

Santa Barbara Lawyer

Official Publication of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association
August 2022 • Issue 599



SBCBA Summer Barbecue is Back!

SBWL Legislative Update / More than Student Commencements Celebrated at The Colleges of Law / Updated California Insurance Reform, Mandatory Auto Insurance Minimums Increase / A Most Troubling Opinion: But Does It Have Significance for Capital Punishment? / The Distribution of Funding Between Public Defenders and District Attorneys: A Statistical Analysis

Over
800
Million Sold

Top 5 In Total Number of Closed Escrows since 2000*
Top 10 In Total Dollar Volume Sold since 2000*

Former Practicing Attorney
UC Hastings College of Law • Order of the Coif

- 360° Marketing Plan for each Listing
3D Tours, Video Tour, and more, tailored
to client's needs.
- Member, Santa Barbara, Ventura,
and Santa Ynez Real Estate Boards
- Former Instructor Real Estate Law
and Practice Courses at SBCC (21 Years)

**Real Estate Experience
You Can Count On**

Gary Goldberg

GARY GOLDBERG
805.455.8910
gary@coastalrealty.com
www.garygoldberg.net

COASTAL  PROPERTIES

*Rankings based on market penetration by individual statistics from the SBOR MLS through 11/20

DRE #01172139

Get the Best Coverage at the Best Price

Selecting the right insurance broker is the first step in protecting your assets, clients, reputation and practice. You need a policy that serves your best interests at an affordable premium, and we offer you that choice.

Walter R. Anderson Insurance has specialized in lawyer malpractice insurance since 1981. We negotiate terms with 19 insurers throughout California, so we can offer you the best coverage options at the best prices.

Get the Best Choice of Coverage and Price

If fifty percent of your practice is devoted to one category, and you've had no claims in the last five years, you should be eligible for a large discount in your insurance premiums.

**Call for an estimate:
805.682.8885**

Or visit us online and complete
the law firm information form:

Lawyers-Insurance.com

Click on Get Started Now

**WALTER R. ANDERSON
Insurance Services, Inc.**

3757 State Street, Suite 2B
Santa Barbara CA 93105
TEL: 805.682.8885
FAX: 805.563.1160

info@lawyers-insurance.com
CA License: 0711805

2022 Officers and Directors

Officers

ERIC BERG

President
Berg Law Group
3905 State St Ste. 7-104
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
T: (805) 708-0748
eric@berglawgroup.com

JENNIFER GILLON DUFFY

President-Elect
Rimon PC
200 E. Carrillo St #201
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 618-2606
jennifer.duffy@rimonlaw.com

STEPHEN DUNKLE

Secretary
Sanger, Swysen, & Dunkle
222 E. Carrillo St #300
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 962-4887
sdunkle@sangerswysen.com

ERIN PARKS

Chief Financial Officer
Attorney at Law
625 E. Victoria St, Garden Ste
Santa Barbara CA 93101
T: (805) 819-7717
law@erinparks.com

ELIZABETH DIAZ

Past President
Legal Aid Foundation
301 E. Canon Perdido
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 963-6754
ediaz@lafsbca.org

Directors

BRADFORD BROWN

Law Offices of Brad Brown, APC
735 State St. Ste 418
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 963-5607
brad@bradfordbrownlaw.com

RAYMOND CHANDLER

Law Office of Raymond
Chandler
15 W. Carrillo St #220
Santa Barbara CA 93101
T: (805) 965-1999
Rdc@rdclawoffice.com

IAN ELSENHEIMER

Ferguson, Case, Orr,
Paterson, LLP
1050 S. Kimball Rd
Ventura, CA 93004
T: (805) 659-6800, x203
IElsenheimer@fcoplaw.com

TAYLOR FULLER

Herring Law Group
559 San Ysidro Road Ste G
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
tfuller@theherringlawgroup.com

RICHARD LLOYD

Cappello & Noel LLP
831 State St
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 564-2444
rlloyd@cappellonoel.com

TERESA MARTINEZ

Office of County Counsel
105 E. Anapamu St. # 201
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 568-2950
teresamartinez@co.santa-barbara.
ca.us

JESSICA PHILLIPS

Maho & Prentice LLP
629 State St., Ste 217
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 962-1930
jphillips@sbcaw.com

MICHELE E. ROBERSON

Sierra Property Group, Inc.
5290 Overpass Rd, Bldg. C
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
T: (805) 692-1520 *102
michelle@sierrapropsb.com

DAVID TAPPEINER

DT Law Partners, LLP
125 E. Victoria St. Ste I
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 456-8324
David@DTlawpartners.com

RUSSELL TERRY

Reicker, Pfau Pyle & McRoy LLP
1421 State St. Ste B
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 966-2440
rterry@rppmh.com

Staff

MARIETTA JABLONKA

Executive Director
15 W. Carrillo St, Ste 106
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
T: (805) 569-5511
Fax: 569-2888
sblawdirector@gmail.com

CHRISTY BARKEY

Legal Assistant

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Bradford Brown
Sean Ignatuk
Marietta Jablonka
Natalie Mutz
Renee Nordstrand
Michelle E. Roberson
Robert M. Sanger

EDITOR

Michelle E. Roberson

ASSISTANT EDITORS

Jenna Gatto
Marietta Jablonka

MOTIONS EDITOR

Michael Pasternak

PHOTO EDITOR

Mike Lyons

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Baushke Graphic Arts

Submit all **EDITORIAL** matter to
sblawyer magazine@gmail.com
with "SUBMISSION" in the email
subject line.

Submit all **MOTIONS**
to Michael Pasternak at
pasterna@gmail.com

Submit all **ADVERTISING** to
SBCBA, 15 W. Carrillo Street,
Suite 106, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
phone 569-5511, fax 569-2888
Classifieds can be emailed to:
sblawdirector@gmail.com

Mission Statement
Santa Barbara County Bar Association

The mission of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association is to preserve the integrity of the legal profession and respect for the law, to advance the professional growth and education of its members, to encourage civility and collegiality among its members, to promote equal access to justice and protect the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary.

Santa Barbara Lawyer

Official Publication of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association
August 2022 • Issue 599

Articles

- 7 SBCBA Summer Barbecue is Back!, *Bradford Brown*
- 12 Santa Barbara Women Lawyers: Legislative Update, *Natalie Mutz*
- 14 More than Student Commencements Celebrated at The Colleges of Law, *Marietta Jablonka and Michelle E. Roberson*
- 14 Updated California Insurance Reform, Mandatory Auto Insurance Minimums Increase, *Renee Nordstrand*
- 18 A Most Troubling Opinion: But Does It Have Significance for Capital Punishment?, *Robert M. Sanger*

- 22 The Distribution of Funding Between Public Defenders and District Attorneys: A Statistical Analysis, *Sean Ignatuk*

Sections

- 26 Motions
- 28 Classifieds
- 30 June Calendar

On the Cover

Rusty Brace and Ray Chandler serve it up *hot!* at the SBCBA Annual Barbecue.

Life happens. And you want to be ready when it does.

Let us help you take care of what matters most

Getting to know you and what you care most about—planning for college, taking care of an elder family member, passing a legacy to future generations, buying a second home—is so important. Once we understand your priorities, together, we can help you pursue the goals you've set for yourself and your family. Call to learn more today.



Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
The Gambardella-Sprull Group
1424 State Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101
805.963.6310
marc_gambardella@ml.com
www.fam.com/gambardella_sprull



Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (also referred to as "MLPFIS" or "Merrill") makes available certain investment products sponsored, managed, distributed or provided by companies that are affiliates of Bank of America Corporation ("BoA Corp."). MLPFIS is a registered broker-dealer, Member SIPC and wholly owned subsidiary of BoA Corp. Banking products are provided by Bank of America, NA, Member FDIC and a wholly owned subsidiary of BoA Corp.

Investment products: **Are Not FDIC Insured** | **Are Not Bank Guaranteed** | **May Lose Value**

© 2019 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved.

A BOMERX York-BAT 467 | MUMM-320-AD | 471089PM-0019 | 08/2019

***“Wow, that
was easy.”***

E-Filing & E-Recording

Ready to save time, trees, and money by using e-filing and e-recording services? The CPS e-filing portal is user friendly, cost efficient, and accepted at California mandated e-filing courts. Plus, we're family-owned and our local team of experts are here to help you every step of the way. Now that's easy.



