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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: WOMEN LAWYERS OF VENTURA COUNTY HAS COME A LONG WAY, BUT THE BEST IS YET TO COME

By Dien Le



Women Lawyers of Ventura County (WLVC) was established around 1982-1983 and its first president was **Melodie Kleiman**, followed by a long line of distinguished presidents, including **Carmen Ramírez**, **Judge Tari Cody**, **Tina Rasnow**, **Ricarda Bennett**, **Karen Darnall**, **Mary Sullivan**, **Monique Hill**, **Michelle Erich**, **Susana Goytia-Miller**, **Mindy McQueen**, and current president **Jill Friedman**. According

to Tina, WLVC at its inception was an organization devoted to advancing women's rights and addressing issues such as equal pay, reproductive rights and diversity in the legal profession. In the early years, WLVC members (approximately 20 or so women) met quarterly as an informal group to socialize, network and discuss their careers and various legal issues. As more women entered the profession and the group became

larger and more organized, they would meet more regularly, publish newsletters, host meet and greet mixers with other groups and have events with guest speakers such as California Supreme Court Justices Joyce L. Kennard and Kathryn Werdegar. During Tina's administration (1990-1992), WLVC became active and affiliated with the California Women Lawyers (CWL) by participating on committees and joining in amicus briefs on cases dealing with women's and children's rights.

During Ricarda's presidency (1993-1995), WLVC became a founding member of the Women's Legacy Fund, which is administered by the Ventura County Community Foundation. The Fund provides grants to community groups and projects that support women's causes. Today, a WLVC representative maintains a seat on the Fund's committee. WLVC also holds the distinction of being the only bar organization

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By Rachel Coleman

Judge David M. Hirsch grew up moving from town to town because his father's career with the Department of Urban Housing and Development led to a new position every year. The continual moves did not keep Judge Hirsch from playing chess on a competitive level, however. From elementary through high school, Judge Hirsch played in tournaments where he competed against other chess teams from other schools. At the time of his last competition, Judge Hirsch was attending high school in Beaverton, Oregon. He says he enjoyed playing competitive level chess but has not played seriously since high school.

Judge Hirsch graduated in 1989 from U.C.L.A. with a bachelor's degree in economics, and in 1992, he graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law. After law school, Judge Hirsch served as a volunteer trial attorney for the City of Long Beach Prosecutor's office, followed up by a brief stint as an insurance defense litigator.

Judge Hirsch found a passion for criminal law during his time at the Long Beach City Prosecutor's office and knew that this would be the career path he would follow. He applied throughout California for open positions in District Attorneys' and Public Defenders' offices. In 1997, he took a position in Redding as a deputy district attorney. Though at the other end of the state from where his family lived in Los Angeles County, Judge Hirsch enjoyed his work at the relatively small office in Shasta County. There District Attorney Greg Scott, who would later become the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California, took Judge Hirsch under his wing and allowed him to try serious cases almost immediately.

Although Judge Hirsch's legal career was taking off, his personal life took an unexpectedly negative turn as his father became seriously ill. Despite his blossoming legal career in Shasta County, Judge Hirsch made the tough decision to put his aspirations aside to focus on his family. In 2000 he moved back to the Los Angeles area and opened his own practice to be closer to the family during what would be the last few years of his father's life. Though this decision was not the best career-wise, Judge

Hirsch reports that this was the best personal decision he has ever made. Fortunately, Judge Hirsch was able to spend a few more years with his father, who passed away in 2007.

In 2003, Judge Hirsch took a position with the Ventura County Public Defender's office, where he tried many significant criminal cases including some involving serious gang allegations. Judge Hirsch enjoyed his time at the PD's office, which he found to be challenging. He still greatly admires the former Public Defender **Ken Clayman** for the way he ran that office.

It was during Judge Hirsch's tenure as a deputy public defender that his mentor and role model, **Judge Ken Riley**, encouraged him to pursue a position on the bench as a Commissioner. Judge Hirsch accepted the challenge and applied for one of two vacancies for commissioner for the Ventura County Superior Court. He was selected for that position in 2008. At the same time, **Judge Roger Lund** was also selected to be a commissioner. Both were appointed to judgeships by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2010. Judge Hirsch is currently assigned to Courtroom 48, where he presides over criminal matters.

