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President's Message

I cannot tell you how excited I will be to welcome you to our dinner dance at the Petersen Automotive Museum on March 7, 2009! The Petersen is an incredible venue for our event. We will remember it fondly for years and years to come. This year, we are significantly shortening the length of our awards ceremony portion. This will free up plenty of time for us to honor our profession's best, admire shiny, classy cars from around the globe, dance the night away and catch up with colleagues and friends. And who knows...Frank Sinatra may even join us.

About the Petersen Automotive Museum

The Petersen Automotive Museum is located on Los Angeles' historical Miracle Mile, anchoring Museum row at Wilshire Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. This stretch of Wilshire was the world's first shopping district specifically designed for customers arriving by cars. Telling such stories is their mission.

The Petersen Automotive Museum collection contains one of the most diverse samplings of important vehicles ever assembled. Thanks to the vision and generosity of their founding benefactors, Margie and Robert E. Petersen, they have been able to acquire a number of important vehicles that they have not yet had the pleasure to present to the public. Treasures of the Vault highlights a selection of these important acquisitions for a special exhibition that speaks to their mission and helps visitors understand and appreciate our rich automotive heritage.

The *Streetscape* features historical displays that chronicle the evolution of the automobile, and car culture in the 20th century. The lifelike dioramas were designed based on real places and people that existed throughout Southern California. There are 30 detailed displays that bring back the sights, sounds and event smells of old Los Angeles and help us understand the automobile's vital role in sculpting our modern automotive landscape.

The Museum's second floor presents four permanent exhibits that can be viewed year round. From the famous to the fabulous, and the fast to the futuristic, automobiles are presented as fascinating, creative integrations of art, design, and technology.

Explore the automobile's influence on fashion, fashion's influence on the automobile, and how this joint and unexpected connection shaped automotive design and clothing styles of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

The Museum is all ours for the night!



2009 HONOREES:

Journalism Award
Linda Deutch

Joseph M. Rosen Justice Award
Robert Clark

Jerry Giesler Memorial Award
Michael Belter and Tom Kielty

Judge of the Year Award
The Honorable Elden Fox

President's Award
The Honorable Kathyne Stoltz

Mort Herbert Award
Robert Wilson

Special Award
Kevin McDermott

Johnnie Cochran Award
Charles Lloyd

FEBRUARY MEETING

Guest Speaker

HONORABLE MARIA STRATTON

"Nuts & Bolts of Department 95"



Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting
(Everyone welcome to attend)

5:30 p.m.

Cocktails/Reception
6:30 p.m.

Dinner Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.
\$40.00 per person

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THE CRIMINAL COURTS BAR ASSOCIATION WELCOMES HONORABLE MARIA E. STRATTON

The Criminal Courts Bar Association is pleased to welcome the Honorable Maria Stratton at our meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at Taix Restaurant.

Judge Stratton received her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Southern California and her law degree in 1979 from Boalt Hall School of Law. After a two-year clerkship for the Honorable Harry Pregerson at both the district and circuit courts, Judge Stratton joined the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles where she represented indigent criminal defendants in federal court. In 1985, Judge Stratton joined Talcott, Lightfoot, Vandeveld, Woehrle and Sadowsky, where she practiced civil and criminal litigation for eight years until 1993 when the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals appointed her Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California. She served as the Federal Public Defender until 2006 when Governor Schwarzenegger appointed her to the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Her assignments so far on the Superior Court have included misdemeanor trials, Proposition 36/drug court, felony preliminary hearings, and the mental health department. She currently serves on the Judicial Council(s) Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues and on the Superior Court(s) ICDA, bail, mental health, and temporary judge committees.

In 2005 and 2004, the Los Angeles Daily Journal named Judge Stratton among the "Top 75 Women Litigators" and (Top 50 Women Litigators), respectively. In 2003 she received the Morton Herbert Service Award from the Criminal Courts Bar Association in Los Angeles. She was also named 2001 Defense Attorney of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section. During her tenure as Federal Public Defender she served on the Ninth Circuit's Capital Case and Capital Cost Oversight Committees and on the Capital Resource Counsel Oversight Committee of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. She is a member of the editorial advisory board for California Lawyer magazine.

Judge Stratton was a member of the Federal Indigent Defense Panel in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Working Group of the Ninth Circuit Gender Bias Task Force. She has served on the Boards of Governors of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and on the Board of Trustees of the L.A. County Bar Association. For several years she was a consulting attorney for Public Counsel(s) Immigration Project. She received the State Bar Commendation for Delivery of Pro Bono Services 1988-89 and the Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services 1992.

Judge Stratton is married to former law school classmate, Stephen B. Sadowsky, senior counsel at Crowell & Moring. They have three children, Elena, Jacob, and Lily.

The topic of Judge Stratton's presentation is "The Nuts and Bolts of Dept. 95." Please come and enjoy the company of some of the finest attorneys in Los Angeles.



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DINNER MENU

The main Entrees will be:

Fresh Boneless Catfish Filet
(Provencal or Blackened)

Roast Top Sirloin
(Sliced medium rare with mirepoix
and roasted scallions).

Entrees include relish trays, soup du jour, fresh sourdough bread, garden salad with house vinaigrette dressing, fresh vegetable, rice or potato, sherbert and coffee or tea.

