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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Jacquelyn D. Ruffin

For Carmen

Disbelief
Morphed into
Denial
Slipped into
Shock
Crept into
Numbness

Then,
With the grave weight
Of reality,
Revealed itself as
Devastation

La reina
Nos ha dejado

The magnitude of her absence
Instantly and oppressively palpable
The full moon
Illuminating our sorrow,
Highlighting the inexplicable extinguishment
Of that bright guiding star,
Accentuating the wreckage left in its wake

Dawn did not bring refuge

That sparkle in her eyes
Not to be seen again
The radiance of her smile
Not to be felt again
The wisdom in her words
Not to be heard again

But in loss,
Just as in life,
She unified us

At dusk
We gathered
In the plaza
To mourn her
Remember her
Honor her
Celebrate her

We paid tribute to
A half century of
An unwavering commitment
To an expansive view of justice
And a steadfast belief
In our capacity for greatness
We paid homage to
A lifetime of
Kindness, generosity,
Compassion, tenacity,
Courage, integrity,
Laughter, grace and joy
All born from love

As stories were shared
And friends embraced
And tears fell
We somehow found
Some measure of solace
In our collective grief

Then,
In the shadow of the candles,
We tilted our heads
Towards the onyx of a sunless sky
And remembered:
The supernova that follows
The brilliant star’s inward collapse
Creates new stars

Ella
No nos ha dejado



The tragic death of M. Carmen Ramírez is an immeasurable loss for her family, her friends and the community at large. Many VCBA members have asked me whether a scholarship could be created in Ramírez’s honor and offered to donate to the scholarship fund. It is my understanding that Ramírez’s family plans to establish a scholarship in her memory – but only once they are ready to focus on the logistics. For now, I have been tasked with collecting names and email addresses of individuals who would like further information about the scholarship fund and opportunities to donate. To be added to the list, please email me at jruffin@mwgjlaw.com.



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HAVE YOU HEARD?

On Sept. 1, **Maureen Houska** will be sworn in as the newest judge of the Ventura County Superior Court. Houska is a founding partner of Woo Houska LLP and previously was an associate at Benton, Orr, Duval & Buckingham. Her appointment fills the vacancy created by the retirement of **Judge William Liebmann**, who retired in May 2021. Congratulations!



A new scholarship has been created in honor of the late **J. Roger Myers**. His longtime friend and business partner **Monte Widders** generously made an initial contribution that will cover the next two years of scholarship funding. For details, please visit www.vcba.org.

Marc Anderson has moved his practice to the Quirk Law Firm in Ventura. You can reach him at 805-650-7778 or mda@qflaw.com.

CITATIONS is sad to learn of the July 28 passing of **Robert Bartosh**, who practiced maritime law for many years.

VCBA and VCTLA invite members to honor Court of Appeal **Justice Steven Z. Perren** for his 55 years of service to the legal profession as he celebrates his retirement from

Division Six. The Sept. 15 mixer and program will take place at Spanish Hills Club in Camarillo. Contact VCBA to purchase tickets or use the flyer in this issue of **CITATIONS**.



The Ventura County Diversity Bar Alliance will have new Co-Chairs in 2023: **Karen Oakman** and **Vanessa Valdez**. Oakman is currently President of Women Lawyers of Ventura County and a partner in Clunen and Oakman Law LLP, specializing in family and criminal law matters. Valdez is currently President of the Ventura County Latinx Bar Association and serves as the Founder/Executive Director for Family Law House, helping California low-income and other vulnerable families with family law matters. Contact Oakman (karen@clunenandoakman.com) or Valdez (vanessavaldez@yahoo.com) to learn more about the Diversity Bar Alliance, its member organizations, and how to get involved.

On Aug. 13, Black Lawyers of Ventura County held its annual party for the first time since the start of the pandemic. BLVC President **Damon Jenkins** and Monique Magar hosted the event at their home in Silver Strand.



