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Co-President's Column

SUMMER'S END

By Andrea Kimball



With the passage of Labor Day it looks like our summer is coming to an end! The law students are back in school, the summer associates have left their cozy positions in our firms (now forcing us to actually work) and our Pride hangovers have finally dissipated. With Fall here, I have one last chance to reflect back on the summer and what THLA has been up to these last few months.

In July, THLA celebrated Pride with the rest of the San Diego GLBT community. The THLA contingent marched alongside our guests of honor, San Diego Superior Court Commissioner Sandy Berry and City Attorney Dave Sherman (aka Prosecutor of the Year in the City Attorneys' office –

Congrats Dave!). Once again, Robert Tiangco provided us a fabulous convertible to transport our esteemed dignitaries. All of us THLA marchers enjoyed the cheering crowd and the ability to wave hello to so many friends in our community. I hope next year you will join us and march as part of the THLA contingent. There is talk of renting a double decker bus for next year's parade. Watch your newsletter for details and please mark Pride weekend on your calendar and join THLA in the celebration!

In August, THLA hosted a well-attended seminar entitled "Domestic Partnership: Estate Planning and the Consequences of Failing to Prepare." The panelists included THLA members Merrienne Dean, Mary Clarno and Lambda's Jenny Pizer. Mary explained in very digestible terms, the need for an estate planning strategy and the documents that all domestic partners should obtain. Merrienne discussed the litigation consequences that arise when GLBT persons fail to plan and

take the legal steps necessary to protect their rights. Jenny Pizer then summed up the highlights of the newly afforded rights under AB 25. If you missed this important seminar, be sure to watch the newsletter because THLA sponsors this program each fall. Thanks to our excellent panelists and to Drew Woodmansee for coordinating the event.

Also in August, THLA members attended a joint event with the Lawyers For Human Rights, the GLBT bar association of Los Angeles. LHR traveled down to the Del Mar race track to enjoy a day of food and races with THLA. We hope to do other joint events with LHR so if you have any ideas feel free to email or call me.

On October 10th, please join THLA for its annual Law Student Mixer. Each fall we welcome the law students back to San Diego and hold a informal mixer in the courtyard at California Western School of Law. This year's event will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will include snacks and drinks. Come and welcome back the students from each of our three area law

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LAVENDER LAW 2002 Philadelphia

Registration is now underway for Lavender Law® 2002, the annual conference presented by the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) and the National Lesbian and Gay Law Foundation (NLGLF). This year's conference will be in Philadelphia, at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, from October 10-13.

This year's conference features dozens of panels, symposia, courses and full plenary sessions on cutting-edge legal issues affecting LGBT individuals and the community. The Lavender Law® Programming Committee has invited the country's leading lawyers to head discussions and strategy sessions on practical litigation skills, same-sex custody challenges, will drafting and estate planning, employment discrimination, workplace diversity, domestic violence, transgender issues, career development, LGBT in academia, civil rights, HIV and AIDS, immigration law, the military, legislation updates, family law, LGBT youth and much more!

Confirmed Panelists include Evan Wolfson of the Freedom to Marry Project; U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Yale Law Professor William Eskridge; Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights; Matt Coles of the ACLU; Ruth Harlow and David Buckel of Lambda Legal; Sharra Greer of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network; along with dozens of other practicing lawyers.

Numerous opportunities for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits are available at Lavender Law®. Most sessions are CLE-eligible, and accreditation will be requested from all states which require continuing legal education.

And for the first time, Lavender Law® will be hosting a Career Fair, an exciting opportunity to network and obtain jobs as attorneys and summer associates/interns with employers from Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and the surrounding areas.

Registration begins at noon on Thursday, Oct. 10, with a full roster of breakout panels scheduled for that afternoon. Political satirist Kate Clinton will offer a keynote speech at the opening night reception Thursday evening.

And although the conference officially ends on Saturday, you might want to stay through Sunday to attend Philadelphia's annual OUTFest block party. We'll be holding a Farewell Brunch on Sunday at the Hardrock Cafe across the street from the conference hotel for those who stay.

**To request a conference brochure and registration form, visit the Internet Web site at www.lavenderlaw.org or
Send an email with your name and address to Lavlaw2002@aol.com**

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schools. Students, come and mingle with attorneys who practice in a variety of areas. I look forward to seeing you on October 10th.

Finally, those of you who attended THLA's Annual Dinner in May know what an amazing experience it was (as usual). If you would like to be a part of next year's dinner, plans are already underway and the dinner committee needs you! If you have any interest in helping our Board and THLA's fabulous event planner Richard Van Cleave of VC Productions, please email me at akimball@luce.com. We need help with every aspect of the dinner so even if you can only lick a stamp (for you prima donnas we have self adhesives), please volunteer.

Cheers, Andrea



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Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 3, 2002:
Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
CAL WESTERN Law School

Thursday, October 3, 2002:
SDVLP Annual Dinner
For more info/tickets, call: 619-235-5656 ext. 112

Thursday, October 5, 2002:
LaRaza Annual Dinner
For more info/tickets, e-mail amj@adi-sandiego.com

Thursday, October 10, 2002:
Law Student Reception
Cal Western School of Law Courtyard
5:45 p.m. to ??

Thursday, November 7, 2002:
Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
MCLE - Insurance Coverage, 6:30 p.m.
CAL WESTERN Law School

Friday, November 15, 2002:
Lawyers Club Monte Carlo Night
To benefit the SDVLP
For more info/tickets, call: 619-544-1478

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cordially invites

the Tom Homann Law Association members to the
Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner

"Inspiring Our Children"

Keynote Speaker

Honorable Carlos R. Moreno

California Supreme Court Associate Justice

Saturday, October 5, 2002

San Diego Convention Center

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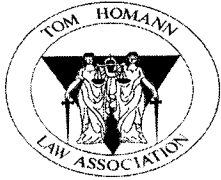
**The 15th Annual Employment Law Conference of the
California Employment Lawyers Association**

October 4 and 5, 2002

Hilton Pasadena

Go to www.CELA.org for full information





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MEET THE MEMBER COLUMN * Randy Clark

Randy Clark, Secretary of the THLA Board of Directors, is no stranger to the ins-and-outs of corporate governance, having practiced corporate litigation, transactional and securities work since graduating from Duke Law School and returning to California. Randy currently practices in the area of international mergers and acquisitions for Sempra Energy. Prior to joining Sempra, Randy was an associate at Cooley Godward, LLP in San Diego and Morrison and Foerster in Los Angeles. Upon moving to San Diego in 1998, Randy immediately looked for a gay and lesbian attorney organization, which he feels is definitely needed in a community such as San Diego, and joined THLA, becoming Secretary in 2000. His view of THLA is that it is an organization of great potential, but needs more active participation from among the members in order to grow. When not in the office, Randy and his partner Michael enjoy volunteering for community organizations, attending the theater and symphony, and spending time with family.

