most law school curricula, USD offers several courses in which students can study and participate in both processes. The Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) offers two courses in which students study the state legislative process you described in your article, and also the rulemaking process through which state regulatory agencies adopt binding regulations which have the force of law (an equal, if not more important and even more invisible process). In California Administrative Law and Practice, CPIL interns not only study these processes, they are given a unique opportunity to observe them and participate in them. In the course, interns are assigned to personally monitor the activities of two different regulatory agencies. As part of this assignment, they track pending legislation affecting these agencies or their licensees, and they track rulemakings of the agency under the state Administrative Procedure Act. This experience exposes law students to cutting edge legal issues and to the policy deliberation and decision making.

In Public Interest Law Clinic, students who have completed California Administrative Law and Practice may design their own advocacy project related to regulatory or public interest law which may include the drafting and lobbying of legislation or a petition to the agency to adopt rules. CPIL has had several legislative successes spawned by student interns - for example, students drafted a petition to the Public Utilities Commission to strike down a business practice as a restraint of trade and to require public disclosure of the information. Other projects have included a lawsuit to prevent the state from imposing a fee to support school sports programs, a successful lawsuit to prevent the city of San Diego from violating the Growth Management Act, and a successful pro-bono case to prevent the city of San Diego from violating the State's open meetings act.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Belinda:

I was honored that Miosotis has generously professed my efforts at passing legislation. It really is quite simple to turn an idea into a bill proposal. A bill becomes a law. As a fellow legal professional, I believe it is imperative to understand the legislative process that starts with an idea and becomes law. Should we explore the intricacies of the law, it is possible to help create or shape the laws of tomorrow. Additionally, I've noticed in watching bills pass or fail, it is the lack of education the public receives about the legislative process and their potential role. Many good bills fail because people don't know they can provide actual input by letting their legislators know their position - or bad bills may pass for the same reason.

Your thoroughly researched article clarifies the process for all of us.

Sincerely,

Dan Black

To the Editor:

I am outraged that Miosotis' columns contain nothing more important than parking to write about. I am referring to the October 4 Belinda ... Say's "SAY GOODBYE TO THE WHINING!"

According to your own reporter, Jeff Lawrence, in his October 4th Miosotis front page article, only 30 parking places were eliminated, and these were already renumbered.

"I am sick and tired of students whining about the non-existent parking problems."

After the Hughes Center construction is completed in December, this school has shuttles to cart students on a less than 1/2 mile walk between parking fringes and the main part of campus. What more could you ask for? Miosotis has had several legislative successes spawned by student interns - for example, students drafted a petition to the Public Utilities Commission to strike down a business practice as a restraint of trade and to require public disclosure of the information. Other projects have included a lawsuit to prevent the city of San Diego from imposing a fee to support school sports programs, a successful lawsuit to prevent the city of San Diego from violating the State's open meetings act. That clinic permits students to choose from several courses in which they can study and participate in the legislative process and the potential role of attorneys in the process.

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Professor Scott Ehrlich is visiting this year from California Western School of Law. An outgoing and bright new addition to the USD faculty, Prof. Ehrlich is teaching the evening Property course.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, which he refers to as "intense" since he grew up in housing projects, Prof. Ehrlich came to San Diego via Colorado, Northern California and Massachusetts. He attended the State University of New York at Stonybrook where his undergraduate major was Anthropology. In 1976 he received his JD from New York University. For a few years he worked, practicing Real Estate Investment Law in New York City and San Mateo, CA. He did background memoranda for the current Bankruptcy Code which was enacted in 1978. Then Prof. Ehrlich went to Harvard University for his LL.M.

California Western School of Law in San Diego recruited Prof. Ehrlich directly from Harvard, and he has been teaching there ever since. He teaches Real Property, Real Estate Transactions, and Secured Transactions. When asked why he went into teaching, Prof. Ehrlich describes how it was the perfect situation for him because he had a public speaking phobia. This is obviously something he conquered. Ask any of his current students and they will tell you how unique and entertaining he is. When Prof. Ehrlich is talking about current topics he can feel the intense passion that he has for it. He takes it seriously, yet has a lot of fun doing it.

When asked what he thought about the Socratic method of teaching and if he thought the effective means of education, in really illuminating to the students that they have the common sense and ability to reach the same conclusions that he would reach, "He went on to state that the Socratic method has a place in the classroom, but often what is called the Socratic method is not really the type of dialogue that Socrates would engage in." Prof. Ehrlich stressed that the method can be modified and improved and used as a tool for domination. He believes that for effective teaching, using the Socratic method correctly along with other teaching methods reaches more students, since most students have diverse learning styles.

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By Donna L. Fahl

New Prof Has Good Advice

Professor Victoria Dodd is visiting this year from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. A warm and friendly addition to the USD faculty, she teaches Civil Procedure in section A and the evening Constitutional Law course.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Professor Dodd was happy to return to California. She is enjoying the students at USD and the break from the northeast weather. Professor Dodd received her undergraduate degree in History and Political Science from Harvard University in 1970 and then attended the University of Southern California Law Center. She graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif in 1978 and then began her legal career as a civil litigator. She worked for a Los Angeles firm on large scale business cases, representing the Ford Motor Company and Pan American Airways.

Professor Dodd decided to go into teaching so that she might have more time to devote to exploring legal issues in depth. Her major area of interest is law and education. She is currently writing a book on law and education, which has twice been the past chairperson of the Law and Education Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

By Paul J. Devine

New Prof Has Good Advice

Professor Dodd is also interested in developing more efficient ways of managing the courts. She has spearheaded a project to develop a private system to accredit state courts nationwide which has attracted some interest. Forbes and other magazines interviewed her on this topic and the idea was endorsed by an editorial in the National Law Journal.

Professor Dodd is an occasional player on the faculty softball team. She recommends attending the exceptional way to meet students in other sections, and to sample different areas of law. She suggests sampling the different areas and choose specific areas to explore to meet and consider obtaining further degrees as a next step for those who enjoy the dynamic teaching environment of Socrates. In Civil Litigation, she recommends that students take a broad course selection, that they have advocacy experience, and that they be sure that their writing and research abilities are at very good level.

If you would like to meet Professor Dodd, please drop by her office at room 310 at the Warren Hall. She encourages students to drop by.

By Chris Lamb

New Prof Has Good Advice

Spring registration will be here sooner than you expect, so here's the skinny on one of the new professors (look for the low down on the new prof in upcoming issues).

Michael David Ramsey will be teaching two classes in the spring, Bankruptcy and Foreign Relations Law. Currently he is teaching International Business Transactions.

Professor Ramsey was recruited from the private sector where he was a transactional attorney in international law and business. He intends to incorporate practice-oriented information and techniques into his classroom curriculums, as he remembers feeling that his own law school education had prepared him for actual practice. If this seems like a novel idea, there's more: Professor Ramsey wants to teach his students how to prevent litigation. This, of course, is the mark of a successful transactional attorney.

Here's the bio information, for those of you who only respect people who have some intellectual superiority: Prof. Ramsey graduated summa cum laude from Dartmouth and first in his class at Stanford Law School. He clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia, on the Order of the Coif in 1978 and then began his legal career as a civil litigator. He worked for a Los Angeles firm on large scale business cases, representing the Ford Motor Company and Pan American Airways.

Professor Ramsey enjoyed transactional work, but missed the ability to pursue more scholarly research and writing. As such, he was encouraged to begin his scholarly pursuits as soon as practicable, probably in the spring. He hopes to determine the scope of, and propose solutions to, the Act of State Doctrine. In addition, he is very enthusiastic about research on the constitutionality of multilateral dispute resolution panels. Students who are interested in these areas should drop by his office (he'll be needing a research assistant).