Damon Jenkins, Eva Weiss, Scott Weiss, Nicole Cheatham, Sara Peters and Rabiah Rahman. Back: Christal Porter, Maggie Villegas and Xavier Villegas.




Defense counsel **Bruce Finck** needed the jury to relive the catastrophic single-vehicle accident in the 24-day jury trial in *Martinez v. Ventura County et al.* Plaintiff had been injured while driving his motorcycle, which was blue in color. Finck demanded that plaintiff produce the motorcycle at trial, but when it was produced, it had been dismantled, rendering it useless for Finck’s planned jury demonstration.

Finck obtained plaintiff’s stipulation to bring an exemplar into court, but the only exemplar motorcycle that could be found was pink. Or possibly salmon. Upon parking the motorcycle in the courtroom well, Finck was told by **Judge Vincent O’Neil** and the courtroom staff that Finck’s exemplar was more salmon-colored than pink, and the court’s Aug. 5, 2015 minute order insists it is salmon.


Finck demonstrated his skill at connecting with juries using his quirky sense of humor, beginning each new witness examination by asking, “What color do you believe this motorcycle is, pink or salmon?” In *Martinez*, Finck won a very favorable jury verdict of 1 percent comparative fault, compared to plaintiff’s 99 percent fault.

Thanks to **Don Wood** (Finck’s law partner), Chuck Pode (retired VC Risk Manager), and **Leroy Smith** (retired VC County Counsel) for the memories.



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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT ELECTS 2023-2025 LEADERSHIP

The judges of the Ventura Superior Court have elected **Kevin G. DeNoce** as Presiding Judge and **Matthew P. Guasco** as Assistant Presiding Judge for the new two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the Court Executive Officer, is responsible for leading the court, establishing policies, and allocating resources in a manner that promotes equal access to justice, increases efficiency in court operations, and enhances service to the public. The Assistant Presiding Judge performs duties as assigned by the Presiding Judge. Also, the Assistant Presiding Judge exercises the powers of the Presiding Judge when the Presiding Judge is absent.



Judge DeNoce, now the Assistant Presiding Judge, was appointed to the bench in 2007, and currently presides over general and complex civil cases. The Ventura County Trial Lawyers

Association named Judge DeNoce “Judge of the Year” in 2017; the Knights of Columbus bestowed their Public Safety Award in 2022. Judge DeNoce previously served as the Supervising Judge for the Civil Division and served in the Criminal and Family Law Divisions. He has conducted more than 500 jury trials including medical malpractice, product liability, wrongful death, negligence, trade secrets, auto and airplane accidents, breach of contract, real property transactions, wage disputes, asbestos, conservatorships, dangerous road conditions, murder/manslaughter, gang charges, robbery, burglary, kidnapping, sexual assault, battery, DUI, domestic violence, grand theft, and many other types of cases.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge DeNoce was a sole practitioner and a partner in the Law Offices of Andrade & DeNoce, LLP. From 1987 to 1996, he served as a prosecuting attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office, where he was the supervising attorney for the Appellate Division from 1992 to 1996 and a Senior Deputy District Attorney from 1994 to 1996. Judge DeNoce earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Colorado at

Boulder and his law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.



Judge Guasco was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in December 2011. Judge Guasco was honored as “Judge of the Year”

for 2020 by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. He has served as the Presiding Appellate Judge (2015-2017) and as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Division (2020). Judge Guasco has served in the Criminal, Appellate, Family and Civil Divisions of the Court. He has presided over more than 125 criminal and civil jury trials.

Before his appointment, Judge Guasco was a professional mediator and arbitrator as well as an appellate practitioner. He served

as Of Counsel to Arnold, LaRochelle, Mathews, Van Conas & Zirbel, LLP (2008 - 2010), and Norman Dowler, LLP (2001- 2008). He was a sole practitioner with Innovative Mediation (1998-2001), an associate attorney with Engle & Carobini (1993-1998), and an associate with Lascher & Lascher (1989-1993). He began his legal career as a Deputy Public Defender with the Marin County Public Defender (1985-1989).