**COMMERCIAL
PROCESS SERVING, INC.**

**Process Serving | E-Recording | E-Filing | Court Filing | Skip Tracing
On-Site/Off-Site Scanning | Subpoena Preparation | Depo Officer | Messenger Services**

comprosva.net | 805.650.9291 | Your Complete Legal Service Solution Since 1983

SBCBA Summer Barbecue is Back!

BY BRADFORD BROWN

In June, after a two-year hiatus, the Santa Barbara County Bar Association was able to host a get together, in-person, to mix, mingle, and grill up some meats. Everyone came hungry for the delicious food and opportunity to reconnect with over 100 colleagues and friends at the SBCBA Annual BBQ. Most of us remember these chances to socialize and network with other members of the SBCBA as commonplace and a-plenty in pre-pandemic times. While these events were starting to feel like a thing

of the past, our BBQ felt like a huge feat and a step in the right direction to a return to normalcy. It was a success beyond expectation because of all the hard work and contributions of BBQer's Will Beall, Eric Burkhardt, Rusty Brace, Mac Staton, Paul Roberts, and Thomas Foley; the event sponsors including the Law Offices of Brad Brown, the Herring Law Group, the Santa Barbara Colleges of Law, and Montecito Bank and Trust; and the SBCBA Board of Directors and Events Committee. We would be remiss to not mention the donated libations— a fresh German Kolsch home brewed by Greg Herring and the wine contributed by Brian O'Connor and Joe Liebman. The food and beverages were both fantastic!

It was fun to reconnect with colleagues and friends we haven't seen for two and a half years and get caught up on what's been happening with their practices and families. SBCBA is a close-knit community and we look forward to many more chances to connect with our fellow Bar Association members at future events — such as our annual dinner. We hope that you will be able to join us! ■



Paul Roberts, Mac Staton, Rusty Brace, Tom Foley, and author Brad Brown.



Barbecue attendees look on as President Eric Berg thanks Sponsors and all who helped.



Above: Our new Executive Director, Marietta Jablonka and her son, Chris



Right: Greg Herring and Clark Lammers



Attendees mix and mingle at Oak Park on a beautiful Friday night



Above: Jessica Phillips, Taylor Fuller, Nick Behrman and Christina Behrman



Right: Ray Chandler



Greg Herring, Brnadon Veltri, Teresa Martinez and Will Beall

Below: Rusty Brace



Hana Princip, Jill Monthei, Guneet Kaur, Lesly Mejia



BUILT WITH YOU IN MIND, INTRODUCING OUR LAWYERS' INSURANCE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Lawyers' Mutual is excited to share our values, services and member benefits with an ever expanding pool of California attorneys.

Built with you in mind, Lawyers' Mutual has redesigned our Lawyers' Insurance Defense Program for firms of six attorneys or more who practice 90% insurance defense work or greater.

Key program features:

- Limits from \$1,000,000 per claim / \$3,000,000 in the aggregate to \$10,000,000 per claim / \$12,000,000 in the aggregate.
- \$50,000 Claims Expense Allowance outside limits included.
- Expert in-house California claims examiners.
- Multi-attorney discount factor.

Our Lawyers' Insurance Defense Program delivers on our commitment to enhance, revolutionize and challenge the status quo of how the traditional insurance industry operates.



www.lawyersmutual.com



Santa Barbara Women Lawyers: Legislative Update

BY NATALIE MUTZ, ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR SANTA BARBARA WOMEN LAWYERS

On May 2022, the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers (SBWL) submitted letters of support to the State Legislature for three important bills that are currently making their way through the State Legislature. These are Assembly Bill 1666 (Abortion: Civil Actions), Assembly Bill 2091 (Disclosure of Information: Reproductive Health and Foreign Penal Actions), and Senate Bill 1162 (Pay Transparency for Pay Equity). SBWL has also drafted a letter of support for Senate Constitutional Amendment 10 (SCA 10), which, if passed into law this November, will incorporate abortion rights into our State Constitution.

The Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned five decades of judicial precedent, holding that the right to seek and obtain an abortion is not a protected liberty under the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution. Under the new Supreme Court rule, state laws that restrict, ban, or criminalize abortion will be upheld if the state legislature establishes a "rational basis" for the law. In its holding, the Court articulated a respect for prenatal life at all stages of development, thus essentially foreclosing potential arguments that complete bans on abortion are fundamentally irrational because they deprive pregnant women of their life and personal liberty.

In the three weeks since the decision in *Dobbs*, at least six states have enacted complete bans on abortion care, with more to follow by the end of July. Many of those states have enacted, or soon will enact laws that ban and/or criminalize traveling out of state to seek or obtain an abortion.

SBWL supports the proposition that all people have a fundamental right to access safe, affordable, ethical abortion care and contraception. An important part of SBWL's mission is to promote gender equality by targeting and eliminating factors that inhibit women in their social and professional pursuits. As law and policy in our country has taken a dramatic shift away from the principles of *Roe v. Wade*, in favor of greater restrictions on and criminalization of abortion procedures, SBWL believes that our state urgently needs to push back by enacting law and policy that supports the fundamental rights of reproductive freedom.

SBWL has voiced its support for new legislation that will deter those bans, offering protection to patients and healthcare providers in our state.



Natalie Mutz

AB 1666—Abortion: Civil Actions

AB 1666, authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, is among several measures to mitigate the devastating impact on women of the recent decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This bill was signed into law by Governor Newsom on June 24, 2022. It can be found at Section 123476.5 of California's Health and Safety Code.

The new law, which took immediate effect, declares that a law of another state that authorizes a person to bring a civil action against a person or entity that receives, seeks, performs, induces, or aids or abets the performance of an abortion, or who attempts or intends to engage in those actions, is contrary to the public policy of California. The law prohibits the application of that out-of-state law to a case or controversy heard in a California court. It also prohibits the enforcement or satisfaction of a civil judgment received under that out-of-state law.

AB 1666 serves the vital objective of insulating Californians from civil liability for providing or obtaining abortion care and it protects the fundamental right to choose pregnancy and childbirth. It preserves the ability of healthcare providers in our state to give needed advice, education, and services so women can make informed decisions, free of coercion. These objectives, in turn, help to advance and empower women by safeguarding their control over their bodies and their lives. SBWL was extremely pleased to see that AB 1666 was passed into law—and not a moment too soon.

AB 2091—Disclosure of Information: Reproductive Health and Foreign Penal Actions

AB 2091 is authored by Assemblymember Mia Bonta and is another important measure to address the impending U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning abortion. As of the date of this writing, AB 2091 is awaiting approval by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

If passed into law, this bill would prohibit the validation

of foreign subpoenas pertaining to a foreign penal civil action (as defined). It would prohibit the sharing of specified information in response to subpoenas related to out-of-state anti-abortion statutes or foreign penal civil actions. The bill would authorize the Insurance Commissioner to impose civil penalties against health insurers who violate the confidentiality of an insured's medical information. It would also prohibit prison staff from disclosing identifying medical information related to an incarcerated person's right to seek and obtain an abortion if the information is being requested is based on out-of-state anti-abortion statutes or foreign penal civil actions.

After the U.S. Supreme Court's devastating decision in *Dobbs*, our state must take steps to support the right of privacy of individuals who come to this state seeking abortion care. AB 2091 ensures that information about individuals who travel to California to obtain an abortion will not be used against them in out-of-state penal civil actions.

AB 2091 serves the vital objective of protecting the privacy, security and confidence of those who come to this state for reproductive healthcare and protecting the fundamental right of reproductive freedom. These objectives, in turn, help to advance and empower women by safeguarding their control over their bodies and their lives.

SCA 10—Constitutional Amendment to Protect Abortion and Contraception for Californians

SCA 10 would ensure protection under the California Constitution for abortion and contraception.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* is an assault on the health, life, and personal autonomy of all women in our country. SBWL believes we must act now to cement our state's progressive laws on reproductive freedom by ensuring that access to a safe and legal abortion is protected in our state constitution. We support Governor Newsom's pledge to "not sit on the sidelines as unprecedented attacks on the fundamental right to choose endanger women across the country."

As of July 6, 2022, SCA 10 is authorized to be placed on the November ballot, as Proposition 1, to be voted on by the citizens of California.