And now for the really useful information. Prof. Ramsey intends to maintain an open door policy, although he does have official office hours (Tues. 1:30 – 3:00; Wed. 1:30–5:00; Thurs. 1:30–3:00). He usually won't be available much on Friday. He is in Warren Hall, Room 310, inside the Study Abroad office (next door to Prof. Zacharias and one door down from Prof. Lee). Diane Githens is his secretary; she's located on the second floor, Room 218. He believes in the volunteer approach to student class participation, but will call on people in the absence of voluntary participation. Students should be comfortable with his directness and his unapologetic, unorthodox classroom approach. The class format is a combination of lecture and discussion. He lecturers on the technical aspects of the law, but prefers chunking the material into manageable, comprehensible legal points. His exams will be in standard essay format.
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Belinda Etezad Rachman says:

You don't have to be a practitioner of the "world's oldest profession" to make money by selling your body. There are quite a few legal ways poor law students may financially enrich themselves if they have the extra time and in some cases the nerve.

If you are uninhibited at heart and enjoy being part of the creative process, local art schools need nude models for their life study classes. This is one of the few times when the more Rubenesque you are, the faster it is to get a job. For some reason art students enjoy drawing models and volume over lean muscle. You need to be able to hold a pose for 20 minutes, although many poses need only be held for one to five minutes. You can earn $10 - $15 per hour and each job is a minimum of three hours. How many jobs have you had that allow a break every 20 minutes? There is a rumor that there is a male 3rd year law student who has been doing this a while. If you would like a part time job that can be worked around your schedule, you have a car and want to be yourself immortalized in all your glory call Pam Whidden at the San Diego Artist Models Guild at 488-6611.

If you want to keep your clothes on but still be willing to part with body fluids, then plasma donation may be for you. It takes three hours to remove the blood, separate the plasma from the red blood cells and give you back the red blood cells. Just think all the reading you can get done while you are tied to the chair. And those chairs are really comfy, like your dad's Barco Lounger. You can go as often as twice a week, seven days a week. They will test your blood for HIV so you get a free test as well. If you donate twice a week you can earn $120 per month. If you have special antibodies you make money more, up to $340. Since plasma is 96% water all you need to do to replenish yourself is to drink more water for 24 hours afterwards. Eat light before you go, no fried foods or alcohol for 24 hours before donation. If you bring a buddy to donate with you, you get another $15. If you aren't afraid of needles and can find a 24 hour period when you are alcohol free call the Alpha Therapeutic Corporation at 265-7550.

For the men I have a really special find. We all know that masturbation is a normal part of almost everyone's life. How would you like to earn $80 per week for doing something you'd do anyway, while engaging in the latest in visual stimulation? (movies and magazines, guys, no live females involved) If you don't mind the idea that you may have children running around the world whom you will never know then, the local sperm bank invites you to apply. And while we are at it, for a few feet ten inches, have attended college at least one year, not be adopted, willing to commit 6 months to one year of visiting the sperm bank once or twice a week and willing to go through a complete medical exam. If the safest sex available appeals to you call the California Fertility Clinic at 265-0107.

If procreation by turkey baster is not for you, you hate needles and won't strip in front of strangers then we will have to sit by the phone waiting for that legal job offer. Prospective employers can reach me at the Motions office.

Eydie Kaufman is the lucky winner of the Brief Easy software this month. Write for Motions and you too could win valuable gifts and prizes.

Westlaw Continued from page 1 involved, but instead turns the issue over to their law schools for internal disciplinary action. Law students' Westlaw identification numbers are usually deactivated over the summer break, but students working in journals and other research are commonly able to reactivate their numbers.

According to Westlaw, the average student uses the service just 1.3 hours per year, an less than 1% of law students are expected to reach the limit, three-quarters of whom are expected to be journal staffers. Brown noted that over 25 hours per month is a rarity, and occurs through "most justly above by student."

Law student users of Westlaw and LEXIS are already limited in the choice of databases they can use. Some of the more costly (and appealing) services such as LEXIS' "ALLNEWS" and Westlaw's "People Finder" databases are completely unavailable to law students. LEXIS student users will find such services are simply not shown on their menus, while Westlaw prevents access to such services with a brief message informing the user that the selected service is not available under the terms of the service agreement. LEXIS currently has no plans to limit student access to its services.

Journal staffers are automatically exempted from the limit, and names of such students have been turned over to Westlaw to ensure their accounts were not affected by the cap.

Brown said that Westlaw has no plans to communicate formally with students about the new limits. Law librarians were notified of Westlaw's decision by letter sent to their deans. Students at USD are surprised and concerned with Westlaw's decision not to formally notify them of the new limitations. "What if I did use the system for a lot of hours one month for a paper or competition and suddenly was investigated? How am I supposed to know what to do?" Jeffrey Lamoreaux, a 3L at USD, commented.

Larry Dershem, USD Reference Librarian and Computer Research Specialist, stated that the comment caught L.R.C administration off guard. "The saving grace here may be that it won't adversely impact most students here because most of them don't use the system for a large amount of hours each month. I do wonder what this means in the way of further limitations." Dershem added that this is part of a trend in on-line services towards streamlining and saving money.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

By Jennifer Brooks

In 1978, a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Bowling Green, Kentucky used Colonel Sanders and various newspapers for printing the following interview with Colonel Sanders on the subject, "Is a chicken wing white meat?" The Kentucky Supreme Court found no cause of action for which relief could be granted given that the Colonel's comments were too general, but they remain memorable nonetheless. Here's a tasty tidbit from the published opinion:

"My God, that gravy is horrible. They buy tap water for 15 to 20 cents a gallon and then they mix it with flour and starch and end up with pure wallpaper paste. And I know wallpaper paste, by God, because I've seen my mother make it.

To the 'wallpaper paste' they add some 'sludge and sell it for 65 or 75 cents a pint: There 's no nutrition in it and they ought not to be allowed to sell it.'"
The Virtual Law Firm

By Larry D. Dershem

Lexis Counsel Connect (or LCC for short) is the latest in the fast-growing on-line service for professionals in the world, and is still the only such service designed exclusively for lawyers. Launched in late 1992 as American Law Media’s “Counsel Connect,” it merged with Mead Data’s LEXIS-NEXIS in February 1994, and was re-dubbed Lexis Counsel Connect. What exactly is Lexis Counsel Connect, and why should you care?

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Family Law Today: An Interview with Jeffrey Bostwick

By Ken Long

Back in Biblical times if you happened to be male and didn't like your spouse, you could marry another one and have two. If she did something bad, you could bring her to the town square and have her flogged with stones until she died. Not much of a market for divorce lawyers, and not a good environment for Women's Rights.

Times have changed. Divorce is more complicated. Every year there are hundreds of changes in the law relating to divorce and family law. In reality, California family law statutes appear. Although the basic method of practicing family law is the same, the law is forever in a state of flux.

There is plenty of work, you can earn a living, and be expected, family law is an excel- lent way to get into court. This doesn't mean once you get to court and have a spouse for two years, then she "hurts out a shingle." Stock has been a sole practi- tioner for three years specializing in family law. No fault divorce is what she did. St.ock ended up winning Best Oralist and, ironically, went on to practice criminal defense.

Stock became involved in family law "basically out of necessity." Stock noted that there is a great deal of opportunity in the practice of family law. She prefers criminal defense, but finds family law very interesting. "There are so many cross-over issues, tax and/or estate plan- ning for example. It's like taking the bar - spot the issues and then know when to refer to a specialist." To those interested in the practice of family law, Stock first advises, "You need to enjoy working with numbers," referring to the complicated issue of calculat- ing spousal and child support and divi- sion of property. The skill of mediation and negotiation is also a major asset in this field, according to Stock. Stock feels very strongly that media- tion should be utilized much more in family law. "Diversions are becoming too costly," Stock said. "The new disclosure laws make it almost a discovery process."

More importantly, however, Stock stressed that the Court is not the proper forum to settle family disputes. Stock expressed that due to the expenses involved, there are presently too many people trying to represent themselves. Because of the highly emotional level of the parties, divorce becomes a battle- ground. When asked about the emotional fall- out for an attorney dealing with these highly charged emotional issues, Stock said it is very easy to get too emotionally involved. She speaks from experi- ence, as is that how she first started out. However, she quickly realized she had to find a way to effectively deal with the emotional aspect. Stock says she now constantly reminds herself that this is the most stressful and emo- tionally wrenching time of the practice, probably ever been through. Stock empathizes and this keeps her balanced.