Judge Guasco is a past president of the Ventura County Bar Association. He is a member of the faculty of the Center for Judicial Education & Research, Judicial Council of California. Judge Guasco has served on the workgroup appointed by the Chief Justice to develop the curriculum for judicial ethics education. He also teaches judicial ethics. Judge Guasco is a graduate of the University of California, Davis (1980), and Golden Gate University School of Law (1984).

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THE COMMUNITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO CARMEN RAMÍREZ

Editor's Note: Carmen Ramírez was tragically killed on Friday, Aug. 12, leaving the community filled with shock and sadness. CITATIONS was flooded with tributes to Ramírez. Below is a selection of messages received.

It is Friday evening. I put my phone to bed early to disconnect from the world. I think about the next day, about joining my friends to celebrate their new union. I focus on my family. I am unaware.

I awake early Saturday morning, as usual. I meditate. I spend time in my garden. I have a quiet breakfast while my family sleeps.

I open the newspaper on my phone. I see a picture of Carmen and wonder what amazing thing she has done now. I think of her. I smile.

I click on Carmen's photo. The words start to dance in my head. I see the words, disconnected in my brain. Carmen. Died. Carmen. Died. Carmen. Died.

I refresh the screen, unconvinced of the words my brain cannot process. For nearly an hour. Refresh. Refresh. Refresh. The words don't change.

The tears come.

I sleep-walk through the day, in shock. All other plans have fallen from my thoughts. I can only think of Carmen.

I take my youngest daughter shopping to prepare for her return to school. I look at her and tell her Carmen made things possible for you. For all of us. For men, for women, for Latinos. My mixed daughter, granddaughter of Agustin Rodriguez, who worked with Carmen in the early days of her advocacy. Who traveled with Carmen to teach others how to speak up, how to fight, how to advocate. I think of the changed landscape of our County, of our lives. Carmen, steadfastly, passionately, endlessly, opened doors for my daughter and so many others. In the middle of the store, in the middle of the restaurant, I cry.

I think how you did not need to agree with Carmen's politics to admire her passion. Her devotion. Her quiet power.

I ask my family to come with me to the candlelight vigil. I insist we go early for I know many will be feeling the loss. So we arrive, early. And at least a hundred people

are already there. Many, many more join us. Somehow, seeing all the lives Carmen has touched helps my broken heart begin to heal.

I cry. I listen. I cry. I listen.

And then, I laugh. Someone mentions how Carmen always made everyone feel like they were special. I recall when I first met Carmen. How she made me feel special. Important. Worthy of her time. It took me years to realize Carmen made everyone she connected with feel this way. Yet, somehow, I feel no less special with that realization. Because that was the magic of Carmen.

I am filled with gratitude for the time I was able to know her. For all she has done for my family and others. Grateful to live in a place where Carmen made an impact. Grateful for Carmen.

Carmen. Oh Carmen.

They say death makes us all equal. I disagree. Carmen and the actions she took during her life will grow and flourish and inspire. Carmen will live on.

Amber Rodriguez

Today was a bittersweet day. Earlier in the day I celebrated my granddaughter's first birthday; I then attended a candlelight vigil for a dear friend, Carmen Ramírez. As a young attorney I was given the cold shoulder by a number of older attorneys who didn't like that I worked for a law firm that represented the wealthy, land use developers, banks, railroads and agribusiness. Mind you, I am the first American-born child of poor Mexican immigrants. I simply saw an opportunity to gain a skill set I never anticipated. Carmen, the head of the local legal aid agency, noticed what was happening. She approached me and explained that my work experience was of great benefit to my community, and that she knew of progressive organizations that could use my skill set. I was soon sitting on the board of a corporation that built affordable housing, which eventually

included a Senior Citizen Complex in my hometown. Other introductions from Carmen followed, other opportunities arose to assist my community. I soon fit right in, I was subsequently elected President of the local Mexican American Bar Association. Carmen was instrumental to all of that.