SB 1162—Pay Transparency for Pay Equity

On a different, but equally important subject, SBWL also wrote to the legislature to support SB 1162. Authored by Senator Monique Limón, this bill would make important progress on the struggle for pay equality for women and people of color.

Despite significant advances in California's equal pay laws, the gender- and race-based pay gap persists. SBWL

believes that legislative action is needed to address this gap.

SB 1162 proposes mechanisms that would allow state agencies, employers, and workers to gather data to help close the pay gap. The bill would make three key changes to existing law. *First*, it would change the type of data private companies are required to report to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH). Companies would be required to report the median and mean rate of pay for each job classification for each combination of race, ethnicity, and sex. Additionally, it would require any private employer who hires or uses the service of at least 100 temporary or contract workers to submit the same report for that population of employees. *Second*, it would require DFEH to make each private employer's report publicly available on its website. *Third*, the bill would require private companies with 15 or more employees to provide the pay scale information in each job posting and make pay scale information available upon request to any employee who requests the information regarding their current position.

SBWL supports SB 1162 new requirements. By exposing the reality of pay inequity, this bill will address the gender and race-based disparities that continue to drive economic inequality. SB 1162 serves as a critical step in advancing and empowering women in the workplace to negotiate for higher pay and better opportunities. SBWL therefore supports SB 1162 and strongly urges its passage.

How You Can Take Action

Writing letters of support (or opposition) to the State Senate and Assembly about pending legislation of interest is a great way to move the Legislature to take action on important issues. The process is surprisingly simple. You need only create an account at <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>. You can submit a letter through that portal, and urge others to do so. Your voice makes a difference.

Get the latest information about legislative bills covering issues of interest to you by heading to the California Legislative Information Homepage, <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.html>. Use the search pane to type the bill number (e.g., AB1, or SB2). If you don't know the bill number, you can also search by keyword(s).

Address letters to the bill's author(s). The author's name can usually be found at the top of the text of the bill. It's a good practice to copy the Legislator's Chief of Staff—and you can find out who that is by googling or calling the office of the Legislator. Even if you cannot find this information easily, it is not a problem. Generally, when a letter is submitted through the portal, a staff person will receive the

Continued on page 20

More than Student Commencements Celebrated at The Colleges of Law

BY MARIETTA JABLONKA AND MICHELLE E. ROBERSON



Michelle E. Roberson



Marietta Jablonka

It's 2016 and Jackie Gardina assumes her role as Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the then-known Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law. Along with her colleagues, they contemplate the common problem of new law students: high attrition rate.

Many of us remember 1L year too clearly. The unending days filled with lectures only to be followed by never-ending reading and outlining. Only to do it over again the next day either hoping you would get called because you understood the case very well or really hoping that today was not your day. Yet, after a full year of it, the attrition rate for 1Ls can reach 50%.

The number one reason for quitting is the in-class time commitment, required to be accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California. In 2017, Dean Gardena requested authorization to start the first state accredited "hybrid" juris doctorate program to ease the burden of the forced in-class time.

Our local law school with campuses in Santa Barbara and Ventura has always been appreciated for its flexibility for working professionals and parents, offering night school courses over a 3-year, 8 month period with strong job prospects post-graduation. Many local firms find local talent as support staff that end up seamlessly becoming lawyers after a few years, but no matter the flexibility, it is not easy. The hours still must be put in, those cases must still be read. It is still law school and after a full day of work, class at night is still daunting.

Enter the Hybrid J.D. program. In 2018, our local law school, now known as The Colleges of Law (COL), was the first law school in the history of the state to receive accreditation for a hybrid Juris Doctorate program. The change in name came because it started admitting students from across the country as the physical in-class component work can be done by remote instruction so long as the

hybrid component is met by students showing up for the residency requirement. Some meet this requirement once a month or on the weekends to synthesize information and fill any holes, according to Kryztofr Kaine, Senior Manager of Institutional Advancement and Community Relations at The Colleges of Law.

No longer is our local law school just local.

Mr. Kaine, an alum and enthusiastic about where COL is going "national!", mentioned a student attending COL from Texas. He not only talks about the hybrid program, but also the programs designed for practicing lawyers the COL puts out that are instrumental in perfecting our craft. But, let's not digress. Why would an out-of-state student study at a locally accredited school?

A few reasons. First is the flexibility of being able to do the bulk of the work remotely and on their own flexible schedule. Second is the low tuition rate. The entire cost for a juris doctorate, which could take about 3-4 years, is only a few thousand dollars more than a single year of in-state tuition at a University of California. Being able to do this from a state where cost of living is lower or you have an established job could drastically reduce costs all-around. Third, upon earning a juris doctorate at the COL, you are able to sit for the California bar exam.

During the pandemic, many concessions had to be made to allow some remote courses and remove the in-class requirement, but the COL was ahead of the game. With the removal of in-person courses, of course other cancellations were made like graduation ceremonies. But, this did not stop the degrees from being issued, including the first graduates from the first hybrid juris doctorate program (HJD). Lawyers were made, even if quietly.

Anyone who has graduated from law school knows what a long and difficult journey it is. Late nights of study, time away from you friends and family, and lots of coffee. You

so look forward to the day when the people you love and had to ignore for 3 plus years can gather to watch you walk with your classmates to Pomp and Circumstance. It's a day filled with pride, happiness and a sense of accomplishment.

For the COL class of 2020 that day was delayed by two years, and the class of 2021 by one year, all thanks to the Covid pandemic that shut the world down.

The COL alum takes pride in their community and when the day to take that walk finally arrived in May 2022 the COL hosted the largest commencement exercise in the history of our beloved, small local school. The classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 all made the walk together. Some had just graduated and some had already passed the bar and

were already employed as lawyers. Judge Von Deroian, a graduate of COL served as the ceremonial keynote at the Hilton Beachfront Resort in Santa Barbara.

Dr. Gardina boasted "what an honor it was to have gathered together for Commencement on March 26th. This important day was made even more special because it was the first time, in over 1,000 days, that our community could be together at such scale. Together, we celebrated graduates from the classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022. This included cohorts from both our Ventura and Santa Barbara campuses, as well as the first graduates of our HJD program."

Congratulations to the graduates of the COL on their commencement. ■



Updated California Insurance Reform, Mandatory Auto Insurance Minimums Increase

BY RENEE NORDSTRAND

- A further increase to \$50,000, \$100,000 and \$25,000 (respectively), effective January 1, 2035. This increase will put California in the highest level of mandatory financial responsibility limits in the United States.



Renee Nordstrand

Last month the California State Senate passed Senate Bill 1107, sponsored by Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) and authored by Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa). This is important legislation that will increase California's outdated financial responsibility laws (currently \$15,000/30,000 for liability and \$5,000 for property damage). The new mandatory coverage requirements will affect and protect all drivers of motor vehicles. The bill passed the Assembly Insurance Committee on June 22, and it is anticipated that this negotiated bill get to Governor Newsom before September 1, 2022. Once signed by the Governor, it would become effective on January 1, 2023, giving the Department of Insurance time to process any new rate applications.

The key provisions of the new mandatory minimum insurance limits are as follows:

- \$30,000, \$60,000 and \$15,000 (respectively), effective January 1, 2025 (the delayed effective date is necessary for the insurers to apply for and receive rate increases at the Department of Insurance).