She said that although it is easy to get frustrat- ed with her clients, by realizing that they are not acting as they nor- mally would, Stock can stay focused on her clients' needs. With remarks like "I under- stand" or "I know this is really difficult," she can remain emo- tionally removed yet not cold. Empathy has been the key for her. As for being out about her sexual ori- entation, Stock said it is both a personal and political decision. She chose to come out on a professional level when she first went into practice, mainly for political reasons. She noted that coming out to be out was a possible hindrance to the extent that "it is nice to have support and be accepted unconditionally for who you are." That support, in turn, gives you the strength to realize your full potential. In addition, Gays/Lesbians have a tendency, noted Stock, to have unrealistic fears of what might happen if they come out. Another advantage to coming out, therefore, not having to worry about fears that never material- ize. In reality being gay has not been an issue for Stock in her law prac- tice. In fact, it is an asset because many people today prefer to deal with those who are gay-friendly. Stock said there are many instances in which there is a concern that a spouse will challenge custody due to sexual orientation. "The fact is," says Stock, "California courts do not determine parental fitness on the basis of sexual orientation."

Stock is a trained mediator and has done extensive work with the Family Law Access Project, a pro bono project helping those trying to represent them- selves. She also does pro bono work for the AIDS Foundation and has been awarded the Samuel Wiley award the past five years. In addition Stock is a member of the New Jersey Family Law Association, The Greater San Diego Business Association, San Diego Trial Lawyers Association, and the Lawyers Club. In her spare time she enjoys running, rollerblading, downhill skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing, reading, playing the piano, and most impor- tantly spending time with her friends.

In closing, Stock recommends that students interested in family law practice should clerk with a certified family law specialist. In regards to job-hunting in general, Stock says the key is getting lots of experience in order to figure out what you want to do. "Narrow your search and don't settle!"
Bostwick continued from page 9 affect future generations, of children, men and women. Bostwick added that family law is a people practice: you don't deal with entities, concepts, or fictional estates. For me, practicing family law is like working in the morgue—it's gruesome working around death. Even though I might die someday, I don't want to be reminded of it. Seeing divorce, being a part of it, reminds me of something that exists but that I hope never happens. I have been married for two and half years after chasing the same girl since she made me weak in the knees in high school. I was dumstruck then and I'm dumstruck now. I don't think I will ever get divorced, but no one plans on it. The statistics are grim: 68% of everyone who says "I do" will later say "I don't." It frightens me. As an appellate judge, I think of many factors, including whether or not a client asked for my recommendation; whether I had a long term client relationship which involved the protection of a client's substantial assets such that I should initiate the suggestion on my own; and the degree of knowledge and sophistication of the client.

By Raj Rajan

I appreciate everyone that told me I should make this a regular column, and though I doubt I have enough to say, I did meet someone the other day who made me re-think how I see the world.

The other day I pulled into a 7-11 to get a sharpie and a man came up and asked for some spare change. I reached into my pocket and felt some change, so I gave it to him. As I gave it to him I said, "Hope you're not going to buy any alcohol with that." He looked at the change in his hand and responded with a smirk, "Don't think there's enough here for any of the good stuff." He continued by mumbling, "My name's Jim and I'm planning to save up and buy a Pizza Hut." Not expecting a response at all, I was pretty taken aback. Was this humor or was he just insane? I took a good look at him. He wore camouflage pants, black boots with scratches all over them, a torn green t-shirt with a light green army jacket, and a brown cap which covered his long brown, gray streaked hair, which looked as if it hadn't been washed in months. Before I even realized it, we were sitting on the curb talking. He told me about how he'd led a normal life. How he'd fought in Vietnam, how he'd been married and had a son, and how he pretty much had everything he wanted. Most of the things he said were pretty fragmented and he didn't really seem as though he was actually talking to me. As he continued talking, his tone changed and he talked about how he hated Vietnam and how he hated people here for not caring about him over there. How difficult life was when he got back because of all the flashbacks he had. And how his life ended when his wife and son were killed in a car accident. After telling me about the death of his wife and son, which I gathered to be quite a while ago, he started to stumble and his voice just faded away. He then got up and strolled away. I called out his name but he didn't turn around. I doubt he remembered even talking to me.

Listening to him made me think of a lot of things. It made me think about how people perceive homeless people as lazy or crazy. I remember how a friend of mine would go to people who begged for money by pointing down the street and saying, "I hear McDonald's is hiring." But it also reminded me of one particular day when that same friend and I walked by a woman, who was sitting against a wall begging for food with her little girl, who had the saddest little face with big beautiful blue eyes that looked right through you when you looked at her. My friend walked over to a small grocery store around the street and bought them $40 worth of groceries, which was all the money he had in his wallet, walked back over to the mother and handed it to her. He kissed the little girl on top of the head and walked on without saying a word. I've seen him dunk a basketball over a guy 6'10", hit a 90 mph pitch over the center field fence, and even ace a chemistry midterm having been to class only once. But I've never been more impressed with him than when he gave that lady those groceries. We talked about it later and he told me that somewhere along the way he learned that we're all just a couple steps removed from where that lady was: a couple of bad breaks, a traumatic event, who knows. But none of us should be so sure in our lives that we feel that we would react any differently and we shouldn't feel so confident that we're that much better. I reminded me of a line in To Kill A Mockingbird. "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view." My friend had met someone like Jim along the way. I know my meeting with Jim made me think about a lot of things, certainly not the least of which is about the poor on our streets. I hope reading this article did the same for you.
By Bob Karwin

U.S.D. emerged victorious in the First Annual Ninth Circuit Charity Softball Challenge in Los Angeles. The co-rec tournament, hosted by Whittier School of Law, was a one-day, single-elimination event involving seven southern California law schools. The teams competed for bragging rights in a ninth circuit as well as a $3,000.00 check to be given to a charity of the winning team's choosing and given to a charity of the winning team's choosing and given to a charity of the winning team's choosing.

The event involved two semi-final matches that were slated to finish by half past six and an uneventful first inning, USD got an uneventful first inning, USD took the field in their semi-final match-up against Pepperdine, USD, USC, and Whittier. The USD team, assembled by intramural mini-car Ryan Saba, cruised to victories over Southwestern, Pepperdine and Loyola to bring the glory home to Alcala Park.

The day started out with an easy USD victory over Southwestern. This was an inspired win considering that our beloved Law Toros started the game with only seven players. This bit of strategy can be attributed to the expert navigational skills of Los Angeles natives Ryan Saba and Kari Kendir.

By the top of the second inning, USD was at full strength and finished off Southwestern in an hour by a score of 7-0. The offense was sparked by home runs from left-fielder John “I - Who - Bratton’s Bombers - Were - As - Good - As - Their - Titles” 0-25 and pitcher John “Four - Eyes, Three - Home - Runs” Hagey. Following the win, USD had a four-hour break before the next game. Center fielder Brad “You - Think - OJ’s - House - Will - Be - Blocked - Out?” Martinez led the team on a tour of the greater Brentwood area including famed Bundy Drive. After the tour and a hearty lunch, the tournament reconvened with a semi-final match-up between host Whittier and self-proclaimed favorite Loyola. Loyola proved to be too strong for Whitfield and fought off a late inning rally to snatch a victory from the hostess.

USD then took the field in their own semi-final match-up against Pepperdine. This pairing should be awarded Game of the Day honors. Both teams played well, putting on a show both offensively and defensively. Defensive kudos go to team captain and outfielder Ryan “Thomas-Guide” Saba who missed an easy fly ball and then recovered to make a perfect throw, gunning the runner out at home plate.