With the demise of Legal Aid Carmen moved on to new endeavors. She became a community activist on behalf of working-class families, women and the environment. She ran for local office, and was soon elected to the Oxnard City Council, where she became the mayor. She was then elected to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, where she was quickly appointed as the Chair. In each instance, she was the first female of color to hold the position. Carmen Ramírez was a much-respected trailblazer. Sadly, Carmen died on [Friday, Aug. 12], after being hit by a truck while crossing a street in Downtown Oxnard. I cried when I heard the news on Saturday morning. Many felt the same way. "Stunned" is a good way to describe the large crowd at the candlelight vigil. Carmen is irreplaceable, she will be sorely missed.

Everybody describes Carmen as "nice," but I have to tell you she could be direct and confrontational. In 2001 Carmen led a group of attorneys and judges to Habana, Cuba, myself included. One night, while in a bar I saw a group of individuals climb atop a table, scream "Fuck Castro," and then take a long drink from a bottle of rum. Suffice to state that I was enthralled, and soon joined the group of rogue poets, musicians and artists as we went bar hopping. The binge lasted several days, and I never communicated my absence to Carmen. The memories are blurry, but I remember having a good time. When I returned to the hotel Carmen was waiting for me. She gave me a tongue lashing for not adhering to the program. I looked at Carmen, and quickly decided that I needed to apologize to her. Carmen was a saint; never piss-off a saint.

Oscar Gonzalez



I need to thank you, Carmen, my dear friend. For changing my life for the better. You asked me to help you with your Oxnard City Council reelection campaign in 2014. Saying yes was the easiest and best decision I've ever made.

No one knocks on doors in La Colonia like you did. You did this work with grace and love in your heart, always asking tough questions and listening with intent – and then you did everything in your power (and oh, you were a force to be reckoned with) para nuestra gente. Now, the rest of us will work together to keep up the pace you set, we will try and fill the void this tragedy leaves.

I will always cherish the times we shared – fighting the good fight and having so much fun doing it. You are still a pillar of a community that I love very deeply, and we owe it to each other to continue to live your legacy.

Si se puede, con comunidad, con amor y con orgullo. Te quiero mucho, Amiga. Descansa, ahora, we'll take it from here.

Claudia Calderon

A tragic loss for all of our community. I knew and worked with Carmen for over 40 years. A true giant of personal values and integrity. She was a true role model and leader for all of us that knew her. God Bless You, Carmen. You made a difference in all of our lives.

Greg Ramirez

A voice for legal logic and reason coupled with compassion. What a loss!

Deirdre Frank

Such a loss of a true friend and amazing community builder.

Deborah Meyer Morris

Carmen's attendance at our Saturday morning breakfasts at the Galloping Hen was always a bit spotty--she had SO much to do to make this world a better place for all of us.

Whether we agreed or disagreed (yes, there were a few of those...), her ability to marshal her facts and state her case in calm, measured ways was unparalleled.

“Now cracks a noble heart. Good-night, sweet princess;

And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”

Terence Geoghegan

She has done a remarkable job in terms of the county having a compass, a much stronger moral compass. She has a way about her where she can get things done and steer or move people to her positions on community issues. The personal loss is huge, but the loss to the county is so great because Carmen was moving our county into the 21st century.

Barbara Macri Ortiz

Such a special lady...such a tremendous loss. She was a truly genuine and caring person. Put her heart and soul into shaping and improving our community. 100 percent every day.