Judge Hirsch went skydiving once right after graduating from law school. He reports that it was an amazing thing to experience at least once in a lifetime, but not something that he feels the need to repeat. He also enjoys fishing and motorcycle trips with groups of friends in the local canyons, though in 2003, he sold his Honda Superhawk in order to focus on spending more time with his family. "A younger man's hobby," he observed.

As a proud U.C.L.A. graduate, Judge Hirsch has, not surprisingly, always been a huge fan of any team that competes against U.S.C. He goes to at least one U.C.L.A. home football game a year and typically enjoys some serious tailgating with about 30 friends.

In October, Judge Hirsch plans to go on what he calls "the greatest road trip ever" with a few of his friends. They will start out in Texas and then travel to New Orleans, Tennessee, Chicago and finally end up in Wisconsin to pick up a cheesehead hat or



two. Along the way they'll see three NFL and three college football games. Judge Hirsch also enjoys attending college basketball and professional baseball games. He was recently spotted at Dodger Stadium wearing a U.C.L.A. sweatshirt.

Since his step-daughter recently left the nest to attend college, Judge Hirsch spends most of his free time taking care of his three dogs: Grizzlie, a border collie who destroys everything in sight; Lily, a high maintenance mostly border collie; and Annabelle, an obedient cocker spaniel.

Judge Hirsch observed that he has been extraordinarily fortunate to have the many opportunities he has enjoyed throughout his career and that as a judge, he tries to create an atmosphere in his courtroom where everyone feels welcome.



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from Ventura County that currently sends a delegation to the annual Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations.

During the years 2008-2011 when WLVC was less active, the only person willing to keep things going was **Jodi Prior**, who served as president for three years without any assistance from board members. Jodi's main focus was maintaining the Annual Awards Dinner (Tina's original idea), which is now in its sixth year. At this dinner, which usually attracts a turnout of 75-120 people, two special awards are given. First is the **Holly Spevak** Memorial Award, to honor an attorney doing public interest/non-profit work to help the community. While originally this award was to recognize a newer attorney, there is now less emphasis placed on the honoree's admission date. Second is the Legacy Award, which honors a pioneering attorney who has helped the advancement of women lawyers in the profession. This dinner also awards the **Mary Sullivan** Scholarship (usually \$500) to a deserving law student with strong connections to Ventura County and an interest in doing pro bono work. Funds for the scholarship are raised through the silent auction (items donated by members) held at this dinner. For the past few years, the dinner has been at the Herzog Wine Cellars in Oxnard, which has provided excellent Kosher gourmet food in a nice setting as well as wine tasting. This year's dinner on November 29 will be no different, and will honor **Laura Bartels** (current VCBA Secretary-Treasurer) and **Judge Gay Conroy** as the worthy award recipients.

When Jill took over as president in 2012, she brought a wealth of ideas and experience having previously served as president of Santa Barbara Women Lawyers (SBWL). Jill's main goals were to build up WLVC's infrastructure, improve membership and to make the organization more active otherwise. She has certainly accomplished that this year by forming a full board with **Charmaine Buehner** as vice-president/president-elect, **Katie Hause** as treasurer, **Robert Guerra** as secretary, **Kathy Smith** as programs committee chair, **Natalie Panossian** as CWL affiliate governor, and Jodi as past president. With the assistance of Katie, WLVC was able to clean house by putting its books in order and ensuring that it will

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be financially stable going forward. Current membership of WLVC has increased to over 30. The monthly lunch meetings, which were formerly held at the VCBA office, have since moved to Ottavio’s in Camarillo. These meetings feature great speakers on interesting topics (e.g., work/life balance, substantive practice, workplace issues) and often offer MCLE credits. Other efforts by Jill have been to establish stronger ties with other minority bars through the Ventura County Diversity Bar Alliance to address bigger causes and issues such as judicial diversity. WLVC is currently in the process of revising its bylaws to allow for endorsements of judicial candidates, with the eventual goal of forming a judicial committee similar to what’s already in place with Santa Barbara Women Lawyers. At the same time, WLVC has every intention of maintaining communications and involvement with VCBA.

Other events that WLVC would like make an annual tradition are its appellate justices reception, which was hugely successful back in February. At this reception, Jodi (much to her surprise) was presented with an award of excellence for all her hard work in keeping WLVC alive for many years when membership waned. Another popular event that will continue is the wine mixer in Carpinteria that is held jointly with SBWL. Additional ideas for the future are to create more subcommittees for specific projects/activities, and to develop a membership directory for referrals.