With a 10 to 8 lead in the bottom of the inning, USD found themselves one out from a championship bid when the pitcher Hagey made a costly mistake. He made a bad pitch that was sent rocketing into the night sky by the Pepperdine clean up hitter to tie the game at 10 to 10. The USD defense then clamped down to get the next batter out and preserve the tie.

That tie continued until the bottom of the eighth when first-baseperson, Renee “Full - Stop” St. Clair, stepped to the plate, with Cohen and Hagey on base, St. Clair slapped a line drive over third base to score the winning run from second. The hit gave USD an 11 to 10 victory and a ticket to the championship game.

The stage was then set for the dramatic match-up between Loyola and the underdog USD Toros. The start of the game was tense as USD protested the Loyola pitcher’s use of a glove on her pitching hand. As the game progressed, though, it became clear that even a jay of Vaseline and a cannonball would not have helped Loyola’s pitching.

After an uneventful first inning, USD set the tone as they came up to bat in the top of the second. Shortstop Todd “Warning - Track - Power” Wright stepped in and stroked a double off the center field wall. The next batter, Bob “In - My - Article - and - 1 - Can - Say - Whatever - I - Want” Karwin, stepped up and crushed a tape-measure, two-run home run. The momentum, Karwin’s third of the tournament, took the wind out of Loyola’s sails and USD into the lead for good. Even Kari “Can - I - Use - My - Feet?” Kendir added to the assault with a home run and scoring four runs. In later innings, Cohen and Hagey also recorded homers as USD rolled to twelve runs and a rout over Loyola.

Throughout the game, USD’s defense was solid, holding Loyola to only three runs. Second base person Kim “Bruise Farm” Townsend was an impene- trable wall, sacrificing her body to fend off four hot grounders. The outfield also chimed in with Moana “Yes - That - My - Real - Name” McMullen had in two spectacular running catches to rob extra base hits away from very disgruntled Loyola hitters.

On a sad note, shortly after the tournament was concluded, a freak auto accident claimed the life of a Whittier player. In his honor, the USD team has offered a portion of the prize money to the family of their player. In his honor, the USD team has offered a portion of the prize money to the family of their player.

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Dave Boyd's World of Baseball

The softball season is well underway, so let’s has some fodder for this fine publication called Motus. First, before you all start complaining and I know you will (you are law students), it was not our fault that it snowed through the season we are starting our games at 6:00 instead of 5:15. The women’s softball team is having a Fall practice and through a miracle of non-communica- tion, we were not told about this until the week before they started. So with that deal, we’ll get into the teams.

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The game that could prove quite sig- nificant, Natural Born Killers (NBK) fal- tered in their first game against Bratton’s Bombers (BB). For all of you who do not know, BB is the team who brought home the trophy last year. It was a disap- pointing loss for BB, one in which I am surprised Jen Haggie was willing to show his face the next day. Since then NBK (4-1) has redeemed themselves with a perfect record. They are now on the track to finish in the top three teams. One identifiable problem is that NBK has lost one of their bet- ter players, Pete Zanovoski to the broken collar bone. Luckily Mike Batin has not had a blessed run of the other team members since this or this team would have a difficult road ahead.

Bratton’s Bombers (5-0) are currently undefeated even though they pulled out a slim victory (10-9) over one of the first year teams, Section B. (Apparently Colin Rice (of BB) has decided that he is too good for the rest of softball players and has resigned. I know interview season brings out the worst in some people but Colin, you are)

A review of this season shows that teams who have played together for a while tend to do better
The Public Interest Law Foundation would like to thank everyone who made our 5th Annual Monte Carlo Night and Auction such a success. We would like to extend a special thanks to: SBA, PAD, Bar/Bri, Barpassers and the Section E first year class.

The event was a rousing success, raising over $3,000 for student summer grants. In addition, people had a great time drinking, gambling and just having fun.

Among our major auction winners were: Debbie Katz who bid on and won a Bar/Bri full bar review course and also a home brew kit. Jason Thornton and Mary Bishop each bought a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Thanks again to all who came early to set up. Without you the room wouldn't have looked so nice and the event wouldn't have run so smoothly.

Grant Applications will be distributed sometime in the Spring semester.

Mary Daggett, President, PILF
Francis Playdon, Monte Carlo Night Coordinator

Halloween Party

By Paul J. Devine

Approximately 500 people attended the annual SBA Halloween Party, held on Friday, October 27, 1995 at the Town and Country Hotel. The party began at 8:00 pm and the festivities continued until 1:00 am. Ryan Lands and Dave Anet, dressed as "blue balls," won a trip for two to Las Vegas in the costume competition. Second place went to 3rd year Jeni Kirsch and Janet Lee dressed as Edina and Patsy of "Absolutely Fabulous" fame, the "Pink Ladies" of Grease came in third, and "Cyrano and Roxanne" took fourth.

Some of the other contestants of the costume competition were the "Super Friends," a female vampire, "Galaxy Man," a dominatrix, a group of nerds, and a roller blading queen. Also seen at the party were Mrs. Seffert (Seffert v. Los Angeles Transit Lines, 56 Cal. 2d 498 (1963)), Juliet, the "Blue M&M's", a dead bride, several ghouls, vampires, gangsters, nerds, doctors, and a couple of Cleopatras. SBA president Dave Krause hosted, and everyone had a great time.

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Mr. Fleming has taught as an Assistant Professor of the adjunct faculty at Western State University in Philadelphia and as an Education Consultant at the University of Kent Los Angeles School of Law where he has taught for the past eleven years. He maintains a private practice in Orange County, California.
I would like to address some concerns about my last column on the Dublin study abroad program. If an offended or insulted anyone apologize. What got lost in my article was the fact that the program was one of the best educational and academic experiences of my life. My time abroad as a student at Trinity, USD, Professor Lazacaru, or anyone working in the study abroad program. The column was supposed to be a funny, exaggerated view on the compilation of things I saw and my experience. I am well aware of the fact that this is a study abroad program and did in fact study. I did them cases and attend classes on a regular basis. My grades were relatively good as well. I mentioned this in my article, but it seems that it was missed. I did make an excellent balance between studying, traveling, and exploring. That I did otherwise was an assumption on your part due to the fact that you must not appreciate my humor. That's fine, not everyone will. If you feel you need the integrity of the program, I once again apologize. My family and I are Irish and I know that life is about having fun. As my professor, Professor Quinn, said to us, "if something becomes a burden in your life, it's not worth doing." Additionally, my Irish friends thought it was funny how much we did worry about studying, how big things that we should work to live, not to work to live. I was showing that side of it in a satirical light. As far as the reflection of this column on you personally and USD, I guess you have a point that some might interpret it and it would reflect negatively. However, all papers have opinion pieces, which this obviously is. Any editor who read Motions from cover to cover would not get the impression that we are a bunch of delinquents. As far as being proud to be a delinquent, that was a joke. Any employer who looked at my resume would see the vast number of things I have involved with. Future employers won't base their opinion on me based on one column. If they would, then there is no job for me anyway. I have no doubt that with my persistence and experience my professional career will be a smashing success regardless of that column. The reason that I didn't see the Book of Kells and the Old Library is simply because I kept putting it off. With traveling and everything else, I kept thinking that I had so much time in Dublin I would eventually see it, but I didn't. I did see much of Ireland and many beautiful and historically important things. I love the Irish people and their philosophy on life. They were more interesting than muscous and such. The main way that Irish folk socialize, families and all, is in the pub. It wasn't just about drinking. I've made friends in Ireland that I will cherish the rest of my life. There may be few decent Irish pubs in America, but the Guiness isn't as good and the people aren't Irish.

The most of the meat of control parties weren't even from USD. There are immature and rude people from every school. The comments made about us did come from one person and were based not on how much or little we drink or went to class. However, we worked it all out in the end and made great friends with some of the people from other schools. The group from USD was a sweet, fun group of people. If any of you feel that the article reflected badly on you, I also apologize.