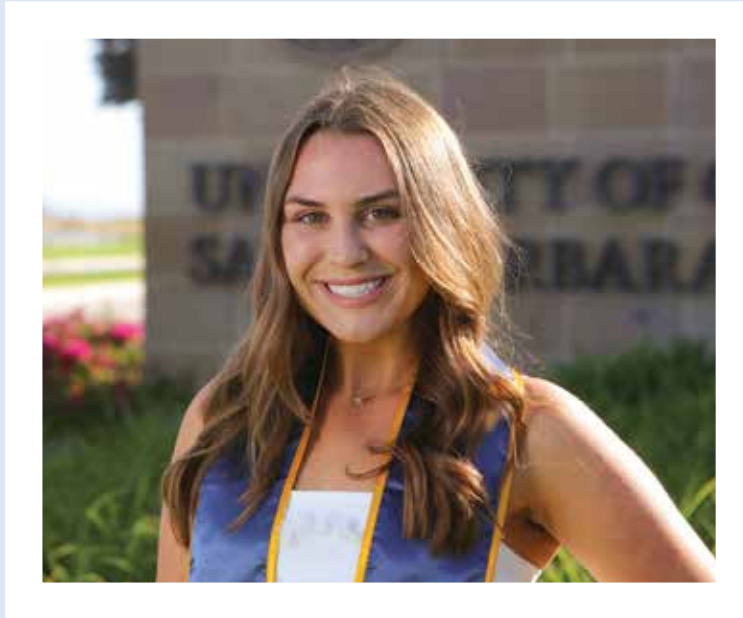
In return, there will be a new statutory structure on pre-litigation time-limited demands. (The benefit of this to an insurance company is that they have more time to evaluate a claim and avoid allegations of bad faith, which may potentially increase their exposure). Under the proposed statute, pre-litigation time-limited demands must be clearly identified and remain open for 30 days from date of transmission, or 33 days if mailed. They will need to include the claim number, if known, date of loss and other basic information that largely reflects current practice. The amendments reflecting the agreement with the insurers will be made in the Assembly and will be contained in Senate Bill 1155 (Caballero).

As consumers we are grateful to the CAOC legislative team for fighting for justice for all of us. ■

Renee J. Nordstrand is a partner at NordstrandBlack P.C. AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, Renee exclusively represents Plaintiffs throughout California in personal injury matters.

THE OTHER BAR NOTICE

Meets at noon on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 330 E. Carrillo St. We are a state-wide network of recovering lawyers and judges dedicated to assisting others within the profession who have problems with alcohol or substance abuse. We protect anonymity. To contact a local member go to <http://www.otherbar.org> and choose Santa Barbara in "Meetings" menu.



A Special Thank You to Assistant Editor, Jenna Gatto

Editing this magazine is an honor and could not be done without the hours of work that is put in by contributing writers, photographers, advertisers, our ever-patient graphic designer, Kathleen, and editors. This year, we had a shake-up with the departure of the amazing Lida, but were fortunate to have Marietta come in and fill that gap.

As this year's named Editor, I would be remiss if I failed to honor Jenna Gatto, our Assistant Editor. As she prepares to move to San Diego to start her 1L year at the University of San Diego, I say goodbye with the utmost gratitude for her organization and follow up.

She edited each article and draft of the magazine, starting with December's issue, at least twice. She has emailed countless authors and interviewed various individuals, all to be able to piece together each publication.

She did all of this with grace and a keen sense of humor and now she moves on, but I know that her wit and kind spirit will get her through whatever comes next for her. Thank you, Jenna, for all your help these last nine issues. We wish you all the best for your future endeavors as I am sure you will be a success in whatever you choose to do!

-Michelle E. Roberson, Editor

A Most Troubling Opinion: But Does It Have Significance for Capital Punishment?

BY ROBERT M. SANGER

The last two *Criminal Justice* columns have dealt with the recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court, which have turned conservatism on its head in a rash of radical, result oriented decisions. Of course, the capper for the term was *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, decided June 24, 2022—a case that has been criticized roundly by academics, political writers and the majority of the public. A question now is, what remains of any semblance of jurisprudence in the Court?

In this month's column, perhaps oddly and unexpectedly, we will look at the *Dobbs* opinion and see if there is anything might be of interest in arguing that capital punishment should be found unconstitutional. In criminal cases, especially capital, the Court has all but eliminated meaningful review of innocence claims and has found that virtually all capital systems in the death states are procedurally constitutional. Cruel and unusual challenges under the Eighth Amendment have been routinely rejected. However, the *Dobbs* opinion, upholding Mississippi's Gestational Age Act, provides an argument that both the killing of a fetus and the killing of an adult have special status under the Fourteenth Amendment.

The Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision

The argument is not as simple as saying that the Court is opposed to abortion of a fetus so it must also be opposed to killing of adults. The *Dobbs* opinion is craftily written—bizarre as it is in some parts. It rejects the intent of legislature but embraces the opinions of people like Bracton writing in the Thirteenth Century when women were prosecuted as witches and Blackstone writing in the Eighteenth Century who perpetuated the term “rule of thumb” which stood for the width of a switch that could be used by a man to beat his wife.

The Court in *Dobbs* appeals to “the Nation's history and tradition” which leads to an analysis of the history of prosecutions of physicians for causing the death of a mother while attempting to perform an abortion. This, in turn leads to a pseudo history of “quickenings” in archaic writings. This strange affinity with Bracton, Coke, Hale and Blackstone to support a Twenty-First Century medical and moral analysis makes the Court look more like politicians than jurists.



Robert M. Sanger

The *Dobbs* opinion subjugates a woman's autonomy to the will of conservative politicians of the religious right (mostly men) elected by virtue of gerrymandering and voter suppression—both of which have been bolstered by this Court's recent actions—and those politicians are beholden to cynical capitalist economic coercion bolstered by the Court's prior decision in *Citizens United*.

Incredibly, the *Dobbs* decision does not even make accommodation for child victims of rape or incest. In addition, there are insidious references to further gutting Fourteenth Amendment jurisprudence where it has protected substantive rights. If *Dobbs* set back personal autonomy, privacy and women's rights fifty years, the Court is making references that could set back other rights to the 1920's.

But the opinion is clever. It does not come out and say what the majority justices have said in other contexts—it does not say abortion is morally wrong or *per se* illegal (even though it spends a lot of ink saying how it has been held to be illegal by the male commentators of centuries gone by). Instead, the opinion finally gets around to saying that the Constitution does not protect abortion as a liberty right. Ultimately, the holding is that the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution does not prevent the legislators of each state from regulating or prohibiting abortion because abortion is not a right deeply rooted in our history and tradition and is not essential to the Nation's scheme of ordered liberty. Oddly, the Court mentions as a paradigm of such a right the Second Amendment “right to bear arms.”

In other words, the Court did not immediately resort to an affirmative right to life argument. It took the negative approach to say that, historically, the law (as related by the old white men) made abortion a crime so, therefore,

abortion could not be a liberty right rooted in the history and tradition of the country (or England) in past centuries. The decision, through the first 30 pages of the slip opinion (to the end of section II B), was not based on pro-life arguments but, instead, on the history of not recognizing abortion as a right.

Dobbs and the Taking of Life

To that point in the Court’s decision, there does not seem to be much support for the argument that, if it is illegal to kill a fetus, it should be illegal to kill an adult prisoner. However, starting in section II C, the Court could not resist getting into an argument with the *amici* and the dissenters who contended that there were a long line of cases on which *Roe* and *Casey* relied. Those cases include the right to interracial marriage, the right to marry in prison and the right to contraceptives. Subsequent cases, relying on the Fourteenth Amendment and *Roe* and *Casey*, also included the right to engage in private consensual sex and the right to same sex marriage.

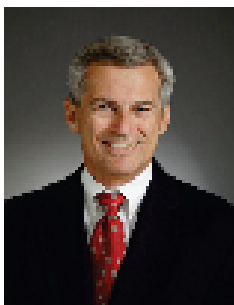
In fact, despite the protest to the contrary, all of those cases are likely on the radar of this Court for potential overruling. If the Court does away with substantive Fourteenth Amendment protections, those decisions are in jeopardy. The Court suggest, as Justice Thomas did in the *Vaello Madero* concurrence, that these rights might be more properly addressed under the Privileges and Immunities Clause which would only pertain to citizens and which could be interpreted to include or exclude whatever rights the new majority of the justices wanted.

Nevertheless, the Court wanted to make the claim that these other rights are different so as to carve out abortion as a special case where liberty interests are not protected. To do this, the majority in *Dobbs* could not resist finally talking about the right to life:

What sharply distinguishes the abortion right from the rights recognized in the cases on which *Roe* and *Casey* rely is something that both those decisions acknowledged: Abortion destroys what those deci-

Hebda Property & Title Solutions

John Hebda
President



- ✓ Attorneys
- ✓ Title Companies
- ✓ Commercial, Residential, Agricultural Real Estate Professionals
- ✓ Residential Real Estate Professionals
- ✓ Utility companies and contractors
- ✓ Government agencies
- ✓ Investors
- ✓ Developers

Hebda Property & Title Solutions is committed to sharing over 30 years of title insurance and real property problem solving expertise with Professionals seeking quality research and common sense solutions regarding a host of complex real property issues.

john@hebda-solutions.com
805.636.2537
www.hebdasolutions.com

Experienced. Trusted. Proven.