As the legal profession has changed dramatically in terms of women breaking the glass ceiling in corporate legal departments, firm partnership positions and on the bench, there are now more women role models to serve as mentors and promote camaraderie. Yet, as Jill has expressed, there is still more work to be done and WLVC wants to keep building the momentum.

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ADVENTURES BEYOND THE OFFICE

By Robert Krimmer



Last February, A to Z law partner **John Mathews** mentioned that he would be speaking at a leadership conference in Los Angeles. I wondered out loud if there was a local leadership program through which I might explore leadership issues and expand my involvement in the community. John and I did a quick online search and discovered “Leadership Ventura,” a two-year leadership-training program offered through the City of Ventura Chamber of Commerce. With the support of A to Z Law, I applied for and was accepted into the Leadership Ventura program. The 2012-2013 leadership class consists of twenty diverse individuals from varying business backgrounds – I am the only attorney.

The Leadership Ventura experience begins with a two-day leadership training retreat conducted by Dr. Relly Nadler, founder of True North Leadership, Inc. and a world-class executive coach. During the two-day retreat, each participant takes a Myers-Briggs Personality Test, the results of which are evaluated by Dr. Nadler. Based on test results, the class is divided into four separate Project Teams, each tasked with conceptualizing and implementing a public service project to be completed within seven to eight months. The “twist” is that Dr. Nadler hand-picks each team member so that teams are composed of differing personality-types. There is method to this madness because leadership skills are best honed in a crucible filled with individuals who, by virtue of their core personality traits,

approach problem-solving in dramatically different ways.

Once a month our class meets with Dr. Nadler for ongoing leadership training. Following Dr. Nadler’s training sessions, the class embarks on a “field trip” focusing on various public and private organizations throughout Ventura County and their respective leaders. We explore challenges facing the county in the arenas of public safety, commerce, economic development, tourism, media and communications, the arts, agriculture, government, and the court system, to name just a few. Outside of monthly leadership training and field days, members of each project team meet to plan and implement their community service projects.

Through the Ventura Leadership program, our project team became aware of the River Haven Community. River Haven is a joint effort by the City of Ventura and the Turning Point Foundation to transition individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency. The River Haven Community consists of twenty dome-like shelters located on City of Ventura land adjacent to the Santa Clara River. The domes were purchased and constructed through local volunteerism. Unless painted with a special (and costly) protective coating, the material from which the domes are constructed deteriorates in the presence of ultra-violet light. For the past three years, the Turning Point Foundation tried to paint the domes but, for one

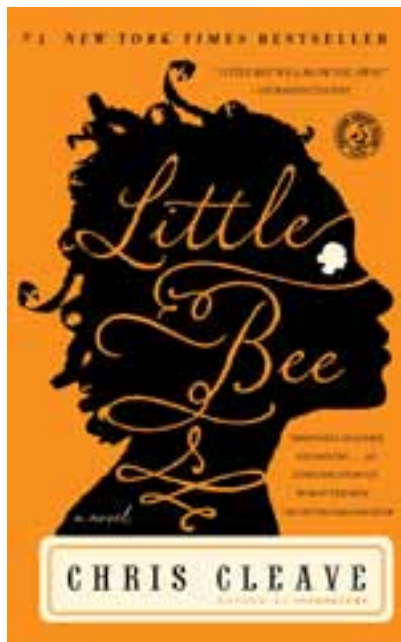
good reason or another, the painting never happened and the domes were beginning to show early signs of deterioration.

Aware of the immediate need to paint the River Haven shelters, our project team committed to making the required painting a reality. The team began meeting regularly with Clyde Reynolds, founder of the Turning Point Foundation. With Clyde’s assistance, our project team secured funding, arranged for the donation of equipment and supplies, recruited a group of painting contractors to professionally apply the required base-coat and protective coating and coordinated on-site preparation with the River Haven Community. On September 7 the River Haven domes were given a new lease on life.