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Michael Brenot

Letters to Editor Continued meals were not started by another USD student, and it was not a case of perjury (where one some tried to pick up on one of the guys and was rebuffed, but always, some of whom were married, engaged or otherwise involved. I'm sorry that you missed the Book of Kells, it is an extraordinary piece of art and has since history of Ireland. Pubs and nightclubs are fun, but you can find decent Irish pubs in America.

This letter is not intended to offend, but to do so rather. If you have but any of your feelings just have a Guinness (or Guiness stew, recipe follows) because Guiness gives you strength.

Guinness Stew:

Ingredients:  
2 lbs. roast beef or sirloin steak  
2 lbs. of oil or dripping (bacon fat)  
2 large brown onions, chopped  
2 cloves of garlic, crushed  
1 1/4 cup stout  
1 cup beef stock, 1 cup Guinness  
2 carrots sliced  
2 bay leaves, 1 sprig thyme  
ground pepper  
1/2 cups prunes, halved & pitted (optional - prunes give a slightly sweet balance)  

Directions:  
Cut meat into 1 inch cubes. Heat 1 lb. oil in a pan cook onions until pale/golden. Add garlic, cook 1 minute longer. Remove from pan, drain on paper towel.

Reduce heat, 1/2 meat remaining in a large oil, add meat and cook quickly to brown on all sides. Reduce heat, stir in flour until all meat is coated. Blend in stock to form a thick, smooth stock. Add Guiness and stir until 3/4 of the ingredients are cooked. Stir in onions, garlic, carrots, herbs and pepper. Simmer uncovered for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. If you prefer add 20 minutes before finished. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Thank You,  
Michelle Brenot

The World According to Wendi

By Wendi Whitman

It's very interesting how perspectives can change so drastically in just one year. My first column was about how insane it all was: Law school. Loans. Law students. Nothing made sense and no one was talking. It was all about Bar Review and Law Review and trying desperately to take coherent notes.

This year is different. I have graduated to the steady state of 2L. Drum roll please. I removed my napkin, I stopped nervously tapping my pencil on my desk in fear anymore. I don't even know where my pencil is. My fellow students who had deep in their heart longed most last year, including myself, seem to have forgotten all about fear. Last year, when called upon to recite a case, nervous students would be cooly reciting prepared or, master's. One of the most out of control parties weren't even from USD. There are immature and rude people from every school. The comments made about us did come from one person and were not based on how much or little we drink or went to class. However, we worked it all out in the end and made great friends with some of the people from other schools. The group from USD was a sweet, fun group of people. If any of you feel that the article reflected badly on you, I also apologize.

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On the first Monday in October, the Supreme Court of the United States heard argument in the case of <i>Romer v. Miller</i>, No. 94-1039. The issue involved, for those who are unfamiliar with the case, is the validity of an amendment to the Colorado Constitution that denies homosexuals specific legal protections afforded to other minority groups which would protect against discrimination based on their sexual orientation. This amendment was put through the legislature by a 53% vote of the Colorado population. The Colorado Supreme Court struck down the amendment with a 6-1 vote, finding that the amendment violated the United States Constitution.

Imposed on all of this is the 1986 decision by the US Supreme Court, <i>Bowers v. Hardwick</i>. For those first-years who haven't had Constitutional Law yet, or for those others who are unfamiliar with the case, is the issue involved, for those unfamiliar with the case, is the validity of an amendment to the Colorado Constitution that denies homosexuals a minority status. Romer has made a law to stand that forbids consensual homosexual acts performed in the privacy of a person's home.

Apparently, Rehnquist and friends felt that because the 14th Amendment doesn't specifically mention the word 'homosexuality' it was not entitled to Constitutional protection. So, bearing this in mind, Romer has become an issue in the gay community. However, I don't feel that Romer really is a gay vs. non-gay issue. I think that it is more about whether the tyranny of the majority group can take away the legal rights and avenues previously open to a minority simply because that minority isn't a popular one.

I am aware that my opposite holds the view that homosexuals aren't entitled to minority status. This is absolute nonsense. A minority isn't something that is only observable on the surface. Members of a minority status are a definable characteristic which sets one group apart from the majority group in some distinct way. It is mere prejudice acting out when you try to deny that the homosexual community is a minority group. It has often been said that people will make up a reason to justify their unpopular feelings to make themselves feel better.

To me, the justification for the Colorado amendment that homosexuals aren't a minority is a shallow front to cover up the true nature of the amendment. 53% of the voting Colorado population don't want the burden anymore of having to listen to complaints, in the form of lawsuits, that homosexuals are being discriminated against. Personally I can't see any state getting away with a similar amendment which removed the legal rights of an ethnic minority. People wouldn't stand still for it. Unfortunately, people still have the prejudicial feelings about the gay community. Few people are willing to stand up and say that this is wrong.

This is reminiscent of Nazi Germany. The Jews weren't a popular group after World War I. They were blamed for the evils that plagued war-torn Europe. Similarly, many people blame the gay community for the spread of the AIDS virus. When the Jews were being rounded up and put into ghettos, no one, in Germany had the guts to stand up and say "enough." Well, this isn't Nazi Germany. And I learn from history. And so long as there is breath in my body I will NOT stand idly by and watch a group stripped of their legal rights. Whether or not I asso- ciate with a particular group, I feel it would be as if someone spit on the Constitution to anyone in this country equal protection under the laws. Our forefathers fought against the tyranny in England that proscribed those who were different as "diseased" members of that country when we allow 53% of any population to strip a particular group of its legal rights.

**The Tyranny of the Majority**

**PROTECTED STATUS FOR MINORITY**

**A Brief History**

Terms like "homosexuals' rights" oramendment was defeated in Colorado. Opponents of the ordinance then mounted a counter campaign and passed a state amendment that protected status based on homose-Xual orientation. This over-ode local homosexual rights ordinances. The Colorado Supreme Court struck down the state amendment as unconstitutional because it allegedly excluded homosexuals from the political process. Commentators have found this argument to be weak and it is expected that the Supreme Court of the United States will overrule the Colorado Supreme Court.

**Balkanization**

It needs to be stressed that the main-stream Conservative movement in the United States of America is not necessar- ily anti-homosexual, but rather is against the further expansion of Special Protection to self proclaimed "minority" groups. The Balkanization of the American public into self loyal constituencies based on ethnicity, religion, or sexual preferences is a dangerous practice that is advanced each time a court somewhat identify a "group" and brand them with the iron of "Equal Protection". As Virginia Postrel stated after a survey of the election, the swing voters who put the Amendment over the top were Coloradans who "simply said 'Stop' to the seemingly endless proliferation of protected categories that divide people into favored and disfavored classes."

As John Leo commented, these new categories are "based on ever weaker adherences to the black experience," and they "increasingly look like the dead politi- cal parties." The Supreme Court has recognized for many years the potential- ity and explosive quality of the expansive use of the Equal Protection Clause and as such have, especially more recently, strictly limited their use of this power to comparatively clear and identi- fiable groups that are born with the identification that makes them a part of the group.

**Identification Problems**

The identification of the "group" to be protected is an interesting question. This problem has plagued the Court in the past and continues to do so today. With the infinite variability of humans and their behavior, where are the lines drawn as to who is protected and who is not? If homosexual political literature is to be taken literally, every individual sits somewhere on a scale of sexual prefer- ence. But as such there is no clear cut "line" of Hetero- or Homo-sexuality. Self-identification is not suitable, for obvious reasons, to define a group. There is no reliable scientific evidence that concludes whether homosexuality is by nature or by nurture - or, as recent theo- ries would indicate, both, either in combina- tion or separately. This identification problem with homosexuals no doubt has contributed to the Court's past decisions not to extend the Equal Protection Clause to this vague "group."

What is a minority?

Most Americans are a "minority" in one form or another, whether it be race, national background, language, religion, political persuasion, weight, sexual pref- erence, or any other of the literally thou- sands of traits we are born with or devel- op. We are a nation of immigrants who have struggled to overcome our differ- ences with a great deal of success: in one form or another we are all "minorities."

