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Trifecta. The Barristers' summer series of three programs featuring **Judge Glen Reiser**, **Presiding Judge Donald Coleman** and **Justice Steven Perren** in their courtrooms concluded at the Court of Appeal on Aug. 5. Our local legal community owes a big thank you to *Barristers* **Rachel Coleman** and **Joshua Hopstone**, who made this series a reality.

Justice Perren's Aug. talk on brief writing and oral argument was a gem. There was a bonus, too. You can learn by just watching Justice Perren. Maybe it is a product of his theater and singing interests. He connects with his audience: Eye contact; moving left to right across the room while speaking so as to make the venue feel smaller; speaking in a manner that feels as if he were still crafting his presentation as he spoke, giving it a personal touch. He eliminated anything that could have separated him from his audience. Little distance, no podium, no coat and few notes.

In the audience were seasoned attorneys as well as law students. Some of those students will be practicing beyond 2050, so the tips given, which really laid appellate

practice bare, will extend to a time we can only imagine, but the law will continue to matter like a tested oak tree.

Judge Manuel J. Covarrubias knows change is coming to courthouses throughout the state. He has had a big hand in it. The 2015 recipient of the California Judicial Council's Distinguished Service Award has been hard at work as co-chair of the group which developed the recently-adopted *Strategic Plan for Language in the California Courts*. The plan envisions language access services from signage to civil courtrooms and beyond. Family members or friends will no longer do as interpreters when matters of custody and eviction are in the balance. The need, and the services which are coming, is a reflection of who we are: California hosts 200 languages and seven million residents with limited English proficiency. The task is so large that the destination might not be reached before 2020, but the roadmap is in place, and the rollout will benefit litigants from the get-go. Perhaps ever-improving technology will help shorten the distance.

He Took on the Marlboro Man. Many of you won't remember the Marlboro Man, but not too long ago, cigarettes, cigarette butts, cigarette smoke and cigarette ashes were everywhere: auditoriums; offices; aircraft; courthouses; and college classrooms. The push on high school campuses in the early 1970s was for the *creation* of student smoking areas. You name the place, and tobacco was present. Everywhere. And the Marlboro Man was atop his horse leading the marketing campaign. When I worked retail in the 1970s, the number one selling item, by far? Cigarettes. Usually by the carton.

One day in the 1980s, the **Hon. Frederick Bysshe**, then a local attorney, thought that perhaps it might be nice if one could dine in a local restaurant free from the smoke and odor of cigarettes. If you wanted to move a mountain, this was a good place to start. Judge Bysshe's spouse, Judy, was sensitive to smoke, and he thought others might be, too. Lawyer Bysshe knew what he was up against, so going in, he built a coalition of non-profits with health matters as a core concern. Somehow, they overcame all opposition – and there was plenty – including First Amendment-waivers and business owners who warned they would have to shut their doors. At the outset, most restaurants begrudgingly complied with the law by providing non-smoking seating in a back, windowless room. Hard to imagine how it was just a few decades ago. Today, the Marlboro Man is no longer in the saddle. Judge Bysshe is in Courtroom 22.

Talkin' Baseball. On Saturday, Aug. 14, after so many years, the late Curt Flood was inducted into the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame. *Flood v. Kuhn* (1972) 407 U.S. 258.

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Might Be the Woman/Person Most Feared by Scoundrels: Sarah Chayes has linked corruption to international security, which has given the subject traction. Accepted forever as just the way things are, Chayes, who lived in Afghanistan as a civilian for nearly a decade, contends that by providing foreign aid to corrupt leadership, the U.S. has undermined its own interests by empowering lawbreakers who serve only their personal interests to the detriment of the people they govern. She is ever-so-slowly changing the way things are done as her observations and conclusions are accepted in diplomatic, legislative and military circles as policy is crafted.

“Four Legs Good.” I stopped by the Fillmore office of VCBA Immediate Past President **Laura Bartels**. There is a certain calm to her office, courtesy of her 13-year-old dog, Twiggy, who always goes off to work with Laura. I’m sure there are some other JD pups around the county. I have seen **Judge Nancy Ayers** at the courthouse with a service dog in training. **Michael Case**, too, occasionally brings a service dog trainee to work. While on one hand a dog at work seems like a breakthrough, on the other it is a reminder of everything old. In the name of progress, we have charged ahead with CourtCall, electronic filing, email, texts and tweets, but our dogs will have none of it. They make due with a sniff, tug and a bark. Even a crank car window suffices. Still, they get every last ball chase, hike and nap out of summer. There’s something to be said for that.