As in any community volunteer effort, there are many generous individuals and companies to thank. Glidden Professional Paint in Oxnard donated the protective coating for the domes. Anna Borja, Glidden’s store manager, helped our team identify professional painting contractors. David Atkin Construction, Dawson Painting, Hernandez Painting, Lozano Painting and Maxson Painting generously volunteered labor and equipment. Ventura Rentals donated gas generators to power the paint spraying equipment. Dominos Pizza provided lunch. MidTown Kitchens, Fox Fine Jewelry, Jimmy’s Slice, Red Brick Gallery, Ventura Improv, Santa Paula Theater Company, Ventura County Museum, Zoey’s and Island Packers contributed to our team’s fund-raising effort. Finally, the residents and site manager at River Haven pitched in by power-cleaning the domes and prepping the River Haven grounds.

Even the weather cooperated. A heavy morning fog or drizzle would have spelled disaster for our project, but paint day was “three bear perfect” – not too hot, not too cold ... but just right; and I guess “just right” aptly describes the feeling that filled the hearts of all who volunteered to make the River Haven Painting Project a success.

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BOOK REVIEW: LITTLE BEE, BY CHRIS CLEAVE

By Gabriele M. Lashly

somewhat leery, he accepted a book called “Little Bee” by Chris Cleave. He read it, was riveted, and passed it on to me. I had seen the book at the bookseller but assumed it was a “chick flick” based on the title. As the old saying goes, never judge a book by its cover. Actually, instead of having the silhouette of a lovely young woman, the cover should contain a warning in bold “contents under pressure, highly explosive.”

Based on the story of a teenage refugee from Nigeria, the narrative is a highly poetic and elegantly written story about survival in the world of refugees. Nigeria, a former British colony, is one of the world’s largest oil producers, but the industry has unwanted side effects. The trade in stolen oil has fueled

violence and corruption. Few Nigerians, including those in oil-producing areas, have benefited from the oil wealth. The village in which Little Bee lived was situated on top of an oil field – with unfortunate consequences.

Little Bee was held in an immigration detention center in England for more than two years. The story is told from her perspective and that of Sarah, the posh editor of a London fashion magazine, each in a distinct voice. The narrative goes back and forth between Little Bee’s experiences with the British immigration system, the fateful and horrific encounter of Little Bee and her sister with Sarah and her husband on a beach in Nigeria, and the repercussions that encounter has for all involved, including

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Sarah's Batman-clad four-year-old son. The moral choices presented have the character of Greek tragedy, including murder, suicide, depression, and adultery.

The story is so riveting and cleverly constructed that the political implications almost catch the reader unaware, as it is also a devastating attack on the massive failure of compassion for the world of refugees. Chris Cleave, the British author, had the idea of writing of Little Bee after reading a newspaper article about a refugee father. The father committed suicide shortly before being deported because he knew that his unaccompanied teenage son would not be sent back to his native country.

Sadly, though the story takes place in Britain, it's relevant to the U.S., where in 2009 the government detained approximately 380,000 people in immigration custody at a hodgepodge of about 350 facilities after 1996 changes to the immigration laws dramatically expanded the use of detention, which now costs \$1.7 billion annually. In a tragic turn, individuals fleeing persecution are now regularly imprisoned in county jails, federal detention centers and private facilities while U.S. immigration officials process their applications to establish whether the asylum seekers have a "well founded fear" of political prosecution in their home country. Individuals who have neither violated the law nor been charged with a crime have languished in detention centers for months or even years. Families are often torn apart, and children separated from their parents.

To distinguish between politically persecuted immigrants and those entering the country illegally for purely economic reasons is not easy. But reading Little Bee will open the reader's heart and mind to those who have nowhere to turn.



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Coach Tommy Prothro



John Scoles

Before a packed stadium of Oregon State University Beavers football fans watched their team defeat the University of Wisconsin 10-7 on September 7, they were treated to the induction of the 1962 team into OSU's Sports Hall of Fame. Fillmore attorney **John Scoles** was among the inductees, all of whom played under legendary Beavers coach Tommy Prothro.

Coach Prothro profoundly influenced John, who attended Oregon State on a football scholarship. "He was a consummate professional," John said of Prothro. "We were all terrified of him."

Prothro was tall and imposing. Always dressed impeccably, on game days the coach wore a coat and tie. For away games, Prothro also insisted that his players be formally dressed when out in public.

