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This publicly acclaimed website is the result of a 2003-04 California State Library LSTA grant of \$20,000 awarded to CCCLL to expand the access to and services of the county law libraries statewide through technology. The title of the grant was "Use and Cruise Your Public Law Library" and a logo was developed representing the idea of cruising the Information Highway to find legal resources on the Internet as well as Californians racing everywhere in their cars, hopefully to the nearest existing county law library.

Riverside County Law Library administered the grant and with the help of other CCCLL members from Alameda, Butte, and Kern County Law Libraries, came up with three products: 1) the website containing directory information for every county, links to the 24/7 reference assistance program, self-help sites and other legal/consumer/government resources, and a mini-tutorial on how to do your own basic legal research; 2) a colorful bookmark highlighting

the website; and 3) a Public Relations kit, including bookmarks, a list of community partners, sample radio and public television announcements and a sample newspaper Press Release.

All of the rural counties' public libraries, court clerk's offices, self-help centers and legal aid offices were targeted to receive the PR kit, which included Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Imperial, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Modoc, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Tehama, and Tuolumne. Medium and large county libraries were also offered the kits and request forms for varying amounts of bookmarks. The website was brought to the attention of a broader audience by the California Library Association, in a Los Angeles Daily Journal article, several local newspapers, and the magazine Interface.

The Santa Barbara County Law Library Director acts as Webmaster, keeping the site up to date and checking periodically on the website traffic statistics.

The Treasures In EL Dorado

Recently the El Dorado County Law Library has become the Self Help Workshop Center for pro per litigants. They are now in collaboration with The Legal Service of Northern California, and the Family Law Facilitator programs.

The Legal Service of Northern California is based in Auburn and serves four counties, including El Dorado. They meet at the Law Library every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and offer help with landlord/tenant issues, small claims actions, debt collection, guardianships, dissolutions, paternity actions, child support, custody, visitation, and income restrictions.

The Family Law Facilitator has workshops on both Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Libraries...On Tour

Riverside County Law Library is hosting a special exhibit "The Libraries of Riverside County...A Millennium of Service." Seven panels 8 feet high depict all the public libraries, including both of Riverside's law libraries, throughout the County from the first one sharing space in a dry goods store to the beautiful Carnegie buildings to the most modern. This traveling exhibit will spend one month in 24 libraries altogether.

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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

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

Spotlight on San Diego

The San Diego County Public Law Library is hosting its second annual "Attorneys As Authors" speaker series September 24th-27th. This event features local attorneys and judges who have written on a variety of interesting topics.

This year they have Professor Marjorie Cohn speaking on her book *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law*. Professor Cohn offers a penetrating analysis of the six most important ways in which the Bush administration has weakened the rule of law.

Retired Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund will be speaking on his new book *The Nuremberg Legacy: How the Nazi War Crimes Trials Changed the Course of History*. Judge Ehrenfreund's book reveals how the precedents set at Nuremberg have affected human rights, race relations, medical practice, big business and even Germany's post-war development. It also examines the Nuremberg trials' influence on the modern war crimes trials of tyrants like Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein.

Retired Judge William J. Howatt, Jr. author of numerous articles will speak on the History of the Bench & Bar. Judge Howatt will discuss the legal history and lore of the San Diego Bench and Bar and other stories of historical interest. Judge Howatt's presentation is sure to be entertaining, as he draws from his vast knowledge of local legal history.

Professor Jan Stiglitz, Co-Director of the Innocence Project, will speak about the reasons why innocent people sometimes get convicted of crimes they didn't commit and the hurdles that must be overcome in order to secure their release.

These lectures are \$5 for non-library members and free to members. One hour of general participatory MCLE credit is available for each lecture. For more information on these lectures and for more information on their regular legal research classes, please visit them at www.sdcpLL.org.

Upcoming Workshops

Fresno (in conjunction with Central California Legal Services)

Guardianship Workshops (Every 3rd Thursday of each month)

Kern

Mondays & Fridays (10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.):

Small Claims Workshop

Tuesdays & Thursdays (10:00 a.m.): Unlawful Detainer/Tenant Workshop

Wednesdays & Fridays (10:30 a.m.): Unlawful Detainer/Landlord Workshop

2nd Tuesday of each month (12:15 p.m.): How To Probate A Small Estate

Oct. 8th (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.): Collecting Your Judgment

Nov. 5th (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.): Employment Law

Riverside

Nov 13th - The ABC's of Criminal Record Expungement

Sacramento

Oct. 11th (6:00-8:00 p.m.): The Court System-Who are the Players & What Do They Do? (\$10.00)

Oct. 17th (6:00-8:00 p.m.): Lexis & Westlaw: Tips & Techniques for Online Research @ SCPLL (\$55.00)

Oct 18th (2:00-4:00 p.m.): Judgment Collection: Learn How To Collect On A Debt (\$55.00)

San Diego

Oct. 10th (3-4 p.m.): Using Onlaw

Oct. 19th (12-1 p.m.): Using Lexis

Oct. 20th (2-3 p.m.): Law Made Public

Every month the San Diego County Public Law Library offers legal research classes to the public on using print material and legal databases. For specific times and dates, please visit <http://www.sdcpLL.org/classes.htm>