As we await El Nino, from the Cuyama River to Bell Creek, have a great September, and I hope to see you at a bar function or two. Please calendar our annual dinner, Nov. 21 at Crowne Plaza in Ventura.

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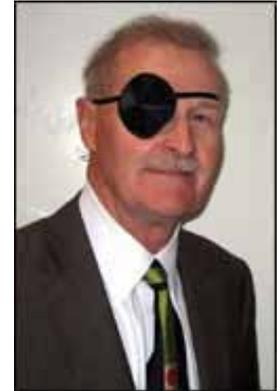
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Your Ventura County community has been served by two outstanding legal luminaries who have earned recognition by the Women Lawyers of Ventura County. **Hon. Rebecca S. Riley** of the Ventura County Superior Court receives the Legacy Award, and **Jodi Prior** receives the Holly Spevak Award for public service. These two members of our local legal community will be honored at the Annual Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Judge Riley keynotes the event. Planning retirement soon, Judge Riley was appointed to the bench in Nov. 1995 by Governor Pete Wilson. It's always reassuring to know that a well-respected judge is passing on her knowledge to new judges, and that is the case here. The bar is fortunate that Judge Riley serves on the Judicial Council's Governing Committee for the California Judiciary Education and Research Center, and has served on faculty of the Judicial College, helping with new judge orientation and teaching ethics. Judge Riley serves on the Board of Trustees of Ventura and Santa Barbara Colleges of Law. Even after retirement, Judge Riley's influence will improve the quality of the judiciary and our local legal profession.

Jodi Prior has a strong reputation as senior attorney with the Ventura Superior Court Self-Help Legal Access Center. Prior has a deep background in legal aid and has worked as a family law facilitator as well as a self-help attorney. Her understanding of the legal issues faced by self-help clients is enhanced by her strength as an advocate who comprehends who her clients are and how they need her assistance to represent themselves. WLVC is proud to spotlight Prior's life work in public service.

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SETTLEMENT SNAFUS: SURVIVING SECTION 664.6

by Kathleen J. Smith



If you are involved in a dispute, there is an 80 percent chance that your dispute will resolve through settlement, rather than litigation through trial. Maybe your settlement will be negotiated in a cattle-call cafeteria MSC in Orange County, where it seems a hundred MSCs conducted by twenty court-appointed mediators all resolve by noon so everyone can ride the Soviet-slow elevators back to their courtrooms to put their settlements on the record by lunchtime. Or maybe your settlement will be negotiated during a marathon mediation, where, after the sun goes down on mediation day, your case will finally settle and you will spend another hour or two exchanging settlement drafts. However your settlement is inked, as they say, it's a nice settlement you got there – it'd be a shame if anything happened to it.

Before you start thinking that your settlement is airtight because you included “664.6 language,” consider some of the finer points of the summary enforcement procedure available under Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6: 1) the agreement must be signed or agreed to in open court by the parties, not just their attorneys; 2) the litigation cannot be dismissed before the agreement is made; 3) the agreement must include a request to retain jurisdiction after dismissal; 4) the agreement must be admissible in evidence; and 5) the agreement should be self-executing.

Section 664.6 states, “If parties to pending litigation stipulate, in a writing signed by the parties outside the presence of the court

or orally before the court, for settlement of the case, or part thereof, the court, upon motion, may enter judgment pursuant to the terms of the settlement. If requested by the parties, the court may retain jurisdiction over the parties to enforce the settlement until performance in full of the terms of the settlement.”

1) The agreement must be agreed by the parties. It is insufficient for the attorneys to sign on behalf of the parties. The 664.6 requirement for agreement by “parties” has been held to mean the litigants personally and does not include their attorneys of record. (*Levy v. Superior Court* (1995) 10 Cal.4th 578.) *Levy* held that settlement affects substantial rights of the litigants themselves, so the term “party” means the litigant, not the litigant’s attorney. I once had an opposing party obtain court permission to be absent from the MSC in order to observe strict religious prohibitions on driving or working after Sabbath sunset. Luckily, we settled before sunset and were able to have the absent religious party on courtcall to agree.