Born in 1920, Prothro was born into a wealthy Memphis family. Prothro's father – a Major League Baseball player and owner – forbade his son from playing for Alabama, Tennessee or any public school. So he ended up a standout blocking back with the Duke Blue Devils, for whom he played in the 1942 Rose Bowl against, ironically, Oregon State. With the attack on Pearl Harbor just three weeks earlier, the game was moved to North Carolina, making it the only Rose Bowl played outside Pasadena. Prothro passed up an invitation to play for the New York Giants for a coaching job. First coaching for the UCLA Bruins, Prothro left for a ten-year stint as head coach at OSU.

John recalls Prothro's demand for first-class food and accommodations for every away game.

"If you were to play first class, you were to stay first class," John remembered Prothro saying.

NEWLY LAUDED, A FILLMORE ATTORNEY RECALLS A LEGENDARY COACH

By Laura Bartels

When the team played in the 1962 Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia, it stayed at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. They landed in Philadelphia in the frigid cold. John recalls practicing at the outdoor Philadelphia Municipal Stadium in 19-degree weather. During the exercises, the team comically slid around the field as if on ice skates, their cleats failing to grip the solid surface. On the morning of Saturday's game the team found its locker room stacked high with shoe boxes. After Friday's practice, Coach Prothro had ordered 50 pairs of tennis shoes for his players. Wearing their white sneakers, the Beavers posted the only score when Heisman Trophy winner Terry Baker – the first to win the trophy west of Texas – ran 99 yards in the first quarter to beat hometown Villanova 6-0.

Prothro was adamant about his team's diet. Dairy stopped on Thursday. John remembers a Friday before a Stanford game when reservations were made at swank

"Rickies" in Palo Alto. At the venerable establishment known as "the best restaurant in America," Coach Prothro preordered 50 filets mignon and baked potatoes with honey. When tuxedo-clad waiters served plates teeming with buttery potatoes and steaks bearing mounds of gravy-laden mushrooms, a heated Prothro sent the meals back to the kitchen. "Get that butter out of here!" Prothro exclaimed. "I told you exactly what to serve." All 50 steaks were returned to the chef to try again.

Game day Saturdays always meant peas and scrambled eggs seeping with honey. After breakfast, the players were fed honey and Coca-Cola. By kickoff, they were so loaded with sugar that Coach Prothro believed they were ready to "go out and really hit something." The 1962 team did not disappoint, posting a 9-2 record and leading Prothro to declare his Beavers "the best OSU team ever coached."

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Before the financial scrutiny of the NCAA, every player was given four tickets for each game. Some gave to family and others sold them for spending money. Normally, for away games the players would turn all their tickets to the team manager, who would wander back to the evening bus, pockets teeming with cash, and split all proceeds between the players.

Prothro's Beavers, one of Oregon State's most successful teams in the history of the program, beat No. 12 Stanford, No. 19 West Virginia, Iowa State, Pacific, Washington State, Idaho, Colorado State and posted a 20-17 victory in their civil war with the University of Oregon. Prothro returned to the Bruins from 1965-1970, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1991 and is the only coach in the history of the conference to have coached Heisman Trophy Winners at two different schools: Terry Baker (OSU, 1962) and Gary Beban (UCLA, 1967). He left UCLA in 1971 to become the head coach for the Los Angeles Rams and the San Diego Chargers.

After college and his time with Prothro, John was drafted into the Army. He served as special services detail, which included escorting extensive handshake tours in U.S. Army Japan hospitals with the Green Bay Packers' Bart Starr, the Detroit Lions' Wayne Walker, the Cleveland Browns' Ernie Green, and the San Diego Chargers' Lance Alworth. Since 1972 John has been practicing real property, estate planning, probate and trust administrations in Fillmore.

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By Steve Henderson, Executive Director, M.A., CAE



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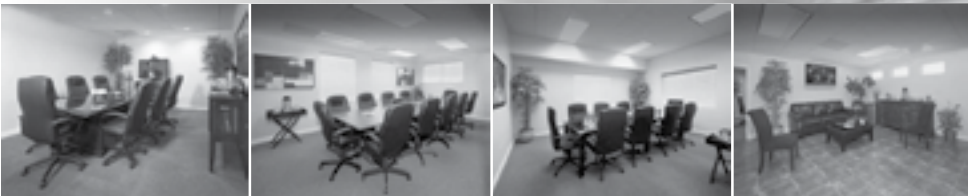
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