Mediator and arbitrator for the resolution of cases including:

- Business/Commercial
- Contracts, Employment
- Environmental and Real Estate
- Construction
- Wills and Trusts
- Family Law
- Personal Injury

Retired Judge, Elinor Reiner



Judge Elinor Reiner
MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR

To schedule a consultation, please call 805-879-7517
elinor@elinorreiner.com • WWW.ELINORREINER.COM

sions call “potential life” and what the law at issue in this case regards as the life of an “unborn human being.” . . . None of the other decisions cited by *Roe* and *Casey* involved the critical moral question posed by abortion. They are therefore inapposite.

The right to “potential life” of a fetus or the “unborn human being” is what is involved in the “critical moral question posed by abortion. This difference is what allows it to be carved out for Constitutional purposes from other rights that do not involve taking of “potential life” or life of an “unborn human being.”

In this context, the bizarre discussions of “quickening” also take on a new significance. They seemed to be *dicta* attendant to the argument that abortion was not a protected liberty. However, in light of these new arguments in section II C, the discussions of quickening seem to be a backdrop to the argument that the right to life is a protected liberty that is deeply rooted in our history and tradition and is essential to the Nation’s scheme of ordered liberty.

Tragically, this right to life is in conflict with what most people believe is the right of a woman over her own body. But the Court cannot have it both ways. If the taking of potential life or unborn life warrants special attention, then why would the taking of “actual life”—that of an adult prisoner—not also be eligible for special consideration? Note that this concern for life in *Dobbs* is expressed under the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause, not under the Eighth Amendment Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause. Hence, this seems to create another argument under a different Amendment, to reject state killing of a prisoner.

Mutz, *continued from page 13*

letter and channel it to the intended recipient.

Keep in mind that the Legislature takes summer recess during most of July. They reconvene August 1 and August 31 is the last day to each house to pass bills. Bills that have passed both houses will be sent to the Governor’s desk to be reviewed in September. Position letters can still be submitted at that phase, but should be addressed to the Governor, rather than Legislators. A Legislative Calendar can be found at <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>. ■

Before joining Bamieh & De Smeth, Natalie worked as a litigation attorney with the law firm of Hager & Dowling. Natalie serves on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Association and Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation.

Since *Furman v. Georgia* the Court has said, “death is different” under the Eighth Amendment. The Court is now acknowledging in *Dobbs* that death of a fetus, quickened or not, is different under the Fourteenth Amendment. The reasoning is parallel and, maybe, compelling. *Dobbs* says that the states can criminalize the killing of a fetus. The killing of a fetus can be prohibited (by criminalization of the acts of a doctor or those aiding and abetting) even if based on justification, such as where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. In capital punishment, the argument is that killing of a prisoner should be prohibited (by criminalization of the acts of the executioner and those aiding and abetting) even if based on justification, such as where the executioner is following a judge’s orders.

The potential life or life of an unborn child is protected by *Dobbs* whereas, once that child is 18 years of age, if capital punishment stands, that child can be executed by the government. It is not a coincidence that those who are chosen for death are generally poor and disproportionately of color and are suffering from mental disabilities. They are disproportionately the subjects of child abuse themselves and have been socially marginalized. These protected fetuses are thrown into a world to survive, wanted or not, and, if they falter, once they are 18, they can simply be killed off—well, maybe not if the rationale of *Dobbs* is followed.

Conclusion

Whether or not this argument will prevail, it is worth citing to the Court its own opinion claiming that the taking of life or potential life is of special consequence under the Fourteenth Amendment. We will, of course, continue to make the arguments under the Eighth Amendment and we will continue to press for legislative and voter-based abolition. However, the special status of human life as acknowledged by this Supreme Court should carry weight in the argument against the death penalty. ■

Robert Sanger is a Certified Criminal Law Specialist (Ca. State Bar Bd. Of Legal Specialization) and has been practicing as a litigation partner at Sanger Swysen & Dunkle in Santa Barbara for 48 years. Mr. Sanger is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). He is a Professor of Law and Forensic Science at the Santa Barbara College of Law. Mr. Sanger is an Associate Member of the Council of Forensic Science Educators (COFSE). He is Past President of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ), the statewide criminal defense lawyers’ organization.

The opinions expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the organizations with which he is associated. ©Robert M. Sanger.



PERSONAL SERVICE FROM LOCAL ATTORNEYS

CONSIDER **MAHO | PRENTICE** FOR YOUR PERSONAL INJURY REFERRALS

Maho | Prentice LLP is a longstanding Santa Barbara firm which focuses its practice on handling plaintiff personal injury cases. We welcome your referrals on matters of personal injury and wrongful death and pay referral fees per State Bar rules. Personal, trustworthy and accessible, we pride ourselves in exceptional client service, while obtaining maximum results. We will speak with all potential clients free of charge and will handle cases anywhere in the State of California. Please consider establishing a rewarding relationship with us.



MAHO | PRENTICE, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Phillips Building
629 State St., Suite 217, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

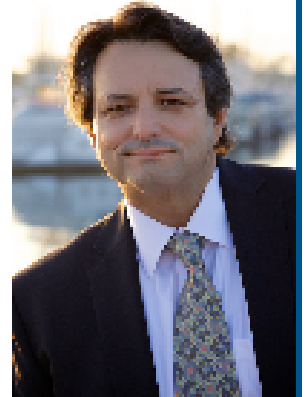
www.maho-prentice.com
(805) 962-1939

BONGIOVI MEDIATION

Mediating Solutions since 1998

Mediator • Arbitrator • Discovery Referee

*"There is no better
ambassador for the
value of mediation than
Henry Bongiovi."*



HENRY J. BONGIOVI

AV Preeminent Rating
(5 out of 5)

AVVO Rated 'Superb'
(10 out of 10)

Conducting Mediations
throughout California

805.564.2115

www.henrybongiovi.com

THERE ARE LAWYERS AND THERE ARE GREAT LAWYERS. AND THEN THERE ARE LAWYERS' LAWYERS.

Advisement and Representation for
Lawyers and other professionals.
nemecek-cole.com • 818.788.9500



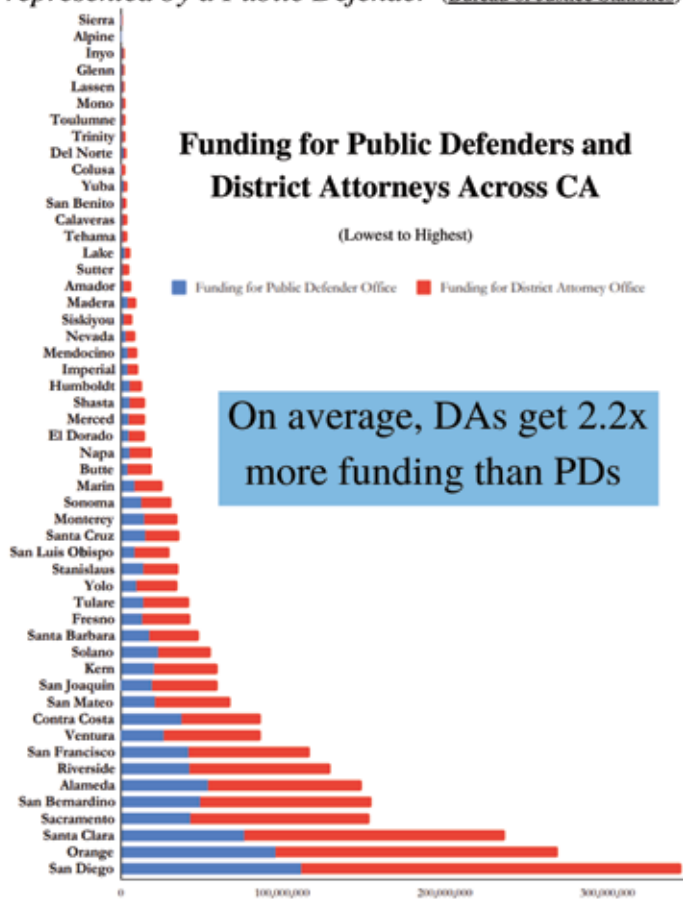
The Distribution of Funding Between Public Defenders and District Attorneys

- A Statistical Analysis -

Sean Ignatuk - UC Santa Barbara

Public Defender offices (PDs) are paid much less than District Attorney offices

“Nationwide, as many as 82% of felony cases are represented by a Public Defender” (Bureau of Justice Statistics)



Research Method

- Run a multivariate regression on the distribution of funding between the PD/DA and demographic variables of the county using publicly available data.
- Variables include: income, education, incarceration rates, partisanship, population density, age, and voter turnout.