Would you like to enforce a settlement that was arrived at by email? You might have an agreement enforceable under 664.6, but only if you exchange those emails **with the party**, rather than opposing counsel. If the party was not on the email chain, you will have to sue for breach of contract, rather than using the 664.6 summary procedure. If your opponent agreed to conduct the transaction, rather than merely the negotiations, by electronic means, you

have a contract if the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA), Civil Code sections 1633.1-1633.17, has been complied with. Merely negotiating by email doesn’t complete the transaction and form the contract. **The email must also show that the parties consented to enter into a final settlement by electronic means.** (*J.B.B. Inv. Partners, Ltd. v. Fair* (2014) 232 Cal.App.4th 974, 989.)

The UETA states, “If a law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies the law.” (Civ. C. § 1633.7.) An electronic signature is “an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person **with the intent** to sign the electronic record.” (Civ. C. § 1633.2(h), emphasis added.) A typed name at the end of the email is not, by itself, an electronic signature.

2) The litigation cannot be dismissed before the agreement is made. The litigation must be “pending” at the time of the agreement. If your settlement is accomplished **before a lawsuit has been filed**, there is no litigation “pending” and the settlement is not enforceable under the section 664.6 summary procedure. If you **dismiss the case before the parties sign** the settlement agreement, **section 664.6 cannot be used.** If you dismiss after the agreement is made, the court should apply section 664.6 because the statute states “the court may retain jurisdiction over the parties to enforce the settlement until performance in full.”

What if the parties make an agreement in open court and expressly state that a fuller written agreement is contemplated, but in court, they dismiss the case? A client once brought me such a settlement of a dismissed case, and the court refused to enforce the settlement without first setting aside the dismissal.

3) The agreement must expressly provide for the court to retain jurisdiction. Section 664.6 states that jurisdiction is retained after dismissal for purposes of enforcing the agreement. Thus, the court can only retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the settlement if the parties have requested this specific retention of jurisdiction. Without it, the case is dismissed and the court loses jurisdiction.

In *Wackeen v. Malis* (2002) 97 Cal.App.4th 429, the parties failed to make a clear written request for continued jurisdiction in either their settlement agreement or in a separate writing and they failed to make an oral request to the court. Since a dismissal was entered without an explicit reservation of jurisdiction under 664.6, the trial court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to consider the merits of the \$100,000 request for attorney fees and costs.

4) The agreement must be admissible in evidence. Given the issues associated with the Evidence Code section 1119 mediation privilege, the agreement can only be introduced in evidence if the privilege is overcome by the Evidence Code section 1123 exceptions: (a) the agreement provides that it is admissible; (b) the agreement provides that it is enforceable; (c) all parties to the agreement agree to disclosure; (d) the agreement is used to show fraud, duress, or illegality.

Stipulated judgment cannot contain a penalty. It doesn't matter what the parties agree to. For instance, a stipulated judgment, often used in collection litigation, cannot provide for entry of a judgment that bears no reasonable relationship to the range of actual damages from breach of the settlement. (*Greentree Financial Group, Inc. v. Execute Sports, Inc.* (2008) 163 Cal.App.4th 495 [overturning entry of

stipulated judgment for \$61,232.50, where settlement agreement only provided for payments of \$20,000].)

5) Make your agreement self-executing. When you get to the point of filing a motion to enforce settlement, you need to be able to state exactly what you are asking the court to do. I was asked to enforce a settlement between a homeowners association and one of its residents. The agreement required the resident to move away within one year. When that year was over, if the resident hadn't moved out, the HOA was entitled to go to court under 664.6 and obtain a "move-out order." When I called prior counsel, author of the settlement agreement, to inquire "what is a move-out order?" the answer was, "I don't actually know!" This mystery could have been solved if counsel had attached the "move-out order" as an exhibit to the agreement. That would be self-executing. In the HOA case, I decided to go with a writ of possession, and the resident has been gone for a while now.

Making your motion: If you have properly invoked section 664.6, you will be entitled to the summary procedure of making a motion to enter judgment. You will not have to file a new lawsuit, pay the \$435 filing fee, serve process, and wait for your CMC judge to set trial a year from the filing of your complaint. You will be able to make a motion, pay the \$60 filing fee, and have the motion heard in 30 days.

No jury trial: The trial court acts as the trier of fact in a 664.6 motion. There is no right to a jury trial for this determination. The court may consider oral testimony or it may determine the motion on declarations alone. (*Terry v. Conlan* (2005) 131 Cal. App.4th 1445.) The fact findings will not be disturbed if supported by substantial evidence. (*Fair, supra*, 232 Cal.App.4th 974, 984 (2014), citing *Osumi v. Sutton* (2007) 151 Cal.App.4th 1355 [court heard evidence to determine which party was at fault for breaching the settlement agreement].)