It is necessary to narrow the defini- tion of "minority" in order to answer the question as given. In the current debate it appears that a legitimate "minority" is a "group" that has been defined by the Supreme Court as being eligible in cer- tain circumstances for strict or interme- diate scrutiny. The Supreme Court has not found homosexuals to be eligible for Strict or intermediate scrutiny, in part such as for the issue at hand they are not a "minority." The arguments for homosexu- als as a group to be redefined as a pro- tection group are often well presented, but the real hard fact is that it is doubtful that the redelineation will occur within our lifetimes. Thus, the question we have been asked to address is incorrect.

**The Real Question**

As the United States of America does not recognize homosexuals as a minority subject to strict or intermediate scrutiny, the question becomes "Can the electorate, through the initiative process, barre reclassification by the Supreme Court, ban local authorities from extending a protected status to certain loosely identifiable groups?"

If the answer to the question is "No" then we are presented with the amazing discovery of what George Will refers to as "A New Constitutional Right." People supporting in Gay Rights vs. Popoular Sovereignty, this right is the right of any "indepen- dently identifiable group" not to have any impediments between itself and beneficial legislation.

This theory is dangerous for the sovereignty of our states. There are thou- sands of statutes and policies which affect unequally thousands of groups. As stated by the Colorado Attorney General, "the legislation in favor of the new statute, an upholding of the statute would put in danger the future of popular government" and "major public policy issues would not be decid- ed by the political process; government would be obliged continually to recon- sider every policy choice." To quote the former Chief Justice "To be precise, courts would do the reconsidering. Which is why the Colorado court's ruling is so encouraging to liberals who, having lost their ability to pass laws, American majorities, are eager to expand the sway of judges." This Amazing New Constitutional Right is unacceptable in a and a clear threat to the sovereignty of states in our Republic. (see From the Right on page 18)
Music is on the leading edge of breaking down barriers. Sly and the Family Stone demonstrated this by shock value attacks of songs about stupidity, then taking it one step further with "Everyday People," and broke new grounds by being everyday people. They were the first major musical act to be made up of blacks, whites, men and women, and females. Color or sex did not matter, the groove did. The groove makes you move. People differ between color, race, religion, and sex. And we do differ. But when you get to the true level, the higher level, the level of the soul there is no difference. The soul has no color. The soul is technicolored. We are every color people in a tint that moves without fences, and music is the playground of the soul. People are blind to the soul because they can see. Our eyes pick out big Jewish noses, nappy hair, albino skin, slanty eyes, bathe flannelled women, limp wrists, and something else on John on a street corner and what would you see? The Savior Lord cometh! A glowing angel in white whose aura would fill your eyes with wonder and ears with the joy and heart with joy? No. You would see a 33 year old middle eastern man with dark eyes, dark hair and dark skin who looks like he just got off the midnight shift at 7-11. Put him in New York and you would see a towel headed cab driver with a funny voice and a world view. Put color on him in Berkeley, Ca., or Boulder, Co., you would see the long haired, robe wearing, sandaled hippie with radical ideas as nothing more than your next door neighbor. But does it matter what he looked like? No. Jesus was a true champion of the spirit. Nietzsche, who deemed himself so superior, revered him because he lived to the potential and truth of his soul. Does it matter that Jesus was Jewish? Close your eyes and open your minds. Let he who has not sinned cast the first stone.

To reach the soul first you must find it. Open your ears, music can lead the way. Novels, speeches and commentary can enlighten and inspire the spirit. Unfortunately, there are only a limited group. Because, while people will praise this type of education, on the whole they feel it to be a waste of effort. It is lost of the majority. The majority are the more supportive, scholarship level, or, as with, me 500 channels and nothing on but you have to keep looking? I do not know. But I always hear, and have been a part of, conversations like: Did you watch the primaries last night? No, Melrose Place was on. Did you see the paper this morning? "Yeah, another planet conquered by Spaceman Spiff? Have you ever read Invisible Man? Isn't that a Chevy Chase movie?" I wish that in the entire USD student population not 1% knows anything but the title of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr.'s I Have a Dream speech (let alone have read) Would I win that bet if it were a Green Day song instead? Of course not, because we are more attached to songs, they reach us on an emotional level from one; remembers the pledge of allegiance (try saying it), but we all could sing Margaritaville in our sleep. Music is in the car, at home on the stereo, V. in the office, at the gym, nightclubs, in movies. It has power. Affections will soar, dreams will drain. The hook draws you in. James Brown was not my idol, I was dancing. Aretha Franklin will take you over. There is a reason it has been termed an "experience", follow that energy to another level. And hey, if you don't like a song change the channel or wait three minutes and a new one will be on.

Thankfully there is a barrage of music which expands horizons, indiscriminately of educational level, facilitating the growth without a huge commitment to it. Aside from projects like Amnesty International, Farm Aid, Lollapalooza and H.O.R.D.E., deeper and more complex music is unfolding in quick hits. Radio is sandwiching Peter Gabriel between two fluff pieces, reach only a limited group. Because, while people will praise this type of education, on the whole they feel it to be a waste of effort. It is lost of the majority. The majority are the more supportive, scholarship level, or, as with, me 500 channels and nothing on but you have to keep looking? I do not know. But I always hear, and have been a part of, conversations like: Did you watch the primaries last night? No, Melrose Place was on. Did you see the paper this morning?

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Across Horizons

I was glad we got to process some of our feelings about this OJ thing today. There are such extreme feelings about this that run the whole emotional gamut. I feel such sadness. This is just the latest disillusionment that started with John Kennedy's death, went on to Richard Speck's killing of the 8 student nurses, Viet Nam, Watergate, the latest travesties of justice starting with the King trial, Riegndal Denys, Menendez brothers and now OJ. Every time one of those things happens I have lost a little more faith, sense of security in the world and belief in fairness and justice. This whole race element is so pathetic. I lose all hope that we can ever get beyond this. There are two groups of people can identify the identical? event yet filter it in ways that produce diametrically opposed views. There was nothing to link O.J. to the other two groups of people can identify the identical? event yet filter it in ways that produce diametrically opposed views.

For a few years I had a game I played with myself just to pass the hours. I used heart broke once again and when it healed I had a little less faith in the world. I feel like that tonight, except not as intense. I had my heart broken for the last 10 years ago. I guess I would never be in love again. That is how I protected myself. Every time I dead end something I deal with by building more wave. I am left with the body of Ornette Coleman and the sense of security in the world and belief in fairness and justice. This whole race element is so pathetic. I lose all hope that we can ever get beyond this. There are two groups of people can identify the identical? event yet filter it in ways that produce diametrically opposed views. I have been an insomniac all my life. For a few years I had a game I played with myself just to pass the hours. I used sexual preferences and inter-racial relations. Axl Rose sings about hating gays but lists his major influence as Elton John; they even performed together. David Bowie was popularized androgyny and was the among first to be open about his bi-sexuality. Kiss, Iggy Pop, and Queen were cross dresser. The Who's Pete Townshend wanted to be kissed and hug you." The Stoids did their last tour with a black bass player. Highly respected producer Phil Spector, creator of "the wall of sound", who worked with the best acts of the day from Motown to the Beatles, married Ronnie Bennett of the Ronettes. This was an inter-racial mar- riage when inter-racial dating was taboo. Michael and Lisa Marie who knows, who cares. Buddy Holly, Motown and Living Colour were all black and Pritzker colored. Do you respect any of them? With music you dream and there are no barriers. Whether it is African drums, Chanting Monk, Dr. Dee, Garth Brooks or Beethoven you lose yourself in a song. It is triumph and agony. The symphony affects you on a higher, deeper level. Kick back, enjoy your Nirvana, Clent Black, Boy II Men or Monteviado. Learn from it. Explore and explode biased preconceptions. Black, white, male or female, your sexes do not hold what your prejudices see. Music is the color of the soul. And the soul is what matters. Does it matter what color brought it to you? The man that hath no music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is for treasons, stratagems, and spoils. The motions of his spirit are as dull as black. And his affections dark as Erebos. Let no such man be trusted. Mark the music.