Complimentary appetizer served by CCBA.

BUY AN AD

The 56th Annual Criminal Courts Bar Association's Dinner Dance and Awards will be one of our best events ever.

However, in this difficult economic period the Board of Directors is asking each and every member to support the association by purchasing your ticket and attending the event or at the very least purchasing an ad for the dinner dance program.

Please see the flyer contained in the newsletter that sets out all of the pricing and information for payment and artwork.

Thanks for all of your continuing support.

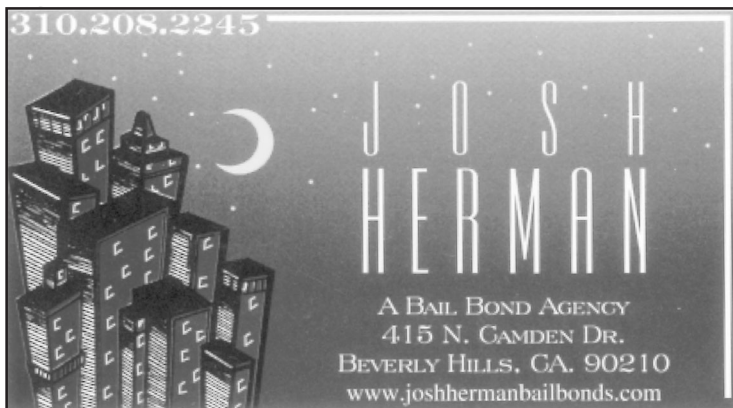
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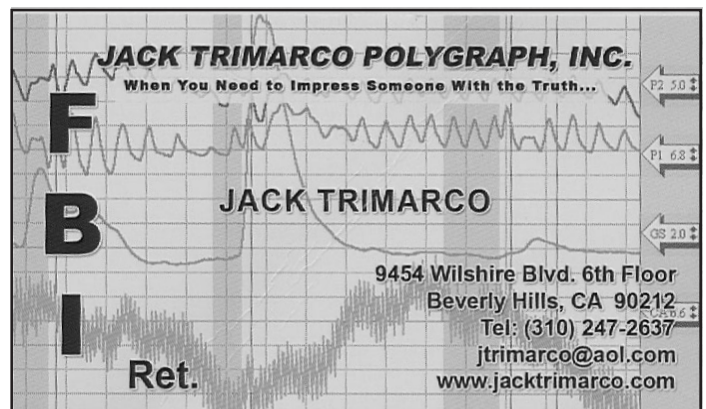
City of Tulare v. Superior Court (M.C.) (2008) Cal.App.4th , reported on December 19, 2008, in 2008 Los Angeles Daily Journal 18492, the Fifth Appellate District held that where the initial discovery provided pursuant to a party's Pitchess motion was inadequate, the person seeking discovery may move for further discovery, but such a motion must meet the notice requirements applicable to the initial Pitchess motion.

People v. Flores (2008) Cal.App.4th , reported on December 23, 2008, in 2008 Los Angeles Daily Journal 18615, the Fourth Appellate District, Division 1 held that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)* U.S. [171 L.Ed.2d 637, 128 S.Ct. 2783], clarifying an individual's right to keep and bear arms did not invalidate state laws prohibiting felons from possessing firearms, against carrying of a concealed weapon, or against carrying a loaded firearm in a public place. This is very similar to the opinion out of the First District in *People v. Yarbrough (2008)* Cal.App.4th , reported on December 18, 2008, in 2008 Los Angeles Daily Journal 18467.

People v. Manfredi (2008) Cal.App.4th , reported on December 23, 2008, in 2008 Los Angeles Daily Journal 18662, the Fifth Appellate District held that Simultaneous possession of multiple child pornography materials at one location was chargeable as one criminal offense under section 311.11.

People v. Martin (2008) Cal.App.4th , reported on December 29, 2008, in 2008 Los Angeles Daily Journal 18811, the Second Appellate District, Division 8 held that the verdict's specification of "cocaine" rather than "cocaine base", even though the information clearly indicated "cocaine base", did not prejudice appellant. Since the information did put appellant on notice that the charge was "cocaine base", the court distinguished *People v. Adams (1990) 220 Cal.App.3d 680*, where the conviction was reversed for insufficiency since it did not mention cocaine base.

People v. Galvan (2008) Cal.App.4th , reported on November 26, 2008, in 2008 Los Angeles Daily Journal 17432, the Fourth Appellate District, Division 2 held that, consistent with *People v. Tokash (2000) 79 Cal.App.4th 1373*, section 12022.7, subdivision (b)'s enhancement for personally causing great bodily injury causing the victim "to become comatose due to brain injury or to suffer paralysis of a permanent nature" applies whether the state of coma is permanent or not.



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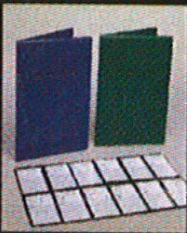
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SAVE THE DATE

- February Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. The featured dinner speaker will be the Honorable Maria Stratton who will discuss "Nuts & Bolts of Department 95." The dinner meeting will be held at Taix Restaurant.
- Criminal Courts Bar Association dinner dance will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Petersen Automotive Museum.
- NO DINNER MEETING IN MARCH.
- April Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009, at Taix Restaurant. The featured dinner speaker to be announced.

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