As long as your agreement contains provisions appropriately invoking 664.6 jurisdiction, courts have the power to enforce your settlement on terms that are just.



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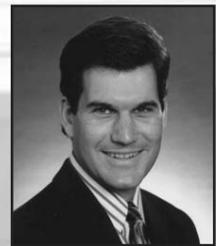
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AMENDMENTS TO CALIFORNIA'S PAID SICK LEAVE LAW ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

by Steven P. Lee

On July 13, the California Legislature passed AB 304, which amends the recently enacted statewide paid sick leave law, the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 (the "Act") that **Jim McDermott** wrote about in the Jan. 2015 issue of CITATIONS. Passed as emergency legislation, these amendments became effective immediately and are intended to clarify the original Act.

Expanded Accrual Options

AB 304 provides a third sick-leave accrual method. Employers now have the option of using an alternative accrual method "provided that the accrual is on a regular basis so that an employee has no less than three days or 24 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of employment, or each calendar year, or in each twelve-month period." This is important because it means that employers are no longer obligated to use the statutory accrual rate (i.e., one hour for each 30 hours worked), so long as the employee

accrues three days or 24 hours of sick leave by the 120th day.

For employers that had Paid Time Off (PTO) policies in place prior to Jan. 1, AB 304 also allows for a fourth accrual method. This option authorizes employers to continue using existing PTO accrual methods so long as:

- 1) the accrual is on a regular basis;
- 2) an employee earns no less than one day or eight hours of accrued sick leave or PTO within three months of employment, each calendar year, or each twelve-month period; and
- 3) the employee was eligible to earn at least three days or 24 hours of sick leave or PTO within nine months of employment.

Under the fourth accrual option, an employer cannot change its pre-Jan. 1 accrual method, as changes to the pre-existing accrual method will result in the policy being non-compliant and employers

will have to use one of the other accrual options or the lump-sum option going forward. Employers can, however, increase the accrual rate.

Calculating the Rate of Pay

AB 304 offers employers more flexibility in calculating the rate of pay by providing an additional method of calculation. For non-exempt employees with different hourly rates, paid sick time shall be calculated using one of the following two options:

- 1) in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the workweek in which an employee uses sick leave, whether or not the employee actually works overtime during that workweek; or
- 2) by dividing the employee's total wages, not including overtime premium pay, by the employee's total hours worked in the full pay periods of the prior 90 days of employment.



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For exempt employees, the amendments provide that an employer calculate paid sick leave the same way it calculates other forms of paid leave time.

Eligibility of Employees

AB 304 provides clarity for employee eligibility, stating that an employee must work for the same employer for at least 30 days in California in order to qualify for paid sick leave benefits.

Unlimited Paid Sick Leave Policies

The amendments allow employers that offer unlimited PTO or sick leave to their employees to satisfy notice requirements and remain in compliance by indicating “unlimited” on employees’ itemized wage statements.

Reinstatement of Accrued Paid Sick Days

The provisions of the original Act require employers to reinstate accrued paid sick days to employees who are re-hired within one year of separation. Amendments under AB 304 clarify that an employer is not required to reinstate any PTO that was paid out to an employee at the time of separation.

Recordkeeping Obligations

AB 304 makes it clear that an employer no longer has the obligation to inquire into or record the purposes for which an employee uses sick leave or PTO. However, as provided under the original Act, an employer is still required to keep records for three years documenting the number of hours each employee worked, as well as paid sick days accrued and used by an employee.

Recommendation

Employers may want to consider taking advantage of these new options by making changes to their policies and revising their employee handbooks.

Steven P. Lee is an employment law partner with Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Feingold, LLP. With 21 years of



legal experience, Lee has authored several articles on employment law issues and frequently lectures to business leaders and HR managers on employment law-related topics. He can

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by Lauren E. Sims



Wine & Cheese Mixer, celebrating the Mentor-Mentee Program. Photos courtesy of Lauren E. Sims

The Barristers finished the summer with two great events. On Aug. 5, **Justice Steven Z. Perren** of the Court of Appeal for the Second District, Division Six, presented an engaging presentation regarding the basics of appellate practice, offering insight and wisdom invaluable for every level of practitioner. The Barristers thank Justice Perren, **Presiding Judge Donald Coleman** and **Judge Glen M. Reiser** for their help making the first Barristers-Judges MCLE Series a success. If you have an idea for a topic you'd like presented during a future series, please email us at vcba.barristers@gmail.com.

