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2014 CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA BAR

by Kenneth W. Minesinger

The 2014 Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA) took place during the State Bar Annual Meeting, September 12-14 in San Diego. At this year's conference, I was privileged to join Riverside County delegates Michael Bazzo and Everett Green.

If you're unfamiliar with the CCBA and its purpose, you're not alone. From the CCBA web site: "The Conference of California Bar Associations serves justice in California by bringing together attorney volunteers from across the State representing diverse backgrounds, experience, and expertise to seek, debate, and promote creative, non-partisan solutions to law-related issues for the benefit of Californians."

In practice, what that means is that delegates from Bar Associations around the state propose resolutions to the CCBA which are debated at the annual conference. Assuming a resolution is adopted, CCBA works to ensure it becomes law. To that end, CCBA retains a lobbyist in Sacramento and has an active legislative program in the State Capital. Thirteen of 2013's resolutions have become law.

Along with debating and passing resolutions, the CCBA elects a new Chair and Executive Board. The new Chairman is Los Angeles attorney Duncan Crabtree-Ireland and the Chair-Elect is San Bernardino County attorney Jack Osborn. The Riverside County Delegation met and elected Michael Bazzo our Chairman.

Our goal for the 2015 Riverside County Delegation is to grow our numbers and increase our influence in the CCBA.

Next year's conference will take place alongside the State Bar Annual Meeting in Anaheim on October 9-11, 2015. For more information about the CCBA and next year's conference, go to calconference.org.

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THE LEO A. DEEGAN INN OF COURT

by Robyn A. Lewis

The Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court is a professional organization comprised of attorneys and judicial officers and organized under the American Inns of Court. The organization focuses on improving the skills and professionalism of the bench and the bar. Each month, the Leo A. Deegan Inn holds a dinner meeting, during which a team of members presents a program that focuses on matters of ethics, skills and professionalism. Membership is by invitation only. Applications for membership are considered each summer to allow for invitations to new members for the upcoming year.

The inn was named for the Honorable Leo A. Deegan, a legend of the Riverside legal community. Judge Deegan first began practicing in Riverside in 1946 as a member of the district attorney's office. After also serving in the county counsel's office, he became the city attorney for the City of Riverside in 1958. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Edmund Brown in 1959. He served on the superior court until his retirement in 1975. In the late 1980s, he served for 14 months on the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in Sacramento.

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

This year, the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court is headed by President John Michels, President-Elect Justice Carol Codrington, Secretary/Treasurer Jeremy Hanson, and Directors: Judge Jacqueline Jackson, Sophia Choi, Alexandra Fong, Ben Eilenberg, and Dorothy McLaughlin.

For more information on the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court, please contact Sherri Gomez, Executive Director, at sherrigomez4@gmail.com.

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