Since the 1963 US Supreme Court case *Gideon v Wainwright*, Americans charged with a criminal offense have been guaranteed the right to counsel in the form of a Public Defender. But across the country, Public Defender offices have had reports of underfunding and low resources relative to their criminal justice counterparts in the offices of the District Attorney. The current legal landscape has not met the spirit of the promise of *Gideon v Wainwright*. This statistical analysis sought to explore how the systemic differences in funding between PDs and DAs manifest in California. Included in that is whether counties with a higher indigent population rate (i.e. counties that need the Public Defender more), receive more funding proportionate to counties with a lower indigent population rate. By comparing the funding differences between Public Defenders and District Attorneys in California with demographic information on each county, this study concludes that, proportionately, PD offices in counties with a higher rate of indigents aren't given any more support than PDs in counties with a lower rate of indigents. In other words, the funding for indigent defense seems not to consider who is indigent.



Sean Ignatuk

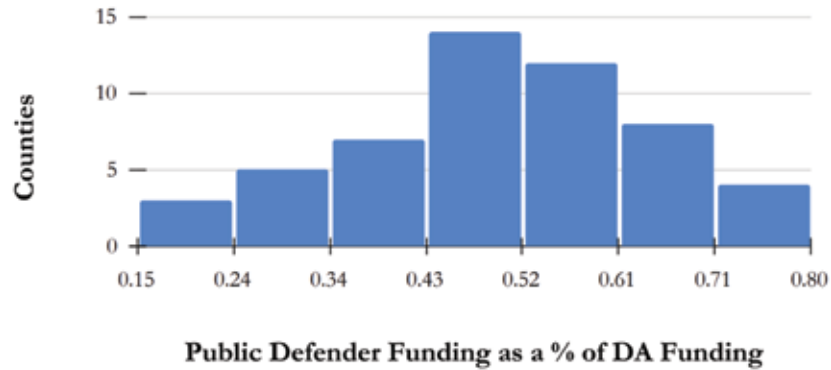
This study is by no means comprehensive or dispositive, and given the complexity of county funding schemes, there are many dimensions through which one can view this issue. My hope is that this study might quantify and shed some light for those who are not familiar with this systemic Public Defense issue. Further research into this topic is absolutely necessary. A longitudinal study or a more comprehensive audit of cross-county funding, including research into the specifics of how DA and PD funds are utilized, could illuminate certain facets of this issue previously unknown to us. ■

Sean Ignatuk is an undergraduate student studying Political Science at UC Santa Barbara. He is currently interning at the Orange County Public Defender office and has previously interned at the California Department of Justice. At UCSB, he is involved in several pre-law organizations including Mock Trial and Moot Court.

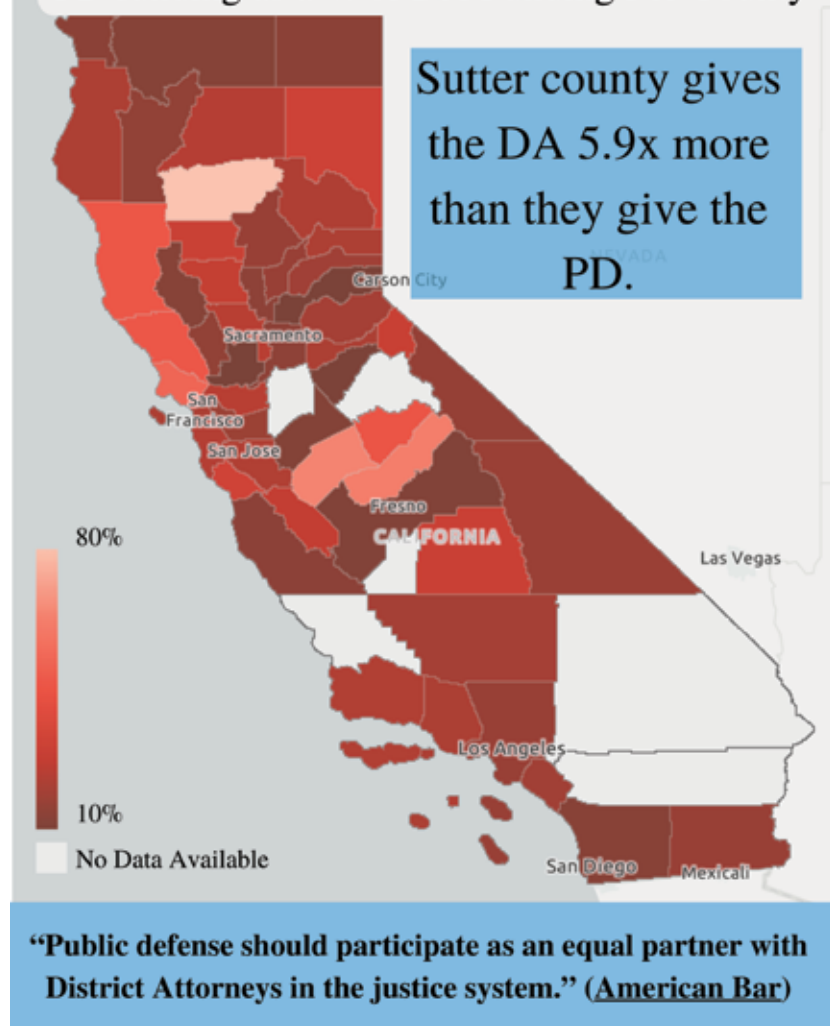
Hypothesis

- Counties with a higher average income more fairly distribute funds between their Public Defender and District Attorney offices compared to counties with a lower average income.

Equitable PD & DA Funding Across California Counties



PD funding as a % of DA Funding Per County

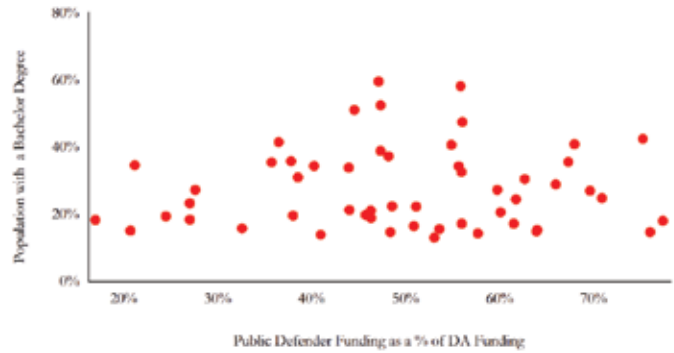


Most variables did not have a statistically significant correlative effect on the distribution of funds between county PD and DA offices.