Linda Ash

No one touched our community more. She was a model of poise and determination. Carmen was the first person I met at the very beginning of my legal career in late 2001. I had just arrived from Boston with my husband, and he was joining Cal State University Channel Islands' founding faculty. I complained to then-president of the University Dr. Richard Rush that I didn't know a soul in Ventura County. Dr. Rush called Carmen on the spot – he knew her as a member of CSUCI's Advisory Board to the President. Still dusty from travel, pregnant and wearing shorts, I took Carmen's invitation to visit her at the Self-Help Center. That year I joined her and **Tina Rasnow** on numerous occasions on the “Winnebago of Justice,” which was emblazoned with the Ventura County seal and traveled to Ojai, Port Hueneme and other locations to dispense free legal aid. She referred me to my first client through California Rural Legal Assistance. She gave me lots of advice over the years, but her advice that day was as follows: Ditch the shorts and show some class if I hoped to become a credible member of the legal profession; contact **Wendy Lascher** to join CITATIONS; contact then-VCBA Exec Steve Henderson to join Inns of Court; and join MABA Ventura County (now Latinx Bar Association). I am one of countless members of our community who benefited from her advice. We are all better persons as a result.

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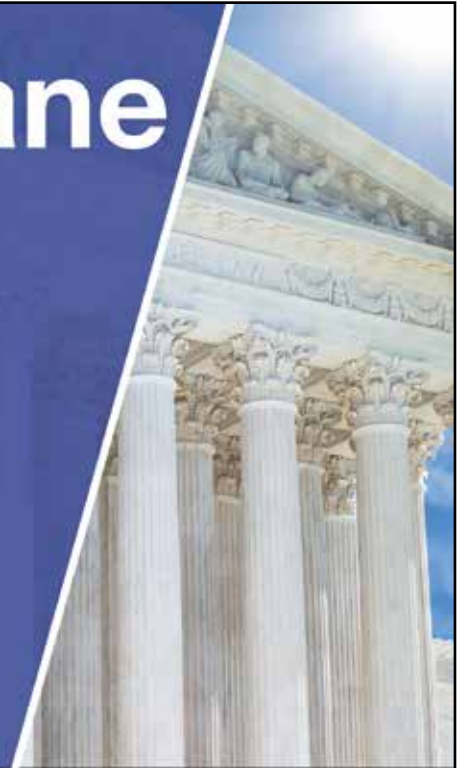
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A 21ST CENTURY LEGAL MARKET NEEDS A 21ST CENTURY LEGAL EDUCATION

by Jackie Gardina and Jeanne Eicks

Over the last decade, the legal services market has been changing rapidly, accelerated by the pandemic. In 2020, legal professionals had to reimagine how and where they served clients. Whether in court, in meetings with clients or colleagues, or in managing documents, lawyers and other legal professional had to adapt to available technologies.

Well before the pandemic, however, the State Bar of California had been investigating how technology was transforming the legal profession. William Henderson's 2018 "Legal Market Landscape Report" to the State Bar observed that the business of law was growing while the practice of law was shrinking. Alternative Legal Services Providers (ALSP) and legal technology were absorbing many of the duties formally assigned to attorneys. As with other professions, technology was changing who provided services, and how. The ALSP market included e-discovery, document automation, and contract management, privacy, data security, and data analytics, to name a few.

Second, technology was influencing how legal advice was sought. Legal startups were using artificial intelligence to create point solutions related to legal problem-solving. The California ALSP market was double the size of the national market and growing. As one commentator observed, legal practice was a three-legged stool involving law, business and technology. Lawyers with the proper knowledge and skills across all three areas had an opportunity to engage more broadly in growing legal areas of compliance, cybersecurity, data privacy, legal operations, eDiscovery and legal entrepreneurship.

Third, the report emphasized a significant gap in access to legal services that made low- and middle-income Americans unable to afford attorneys. Henderson urged the State Bar to alter regulatory rules that interfere with attorneys collaborating closely with allied professionals from other disciplines, such as technology, to provide more accessible services.

