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## University of San Diego Legal Clinics

The University of San Diego Legal Clinics began in the early seventies when students saw a need for legal services in their community. A volunteer faculty advisor and a dedicated group of students began working with community store fronts providing free legal services to low income families. After 37 years of service to law students and quality representation to under-served litigants in San Diego. In March, 2009, the USD Legal Clinics will be receiving the prestigious Bernard E. Witkin Award for outstanding service to the community in the educator category.

The USD Legal Clinics and the San Diego County Public Law Library have partnered together to provide assistance to pro se litigants (persons representing themselves without an attorney). On scheduled times during the academic school year, law students, supervised by a USD professor who is a member of the California State Bar, meet with litigants to provide information and advice. When possible and appropriate, the litigants are referred to the Legal Clinics for further representation in such areas as: Immigration, Entrepreneurship, Tenant's Rights, Small Claims, Special Education and Tax.

Recently, the USD Legal Clinics and the San Diego Law Library collaborated on a video for self represented litigants. The video highlights important information for pro se litigants regarding general court procedures, including dress and comportment.

## San Mateo County Law Library At North Fair Oaks Festival

The San Mateo County Law Library, together with the San Mateo County Bar Association, Community Affairs Committee, hosted a booth at the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office North Fair Oaks Festival, on Sunday, August 24, 2008. This was an opportunity to promote legal services and resources within the county to the predominately Latino

community of North Fair Oaks. A broad array of materials in both Spanish and English were distributed, including State Bar consumer education materials. Peninsula Library System publications Help at Home and the Community Information Handbook, as well as the Bar's Lawyer Referral Service, and the resources of the Law Library. Their presence was overwhelmingly welcomed by festival attendees with extraordinary gratitude and appreciation.

## Law Library Foundation Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual fundraising event, Race Ipsa Loquitor--Harness Racing at Cal Expo on Friday, October 3rd from 6pm - 10 pm. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 14 and under. Tickets include admission, parking, Turf Club buffet dinner at 6:30 pm, racing program, 12 harness races, commemorative tee shirt, drawings for fabulous prizes and much more.

If you would like to attend this event, are interested in sponsoring, or would like more information, contact the library at :916-874-8541 or send an e-mail to: [chenning@saclaw.org](mailto:chenning@saclaw.org). All proceeds will benefit the Sacramento County Public Law Library Foundation.

## Annual Reception Honoring Santa Clara County Women Judges

The Women Lawyers Section of the Santa Clara County Bar Association cordially invites you to the *Annual Reception Honoring Women Judges* on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 5 pm - 7 pm. The event will take place at the Santa Clara County Law Library Rose Garden located at 360 North First Street, San Jose, CA. This year's honoree is Hon. Constance Jimenez, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. The cost is \$40 per person (except for members of the Judiciary who are guests of the Women Lawyers Section). Members of the Judiciary: Please RSVP to Cindy Gartner at [cindyg@sccba.com](mailto:cindyg@sccba.com). Reservations or cancellations accepted until September 14, 2008.

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County Law  
Libraries

Open to the  
Public

Established in  
1891

Governed by a  
Board of  
Trustees

Funded by a  
Portion of Court  
Filing Fees

## Upcoming Workshops

**Fresno (in conjunction with Central California Legal Services)**  
Guardianship Workshops (Every 3rd Thursday of each month)

### **Kern**

Small Claims -Basic Procedure: *Mondays (10:30- 11:30 a.m.)*

Guardianship Of A Minor Person: *Mondays & Tuesdays (1:30 -3:30 p.m.)*

How To Prepare Your Answer to An Unlawful Detainer (Tenants): *Tuesdays & Thursdays (10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.)*

How To Begin The Eviction Process (Landlords): *Wednesdays & Fridays (10:30 -11:30 a.m.)*

Workers' Compensation Claims (Employees): *2nd Tuesday of each month (12:15 -1:15 p.m.)*

How To Probate A Small Estate: *3rd Tuesday of each month (12:15 -1:15 p.m.)*

### **Riverside**

The ABC's of DUI's: *Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

The ABC's of Mobil Home Residency Law: *Tuesday, November 18, 2008*

### **Sacramento**

DCSS Online Child support Calculator: *September 17, 2008 (2:30-4:30 p.m.)*

Small Claims Court Process: *September 18, 2008 (2-4 p.m.)*

Judgment Enforcement- Getting To The Assets: *September 25, 2008 (2:30-4:30 p.m.)*

Introduction to Legal Research and Law Library-Basic Series Part B:  
*September 27, 2008 (1-3:30 pm)*

**San Diego-** Workshops are free for SDCPLL Members, \$5.00 Non-Members  
(Call 619.531.3900 or sign up at the circulation desk)

Using Westlaw: *September 29, 2008 (12-1p.m.)*

Speed Writing for Lawyers: *October 16, 2008 (12-1 p.m.)*

Using Lexis: *October 22, 2008 (12-1 p.m.)*

Law Made Public: *October 25, 2008 (2-3 p.m.)*

Free Legal Websites\*: *October 27, 2008 (12-1p.m.)*

\*MCLE Credit is available for these classes.

### **San Mateo - Brown Bag Lectures (12:00 Noon)**

Conservatorship: *September 11, 2008*

Continuing: "So, You're Thinking of Filing A Lawsuit?" and "I Have A Case In Court, Now What?": *Every Monday afternoon*

*For more information on any event, visit the individual library website.*