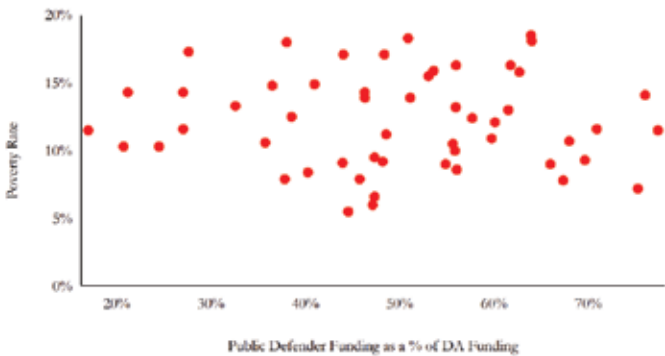
Median Income



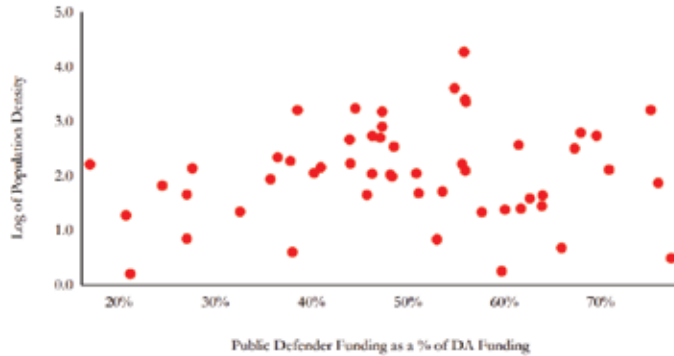
Higher Education Rates



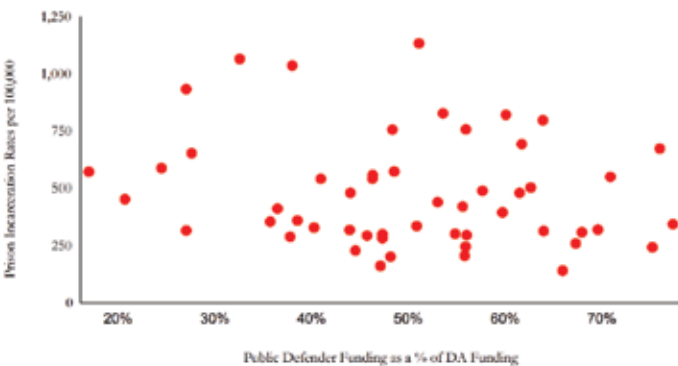
Poverty Rate



Population Density



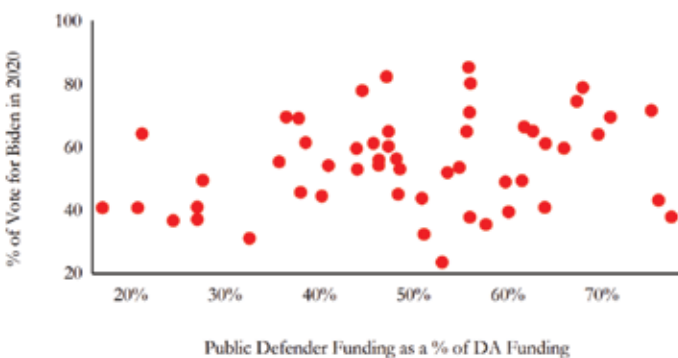
Incarceration Rates



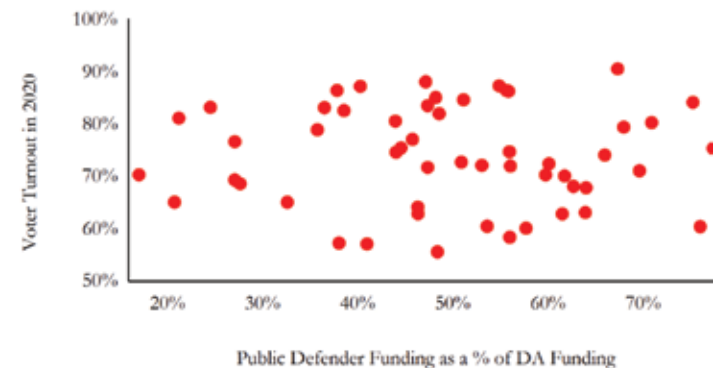
Average age of People in Each County



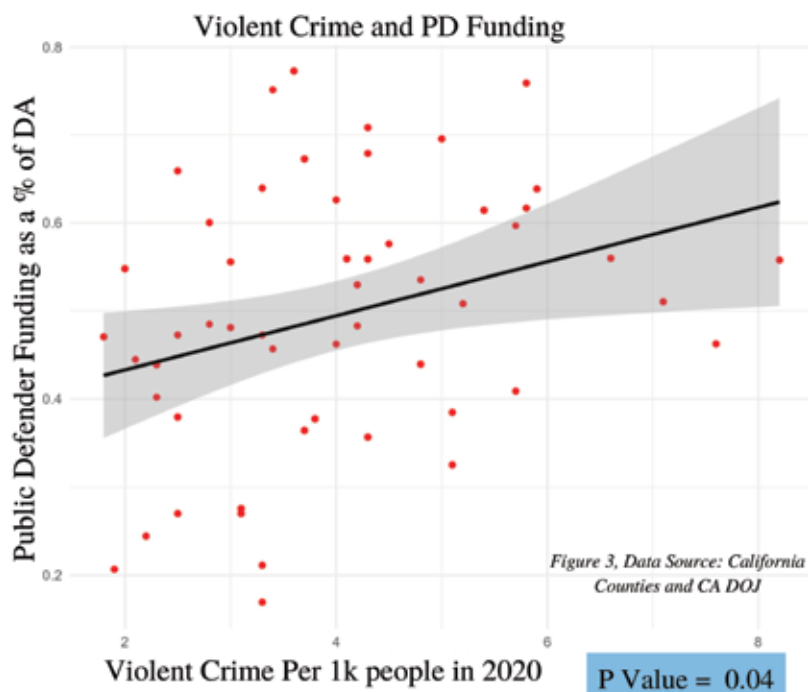
2020 Partisainship



Voter Turnout



Income, poverty, partisanship, age, population density, education and voter turn-out have no significant bearing on how equitably funded Public Defender offices are.



Results

- The primary hypothesis of an income based correlation was not established.
- Violent crime rates had a slight statistical significance, indicating that for every one increase in occurrences of violent crime, proportionate PD funding increases by .3%
- PD offices in counties with a higher indigent population aren't given any more support than PDs of low indigent counties (i.e. **the funding for indigent defense seems not to consider who is indigent**).

“The jurisdictions that are often most in need of indigent defense services are the ones that are least likely to be able to afford it.” (PrisonPolicy.org)

Implications

- Funding differences without rhyme or reason suggest a lack of thought for one's right to an attorney and a societal prioritization of prosecution over defense.
- the distribution of county funds needs to be rethought so as to ensure an equitable justice system.

“Local governments shoulder the entire burden of providing trial-level public attorneys to the poor.” (Sixth Amendment Center)

Motions

As a financial planner and investment advisor for more than 15 years, **Kimberly Malesky** noticed the same pattern among new clients seeking advice after going through a divorce: They came to her too late.

So Malesky launched **Ezharmony Divorce Solutions**. Based in Montecito, the company offers tailored financial advice to individuals and couples contemplating divorce or in the midst of a divorce. Her goal is to guide and support her clients through the divorce process, ensuring they understand the financial and emotional implications of their decisions, avoid common money mistakes, and reach a fair divorce settlement.

Malesky is a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst, a trained mediator, and a collaborative divorce professional. She works both as a financial advocate for individuals going through a divorce, and as a financially neutral advisor to couples needing help dividing their assets and liabilities. Her services include guiding clients on their options for reaching a settlement—whether that’s through managing the divorce themselves, with the assistance of a third-party mediator, with the help of a legal and financial team, or through litigation. She supports them through the entire process.

“Divorce is one of the toughest, most stressful experiences that a person can go through. While many factors play a role in that stress, concerns about money and fear of making financial mistakes are often the biggest worry and can lead people to delay or stall the process,” Malesky said. “Other couples rush to secure a divorce, only to realize their final settlement locks them into a difficult financial position,” she added.



Kimberly Malesky

Some of the common mistakes Malesky sees people make is underestimating what their spending will be post-divorce, expecting their attorney to act as a financial advisor, and allowing emotions to influence their decisions. Malesky prides herself on offering her clients level-headed financial and emotional guidance to ensure they get the support they deserve.

“Save yourself the headache and the financial burden of not doing it right from the beginning,” Malesky tells her clients. “Outsourcing the financials to an expert allows you to untangle your finances with confidence, enabling you to spend more time with your family, children, friends and writing a new life chapter for yourself.”

* * *

 **GRANDfolia**
Interior Landscapes & Service

(805) 898-0835 ■ Fax (805) 898-0613
P.O. Box 3889 ■ Santa Barbara, CA 93130
grandfolia@aol.com

If you have news to report such as a new practice, a new hire or promotion, an appointment, upcoming projects/initiatives by local associations, an upcoming event, engagement, marriage, a birth in the family, etc., the Santa Barbara Lawyer editorial board invites you to “Make a Motion!” Send one to two paragraphs for consideration by the editorial deadline to our Motions editor, Mike Pasternak at pasterna@gmail.com. Any accompanying photograph must have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. Santa Barbara Lawyer retains discretion to publish or not publish any submission as well as to edit submissions for content, length, and/or clarity.