On Aug. 20, the Barristers hosted the annual Wine & Cheese Mixer, celebrating the Mentor-Mentee Program. The Barristers thank Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP, Anacapa Brewing Company, and the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) for their continued support. Even if you missed the event, you can still become a mentor or mentee (at any time of the year) – please contact us for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

On Oct. 15, Judges' Pizza Night, an event limited to justices, judges, barrister-qualifying attorneys, and law students will be held at Peirano's Restaurant in downtown Ventura. Look for our flyer in the next issue of CITATIONS for all of the details.

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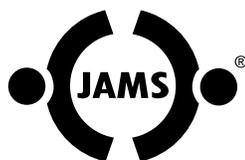


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A MODEL LAWYER

by Cari Potts



For **Richard Albert Walton**, nothing beats the intricate work of assembling miniature replicas of maritime vessels. As the Captain of the Channel Islands Maritime Museum Model Guild, Richard, along with the Guild’s other members, scratch-builds and paints wooden ship models which are hand-configured to accurately represent vessels throughout different stages of maritime history.

As the son of a fishing enthusiast, Richard began dabbling in model ship building at the age of nine. Richard’s love for all things maritime followed him from high school to Valparaiso University and the University of Southern California, where Richard received Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees, respectively, in Electrical Engineering. His interest culminated in a job with the U.S. Navy, where Richard worked in gun, missile, and electronic countermeasures weapon systems testing. Throughout the years, Richard obtained a California Registered Professional Engineer license, a post-secondary teaching certificate, a California Real Estate Broker’s license, and a Certified Financial Planner’s license, and opened an income tax preparation business – not to mention a law degree.

Yet, Richard has always returned to model ship building. In 1990, Richard joined the Ventura County Maritime Museum Model Guild, now renamed the Channel Islands Maritime Museum Model Guild, and ten years ago, became the Guild’s Captain. On

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Aug. 4 each year, Richard and the Guild present the U.S. Coast Guard Channel Islands Station with a model Coast Guard ship which is then displayed in the station's lobby. For Richard, model building is more than just a hobby; it's an art form, one that others can appreciate, and it provides a welcome relief from the preparation of tax documents and forms.

You too can appreciate Richard's art by viewing the models he has created, on public display at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum, 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard.



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by Wendy Lascher



I went backpacking in Washington this summer with my lawyer son Bear, and his six- and nine-year-old kids, my granddaughters Rachel and Wendolin. As we started into the very dry Mt. Margaret Wilderness, Rachel picked up a stick.

Grandma Wendy: What's that for?

Rachel: To fight bad guys.

Wendy: Bad guys? What do we have that they would want?

Rachel (After a moment's thought): Our water.

Wendolin: We don't need a stick for that. We have a lawyer with us.

In addition to being a grandmother, **Wendy Lascher** is a partner at Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP, handling motions, appeals, and writs. She is the editor of CITATIONS.

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My favorite sports moments? When the MLB dugout goes silent and ignores a rookie's first major league home run... Santa Barbara has a Christian Lawyers Association if you'd be so inclined. They meet for lunch at the University Club the last Friday of each month. \$20 for lawyers, \$10 for students...Recommended Book of the Month: *The Trouble with Lawyers*, by Deborah L. Rhode, Oxford University Press. 248 pages, \$29.95. She is a law professor and respected scholar who has filled law reviews and previous books with insightful commentary on the legal profession...The new executive director of the State Bar of California is Elizabeth Parker, dean emerita of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. She also served as Dean of the Law School at McGeorge for ten years. Additionally, she had runs at the CIA and the National Security Agency. Hmmm...

Steve Henderson has been the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bar association and its affiliated organizations since November 1990. He will be celebrating his 50th birthday this month on the Camino del Santiago Trail, so checks made out to VCLA, Inc. would seem appropriate. Red Stripe is a close second please. His NFL Fantasy team is called the Goodall Goonz and is currently in first place. He may be reached at steve@vcba.org, FB, Twitter at [stevehendo1](https://twitter.com/stevehendo1), LinkedIn, Instagram at [steve_hendo](https://www.instagram.com/steve_hendo) or better yet, 650-7599.

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