Local Events Take the Spotlight in the Legal Community



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minders: The San Diego County Bar Association's Judicial Reception is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 9 at the Bard Center. The 15th Annual Black & White Ball, sponsored by

the Association of Corporate Counsel, opens with a wine reception at 6 p.m. at the beautiful Manchester Grand Hyatt on March 5. Get a room. It is fun until vou're done.

The untimely death of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia means Thomas Jefferson School of Law lost its most noted faculty member for its Study Abroad program. The program, which was scheduled to feature Scalia, will still be held in France in partnership with the University of Nice School of Law.

It would have been the fifth time Justice Scalia taught for the school. He also visited the school on occasions, sharing with students his insights and impressive command of the law. He was kind to students, with none of the airs or arrogance ascribed to him by born-again liberals.

The four-week international and comparative law study abroad program allows Americans to study international law with students from Europe and all parts of the world in an atmosphere that fosters the exchange of ideas and exploration of cultural differences. Among the courses is Constitutional Law in a Global Context, which Justice

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who has also visited the school, participated in this program four times and called it "one of the best run study abroad programs."

TJSL is also launching its annual study abroad program in China for 2016. The three-week initiative will commence May 15, 2016, in Hangzhou, 30 minutes from Shanghai, and is in partnership with Zhejiang University.

San Diego Superior Court Commissioner William Y. Wood was honored as 2016 San Diego Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Southern California Chapter. This prestigious award says a lot about Wood's judicial temperament and his important contributions to the field of family law. Family law is rewarding work, but it is also really draining, frustrating and emotional. James A. Hennenhoefer, San Diego attorney and AAML Fellow, appropriately presented the award Wood.

Wood began his career as a judicial officer presiding over traffic, small claims, misdemeanor arraignments and unlawful detainer actions. In 2010, he was assigned to the Family Support Division and heard child support cases In January 2012, he was assigned to Department 15, an independent calendar family law department in North County. Prior to his appointment as a commissioner, he served 16 years as a deputy district attorney in San Diego County.

The AAML promotes professionalism, integrity and excellence in the practice of family law.

Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP elected James Heffner to the firm's partnership. His practice primarily involves representation of businesses and individuals in complex litigation in state and federal court. He has particular experience in class actions, consumer claims, claims involving fiduciaries, general commercial litigation, real estate-related matters, and products liability. Heffner also received presentation awards from the Welsh Inn of Court in both 2014 and 2015.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP has hired Adriana Cara as a partner at the firm. Cara brings extensive employment law experience to the San Diego office. Cara formerly worked at the **Brown** Law Group.

Cara advises her clients on compliance with all federal and California employment laws. She also defends claims brought against employers including wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and wage and hour disputes. Cara assists clients in developing clear policies and educates clients' employees through training seminars.

We are thrilled to strengthen our employment law capabilities with the addition of Adriana to our office," said Joe Leventhal, San Diego Office managing partner. "It can be challenging to stay compliant with evolving employment regulations and requirements in California, and our clients can now turn to Dinsmore for guidance. Adriana has many years of experience in this area."

Gresham Savage, a leading business,

litigation, real estate, environmental and land use law firm, announced it successfully recruited Todd R. Kinnear to join the firm's San Diego office. Kinnear has 16 years' experience representing corporations and individuals in complex federal and state court litigation matters, including unfair competition and business practices, employment-related claims, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and breach of contract, as well as other business-related torts.

"Since its inception, the firm's San Diego office has focused on real estate, from acquiring and developing largescale retail projects, to financing, leasing and disposing of improved property," said shareholder Lina Ericsson. "Todd has been involved in all aspects of business and real estate litigation across the country and will be a noteworthy resource for our clients.

Kinnear joins the firm's San Diego office, which opened in 2011 and currently has nine attorneys, many of whom joined from the former office of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps. Prior to joining Gresham Savage, Kinnear was a partner at Gordon & Rees LLP in its commercial litigation and employment practice groups, and before that, a partner at Luce Forward.

Kinnear earned the Distinguished Service Award in 2010 for his service in the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.

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Thurs., May 26, 2016

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