***Santa Barbara Lawyer* asks “What Did You Do on Your Summer Vacation?”**

In its October issue, *Santa Barbara Lawyer* will publish photos and short descriptions of SBCBA members’ summer vacation travels.

Please submit one or two photos along with a short description about your vacation by September 5th to:

Michelle Roberson at michelle@sierrapropsb.com.

Staycation photos are welcome, too!



Santa Barbara
County Bar
Association

***Santa Barbara Lawyer* seeks editorial submissions.**

Articles should be 700 to 3,500 words in length.

Articles should be submitted in Word format, including a short biography of the author. A high resolution photo of the author is desired.

Please submit articles by the 8th of the month for publication in the following month’s issue. The editorial board of *Santa Barbara Lawyer* reserves the right to edit for accurateness and clarity, or reject any submission if it does not meet magazine guidelines.

Please submit articles to Michelle Roberson at michelle@sierrapropsb.com.

HAGER & DOWLING, LLP SEEKS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Highly respected Santa Barbara civil litigation firm seeks associate attorney with civil litigation and insurance law background. The applicant must have excellent verbal and writing skills, work well both independently and in a team environment, exceptional legal research and enjoy litigation. Competitive benefits include, health and dental insurance, free parking and 401k plan. Respond with resume, cover letter and references to kcallahan@hdlaw.com.

LITIGATION ASSOCIATE SOUGHT

Price, Postel & Parma, a long-standing law firm in Santa Barbara, is seeking a litigation associate with superior credentials, 3-4 years of significant litigation experience and a current license to practice in the State of California. Compensation is commensurate with skills, education and experience. Please submit a cover letter and resume via email to Craig Parton at cparton@ppplaw.com.

Hot Writs & Cool Appeals

Herb Fox, Esq.
Certified Appellate Law Specialist*
A Full Service Appellate Boutique

Appeals and Writs
Post-Trial and Anti-SLAPP Motions
Appellate Opinion Letters
Trial and Post-Trial Consultations

805.899.4777
HFox@FoxAppeals.com
www.FoxAppeals.com

Hourly, Flat and Contingency Fees Considered
Southern California Appellate Superlawyer®
AP® Rated / AVVO® Rating 10
Board of Legal Specialization, Cal. State Bar

CONTRACT ATTORNEY AVAILABLE

Meghan Dohoney: Contract Attorney Available for Legal Research/Writing. Freelance attorney in Oxnard available to provide legal research and writing services to other attorneys on a project-by-project basis. Former judicial law clerk to federal judge in San Diego for three years. Licensed in California. For more information, please visit www.meghandohoney.com.

LARGE OFFICE AVAILABLE IN SECURITY BUILDING

Available 9/1/22. Centrally located in the Monterey Building, an historic adobe (fully upgraded in 2014) with a quiet interior courtyard with fountain, beautiful exterior landscaping. central air/heat, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, exterior balcony, and views. Main entry through a well-appointed reception area, with a separate private entrance. Photos and floor plan available upon request – about 300 sq.ft. usable.

Suite is shared with a business/ transactional/ tax attorney, and includes 4 4-ft. lateral files and overhead storage in reception. A short walk to the Courthouse, County Building, numerous banks, and State Street. City Lot 8 parking is located directly behind the building, with other city lots available nearby with monthly parking. Referrals possible depending on your availability, specialties and experience.

\$1,500 for rent plus 1/3 share of cable internet, security system, bottled water service and janitorial (currently \$125/month) - \$1,625 total. Contact at 805-963-1120 or rwo@transdental.com.

Santa Barbara Lawyer

SEEKS SETTLEMENTS,
VERDICTS & DECISIONS

SBL encourages all SBCBA members to share notable non-confidential settlements, verdicts or decisions. The data is valuable to our membership. Please submit information to Victoria Lindenauer (Lindenauer_mediation@cox.net) or R.A. Carrington (ratc@cox.net).



Professional office building in downtown Santa Barbara with individual offices available for lease on a gross basis ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 per month. Fully furnished options are available.

This building is located two blocks from the Courthouse and offers shared use of all amenities including a live receptionist, Class A conference room, two additional meeting rooms, kitchenette, elevator, full cost accounting, and a copy room which features a high-speed color copier with fax and scan capabilities. On-site parking is available for an additional fee.

Please contact Jeanette Hudgens
Cell 805.729.2603



Lawyer Referral Service

805.569.9400

Santa Barbara County's ONLY State Bar Certified Lawyer Referral Service
A Public Service of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association

2022 SBCBA SECTION HEADS

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Matthew Moore (805) 697-5141
matthew@moorefamlaw.com

Bench & Bar Relations:

Richard Lloyd (805) 564-2444
RLloyd@cappellonoel.com

Civil Litigation

Mark Coffin (805) 248-7118
mtc@markcoffinlaw.com

Criminal

Jeff Chambliss (805) 895-6782
Jeff@Chamblisslegal.com

Employment Law

Alex Craigie (805) 845-1752
alex@craigielawfirm.com

Estate Planning/Probate

Marla Pleyte (805) 770-7080
marla@marlapleyte.com

Family Law

Renee Fairbanks (805) 845-1604
renee@reneefairbanks.com
Marisa Beuoy (805) 965-5131
beuoy@g-tlaw.com

In House Counsel/Corporate Law

Betty L. Jeppesen (805) 450-1789
jeppesenlaw@gmail.com

Intellectual Property

Christine Kopitzke (805) 845-3434
ckopitzke@socalip.com

Real Property/Land Use

Joe Billings (805) 963-8611
jbillings@aklaw.net

Taxation

Peter Muzinich (805) 966-2440
pmuzinich@gmail.com
Cindy Brittain (323) 648-4657
cbrittain@karlinpeebles.com

August

2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Old Spanish Days Fiesta Begins	4	5	6
7 Old Spanish Days Fiesta Ends	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 National Rollercoaster Day	17 National Nonprofit Day	18	19 Last Day to submit nominations for the SBWL	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 National Dog Day	27
28	29	30 National Beach Day	31			

The Santa Barbara Bar Association is a State Bar of California MCLE approved provider. Please visit www.sblaw.org to view SBCBA event details. Pricing discounted for current SBCBA members.

THE STOLL LAW FIRM

PROUDLY SERVING THE CENTRAL COAST FOR OVER 50 YEARS



NOW HIRING

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY - PARALEGAL - LEGAL ASSISTANT

805-963-0006 - www.stolllawfirm.com - careers@stolllawfirm.com

Santa Barbara
308 E. Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

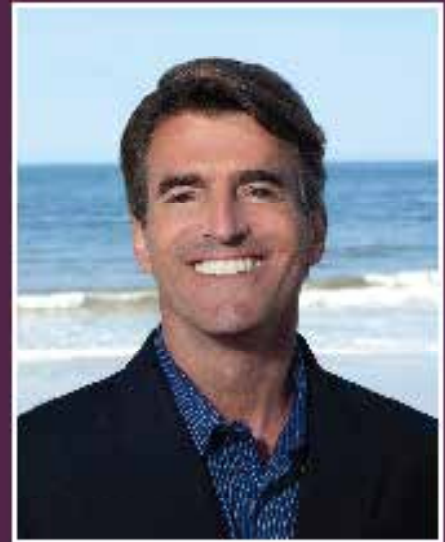
Fresno
1141 W. Shaw Ave., Suite 102
Fresno, CA 93711

Los Angeles
11620 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Santa Barbara Lawyer

The Santa Barbara County Bar Association
15 W. Carrillo St., Suite 106
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Change Service Requested

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage Paid
Santa Barbara, CA
Permit #734



DANIEL ENCELL

"The Real Estate Guy"

Call: (805) 565-4896

Email: danencell@aol.com

Visit: www.DanEncell.com

DRE #00976141

• Montecito • Santa Barbara • Hope Ranch • Beach •

- #4 Berkshire Hathaway Agent in the Nation
- Wall Street Journal "Top 100" Agents Nationwide (out of over 1.3 million)
- Graduate of UCLA School of Law and former attorney
 - An expert in the luxury home market
 - Alumnus of Cate and UCSB

**Remember — it costs no more to work with the best
(but it can cost you plenty if you don't!)**

Each year, Dan spends over \$250,000 to market and advertise his listings. He has sold over \$1.5 Billion in Local Real Estate.



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
California Properties