A New Duty of Technical Competence

Based on Henderson's report, the State Bar created a Task Force on Access Through Innovation of Legal Services (ATILS). The ATILS Task Force recommended, among other things, that the State Bar consider a new duty of technology competence. One year into the pandemic, the California Supreme Court updated the rules, requiring lawyers

"to keep abreast of the changes in the law and law practice, including the benefits associated with relevant technology."

A lawyer's failure to maintain technology competence could have serious consequences for both the lawyer and the client. Jones Day exposed secret grand jury information when it failed to properly redact the information in a court filing. The firm apologized to the court, explaining that it had failed to use specialized redaction software it had available. Mossack Fonseca, at the center of the largest law firm data breach in history—the so-called Panama Papers—had to close its doors due to the fallout. Mossack Fonseca is not alone. Over 25 percent of respondents to an ABA 2021 Legal Technology Survey Report reported that their firms had experienced a data breach.

The ethical duty isn't limited to understanding how to use technology; lawyers must also stay abreast of how technology is changing the law. Technology is evolving more rapidly than the laws intended to regulate it, as shown by judicial struggles to understand how data generated by cell phones, smart cars, and wearable devices intersects with the Fourth Amendment. For example, Amazon recently revealed that it provided Ring doorbell footage to police without customer consent. And, with the rapid criminalization of abortion in the post-*Dobbs* era, women seeking abortions, and even those who assist them, have been warned not to leave "digital breadcrumbs" that could be used in a criminal prosecution or civil lawsuit.

Lawyers who go beyond compliance to embrace the use of technology enhance the efficiency, visibility, security, and productivity of their firm. Technology such as case management and collaboration software improves efficiency. Automating rote tasks such as billing and timekeeping, and analyzing lawyer data, improve productivity. Savvy lawyers use social media and the web to highlight their achievements and bring positive attention to their firm. Finally, law firms who learn about their data security legal obligation and how to manage data security do not suffer the repercussions of a data breach and have additional legal expertise to offer their clients.

New Programs at The Colleges of Law to Address New Needs in the Profession

Despite the rapid changes to the legal market, law schools continue to teach a 20th century curriculum to students entering a

21st century legal services market that now includes positions like legal engineer, legal analyst, and legal entrepreneur.

The Colleges of Law (COL) is addressing changes in the legal industry, first by adding courses such as E-discovery and Privacy Dilemmas.

Second, COL has created a new Master of Arts in Law to allow legal professionals to take advantage of the new positions available in the ALSP market and beyond that did not exist ten years ago. The National Association of Legal Professionals issued a report on this emerging market of law-adjacent positions, such as Legal Operations Analyst and Chief Privacy Officer.

Finally, COL has created a Life Learning Program that will allow attorneys and other legal professionals to take courses (with MCLE credits available) and obtain professional certificates to meet their ethical obligations and keep pace with the rate of change. The courses are all delivered fully online and are taught by experts in the field providing direct feedback and support.

The curriculum is specifically designed to help graduates flourish in the modern legal industry. Courses include everything from the practical, such as technology for legal professionals and law practice management, to the necessary, such as data security and breach and ediscovery, to the entrepreneurial, such as start up law and building legal apps. The courses can be stacked into professional certificates in business operations, entrepreneurship, emerging law or technology. These professional certificates demonstrate to clients and potential employers specific areas of focus and knowledge.

Several years ago, COL articulated a new vision—to be a pioneer in modernizing legal education. For over half a century, COL has been committed to providing access to an affordable, quality legal education. That commitment remains; however, a quality legal education must include keeping pace with the changes within the legal market. COL is committed to continuing to evolve to help our students, alumni and the legal community evolve as well.

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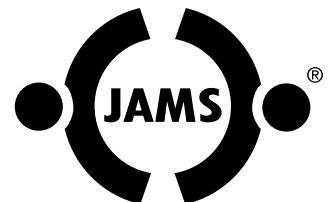


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