Interviewing & Counseling Class Journal, the day of the OJ Verdict

I didn't think of what I would wish for if I only had 3 wishes. Out of the thousands of combinations I finally settled on these three: 1) That no child would ever be born into fam- ilies who couldn't afford to have a family, who would spend years fighting to have a family, who would become bi-sexuality. Kiss, Iggy Pop, and Queen were cross dresser. The Who's Pete Townshend wanted to be kissed and hug you." The Stoids did their last tour with a black bass player. Highly respected producer Phil Spector, creator of "the wall of sound", who worked with the best acts of the day from Motown to the Beatles, married Ronnie Bennett of the Ronettes. This was an inter-racial mar- riage when inter-racial dating was taboo. Michael and Lisa Marie who knows, who cares. Buddy Holly, Motown and Living Colour were all black and Pritzker colored. Do you respect any of them? With music you dream and there are no barriers. Whether it is African drums, Chanting Monk, Dr. Dee, Garth Brooks or Beethoven you lose yourself in a song. It is triumph and agony. The symphony affects you on a higher, deeper level. Kick back, enjoy your Nirvana, Clent Black, Boy II Men or Monteviado. Learn from it. Explore and explode biased preconceptions. Black, white, male or female, your sexes do not hold what your prejudices see. Music is the color of the soul. And the soul is what matters. Does it matter what color brought it to you? The man that hath no music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is for treasons, stratagems, and spoils. The motions of his spirit are as dull as black. And his affections dark as Erebos. Let no such man be trusted. Mark the music.

W Shakespeare

(from The Merchant of Venice)
I have a Dream
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Alabama, with its vicious racist whites, and an ex-husband having its lips dripping with the words of interpos- ition and nullification, one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and girls as sisters and brothers.

In this hope. This is our faith that we go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

This will be the day... this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrims' pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring," and if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

So let freedom ring, from the prodigious hillslopes of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring, from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring, from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snow- capped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curva- ceous slopes of California!

But not only that.

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

From every mountaintop, let free- dom ring, and when this happens... when we allow freedom [to] ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city; we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

The FAllacy of ExpecTancy

by Shaun Merey
Photographs by Scott Menghini

There we were. Eager onlookers expecting a guilty verdict. A few hold- outs hoped for acquittal, but we snickered at these naive fools. We knew the defendant was guilty. Educated people using coats and ties told us that a speedy verdict favored the prosecution. They told us the ominous meaning when a jury refuses to look a defendant in the eyes. They reported the signifi- cance that the only evidence the jury reviewed was evidence damaging to the defendant. They nodded solemnly in favor of the prosecution.

So what happened? How was it that the legal puntds got caught with their theories around their ankles? And why were so many of us swayed by the conjecture? Could it be, that with all of our knowledge, with all our technological confidence, with all our arrogance, we've lost our ability to reason? Our ability to doubt.

I remember precisely where I was when #32 lay prone in the back seat of his automobile. I stood in an airport watching a stunned news reporter tell me that the football great had a loaded gun pointed at his temple. Before that moment, I suspected the ex-husband was the murderer. Standing at the air- port viewing the car chase, I was confi- dent he had done it. Suddenly I wanted him to suffer. To end the misery and join his victims. But like so many other "brave murderers," this suspected murderer was a coward.

And so the show began. The State put on 31 Act 1, and I was beloistered with confidence and prepared to convict. Then the defense put on Act II, and still I wanted to convict. But something felt wrong. My tightly gripped reasoning had wobbled slightly. There was a tinge of doubt. A nagging slice of apphesi- sion.

The defense called it "reasonable doubt," and this slippery little phrase had slid inside my conscience. It snuck in when I had tried so hard to repel it. All those fanciful defense lawyers with all their artful maneuverings had created that little phrase and forced it through. Still, I tried to ignore it, and at the end, as the defendant stood before the jury, I yearned for a guilty verdict. But the jury hadn't been tamed by the media. They hadn't been pummeled by the media. They retained their ability to reason. But reason was not the issue. Webster defines justice in many ways. Fairness. Rightfulness.

Impartiality. What does the defini- tion include the words innocent or guilty. The objective of our justice sys- tem is to administer fairness to the accused. To conclude guilt or innocence is the desired result. But systems don't always function to form. The American legal system is built to err on the side of fairness. And while some who are guilty will surely go free, the alternative is unconscionable.

The jury performed the final act, and they received a standing ovation from many. The applause was for a sys- tem of fairness, not a system bound by questions of guilt or innocence. We may never know if the defendant was inno- cent or guilty, but justice was served in Webster's jurisdiction; the jurisdiction that embodies the fundamental rights this nation was founded upon.

The following three questions were posed to persons lurking about USLD Law School.

1. Do you remember where you were during the white bronco chase? (Our generations' JFK Question.)

2. Could you exchange places with anyone involved with the trial, who would it be?

3. Was justice served?

Claudine Sherman (3L).

1. "Yes, I was in my living room glued to the T.V. for 5 hours."

2. "Johnny Cochran. He's brilliantly talented."

3. "I believe so. The prosecution didn't prove their case. You can't send a person to jail for life on that sort of evidence."

Cindi Skinner (3L).

1. "Yes, I watched it at a friend's house."

2. "Marsha Clark. She showed a lot of class and dignity in her style. I respect the way she handled everything."

3. "No. But it was no fault of the legal system. Both sides dealt with a racist officer and a bad police department. It was a volatile situation."

Doug Pollock (Coffee Guru).

1. "I was at the Bank of America in Solano Beach making a deposit. I remember it vividly."

2. "The bailiff. He didn't have to answer any questions. There was no pressure on him, and he got to check out the trial."

3. "No. But karma will get him in the long run."

Raj Rajan (1 and 1/2L B)

1. "It was during my first semester of summer law school. I was sitting at home talking on the telephone studying criminal law."

2. "I would be Shapan. He walked away from the trial with dignity."

3. "Yes, if the jurors honestly felt reasonable doubt."

Professor Montoya (Criminal Law)

1. I don't remember

2. "I hesitate to be any of them, but Johnny Cochran put on a brilliant defense."

3. "Yes and no. I wouldn't second guess a jury unless you were there to form a judgement. But the trial made a mockery of justice, it was an embarressment to the profession"

Courtney Ryan (Real Estate)

1. "Yes. I was at my cousin's house when I heard about the chase."

2. "Marsha Clark. She's got a lot of guts."

3. "No. He was guilty."

Christian S. Scott (1L C)

1. "Yes. I was at home watching the NBA Finals."

2. "Yes. I was at home watching the basketball game."

3. "Judge Ito. It's his room. He's in control."

4. "Johnny Cochran. He knows what he's doing and makes the job look easy."

5. "Yes. The jurors had a greater abil- ity to judge the truth, and the truth always comes out."

6. "Yes. The prosecution did not prove their case. It was injustice by the LAPD."

Vanessa Hanemann (1L C)

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C a r e e r S e r v i c e s


The following suggestions may be helpful in seeking your first legal position:

1. Visit the Career Services Office. Introduce yourself to any of the staff, pick up a copy of our resources and services list, and take a quick glance at our reference books.

2. Make an appointment with a Career Services counselor. A thirty-minute session will allow you to ask questions, review resources, evaluate your options, and help you to begin assembling a legal job "application" packet. (See items 3-7.)

3. Prepare a resume. The purpose of a resume is to get you an interview. Your resume should highlight your accomplishments and be considered "first impressions" by the person who will later see you. A Career Services Resume Guide will help you get started.

4. Draft a general cover letter. Your letter will need to be basic enough to introduce you to different employers while leaving room for customizing for specific position needs. A Career Services Cover Letter Guide contains an outline for writing cover letters as well as samples. Be sure to also have available copies of transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended.

5. Request copies of your unofficial USD law school transcript from the Records Office. While some employers will accept only the official transcript, many will accept an unofficial copy also. A number of national legal organizations also have student memberships.

6. Prepare writing samples. If you are in your first year of law school, your writing skills will be crucial. If you have clerking experience, you may be able to use a legal document if all information identifying the client is redacted. If possible, have one to three writing samples available; they should be from 4 - 6 pages long -- not to exceed 10 pages.

7. Prepare a list of references. These people should know you in a professional context and be able to speak highly of you. Likely candidates include law school and undergraduate professors, former employers, and contacts through community service activities. Be sure to request permission before putting these people's names on your application and interviewing activities.

8. Network. Contact friends and family who might be able to help you. While it is unlikely that someone is going to give you a job, many people can put someone in the legal profession. One contact often leads to several others.

9. Attend Career Services programs. Our office offers a variety of programs related to the job search; including resume and cover letter writing workshops, judicial clerkship panels and various employer panels. Career Services also participates in a number of regional career days and job fairs throughout the year.

10. Join legal organizations. USD has a number of on-campus student organizations; including resume and cover letter writing workshops, judicial clerkship panels and various employer panels. Career Services also participates in a number of regional career days and job fairs throughout the year.

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Law Clerk & Attorney Job Listings

Listings are received daily and posted in

Job Binders—local, regional, and national

listings; government, private, and public interest employers; paid and volunteer

positions.

IBM Computers

Students proficient in WordPerfect may use computers to compose resumes and

cover letters. Students trained in LEXIS and WESTLAW may conduct on-line job

searches.

Career Development Programs

Career Services offers a variety of pro-

grams throughout the academic year.

Events will be listed in Sidebars, Motions, and in Career Services.

Career Services Guides

A series of career guides, including employer lists, sample resumes, cover let-
ters, government hiring procedures, and others, are available upon request.

Co-Sponsored Job Fairs

Career Services participates in specialty practice, minority, public interest, and
government job fairs nationwide. Students are responsible for travel and housing costs.

Full Recruiting Program

Employers interview students either on-

or off-campus from mid-September through October each year.

Alumni Services

Alumni may continue to use Career

Services following graduation. The Alumni Job Newsletter is published monthly and

available upon request. Call 260-4771 to be placed on the mail-
ing list.

Career Resource Library

Resources are available covering a broad range of career development and job

search topics.

Reciprocally

Many ABA accredited law schools offer

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vices. Restrictions apply. Check with Career Services for current availability.
The USD Asian Pacific American Law Students Association * Presents

HARRY WU

Saturday, November 4
11:00 a.m.
Hahn University Center

Harry Wu, Founder and Executive Director of the Laogai Research Foundation, is one of the world’s foremost human rights campaigners. After spending 19 years as a political prisoner in China’s “Bamboo Gulag,” Wu returned to China three times to visit prison camps secretly and film atrocities there. His autobiography, Bitter Winds, is a global bestseller.

This event is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited and will be available first-come-first-served.

For further information, please contact:
The Asian Pacific Law Students Association, 260-4600, x4341

* This event is cosponsored by the Student Bar Association, United Front, Associated Students, and the Social Issues Committee.

Moot Court Board, in conjunction with the USD Alumni Association and Bar/Brief presents the Annual

ALUMNI TORT COMPETITION.

All 2nd, 3rd & 4th years day or night students may participate as attorneys. 1st year students are encouraged to participate as bailiffs and timekeepers. Individual competitors will argue current issues of tort law before a distinguished panel of faculty, attorneys and judges. Competition consists of a written brief and oral arguments.

First Round: November 8
Semi-Final Round: November 9
Final Round: November 10

All non-participating students and guests are invited to attend.

PRO BONO LEGAL ADVOCATES

A big thanks to all those who joined the USD Law team either as a participant or a sponsor for the annual AIDS Walk in Balboa Park on October 1. It was a great success!

Watch for this year’s first issue of The Pro Bono Legal Advocates Newsletter coming out the first week in November. The Newsletter will provide you with all the latest information about programs, speakers and events sponsored by Pro Bono. Also, keep your eyes open for a chance to win a PRIZE in our newsletter raffle!

Mass in Founders Chapel
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday 12:20 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Reconciliation in Founders Chapel
Monday - Saturday 6:45 a.m.
Monday - Friday 11:45 a.m.
and by request

NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL TEAM . . . GETTING READY TO ARGUE

Since it was officially formed in 1990, USD’s National Mock Trial Team has continued a tradition of winning. If the results from the Closing Argument Competition and the Barristers Society 5th Annual Mock Trial Competition are any indication, this year’s team promises to not only continue that tradition, but to surpass all expectations. This year, the trial team was expanded from 12 people to 19 people because, in the words of Coach Corky Wharton, “Every person just deserved to be on the team. Never have so many qualified advocates tried out for the trial team."

This semester, the National Mock Trial Team is gearing up for two competitions. The Tournament of Champions, sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, is scheduled for November 1-3 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Tournament pin the top 16 teams in the nation against one another to select the “best of the best.” Leaving San Diego on Halloween evening, representing USD are Evan Kitahara, Larissa Konits, Kelly Schorr and Gary Sharp.

Less than two weeks later, November 16-18, USD will have two teams competing in the San Diego Defense Lawyers Competition. This competition is limited to California law schools and participants this year include teams from U.C. Berkeley, Loyola, Pepperdine, and USD’s arch-rivals, Cal Western. Representing USD’s school colors are the blue team of Tara Lee, Andrew Peters and Krista Sandler, and the white team of Nick Campbell, Melissa Kirschner, Stacy Rocheleau and Cindi Skinner. USD students interested in attending the San Diego Defense Lawyers Competition to cheer their team on to victory should contact Georgia Gordon in room 302b for further details.

Congratulations to all the new team members and best luck to this semester’s competitors.
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1ST YEAR REVIEW

The first year of law school will likely be one of the most confusing and demanding academic experiences of your life. Join BAR/BRI in your first year and take advantage of our unique program of law school preparation. The BAR/BRI First Year Review Volume contains comprehensive, concise black letter law outlines designed to help you cut through the fog of detail and give a clear view of the overall picture. Subjects covered include Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Property, and Torts.

The First Year Review program also includes a final exam lecture series. These lectures will completely review each of the First Year subjects in a separate comprehensive lecture. The lectures, delivered by nationally recognized experts, will provide invaluable assistance in understanding the black letter law.

The First Year Review program has guided thousands of students to success in the most difficult year of Law School.

2ND YEAR AND 3RD YEAR REVIEWS

As a BAR/BRI student you can continue to benefit from our arsenal of materials and lectures. BAR/BRI’s second and third year program is specifically tailored to second and third year courses.

As in the First Year Review, second and third year students can also take advantage of video presentations by our national and local lecturers given just prior to exams. These lectures give a complete and thorough overview of many of your second and third year classes.

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To enroll in your first year, you need only place a $50.00 down payment towards the BAR/BRI course tuition. This $50.00 down payment entitles you to all of the First Year materials and allows you to attend all of the First Year Review lectures.

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To enroll in your second or third year, you need to place a $900.00 down payment towards the BAR/BRI course tuition. This entitles you to the BAR/BRI outlines and allows you to attend any of the BAR/BRI Early Bird Lectures.

Students who previously placed a $50.00 down payment in their first year only need to pay an additional $50.00 to receive updated materials and attend the second and third year lectures.

Students also have the option of paying a $500.00 down payment to receive substantive outlines plus the Capsule Summary Mini-Review and the M.B.E. Testing Workbook.

MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM (MPRE)

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam will likely be your first encounter with the Bar Exam since California allows you to take the MPRE while you are in law school. Many students take the MPRE during their second or third year.

BAR/BRI gives you complete preparation for the MPRE with a lecture, substantive outline and practice exams. A comprehensive 4 hour lecture reviews the scope, substance and techniques needed to tackle the MPRE.

BAR/BRI provides a detailed substantive outline written by Professor Richard Wydick, which covers all aspects of the MPRE exam. Additionally, students receive three MPRE practice exams containing actual MPRE questions released by the National Conference of Bar Examiners with analytical answers.

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