

**2008 STATE OF THE COURT PRESENTATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

Hon. Raul A. Sahagun

Department "C" Perspectives on Law & Motion Practice

Hon. Daniel S. Murphy and Hon. Robert Axel

A View from the Seventh Floor: Family Law in the Southeast District

Hon. Thomas I. McKnew

*Mandatory Settlement Conference:
Effective Settlement Strategies*

Date: **Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Place: Rio Hondo Country Club
10627 Old River School Road
Downey, CA 90241

Cost: Members with RSVP \$35



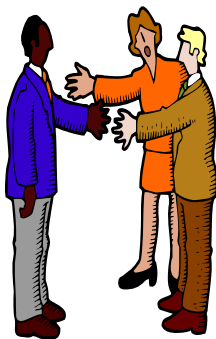
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Julius G. Wulfsohn, Esq.

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Julius G. Wulfsohn was born on March 1, 1925 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Growing up there, Mr. Wulfsohn graduated from high school, at the prestigious Marist Brothers, by the early age of fifteen and had his undergraduate college degree by the time he was eighteen years old.

Interested in law, Mr. Wulfsohn obtained his Juris Doctor by the age of twenty-one. Through his years in school, Mr. Wulfsohn studied closely with Nelson Mandela, a man he counted amongst his friends. In July of 1951, five years after his graduation from law school, Mr. Wulfsohn married Elaine, his wife of 56 years.

Mr. Wulfsohn immigrated to California with Elaine in 1978. In 1980, Mr. Wulfsohn opened his private law firm in the city of Long Beach, specializing in probate and real estate law. Through his 59 years of practicing law, Mr. Wulfsohn not only became one of the first attorneys to be credited as a specialist in his field, but also acted as a mediator and pro bono judge when asked.

In 2005, Mr. Wulfsohn retired from the practice of law with the assistance of Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, a law firm that completed some pending matters and took custody of his client files. Mr. Wulfsohn's love of reading, exercising, the gym, and most importantly his family, will always be cherished. On December 20, 2007, Mr. Wulfsohn passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, three children, seventeen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

ANNUAL STATE OF THE COURT ADDRESS BY SOUTHEAST SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

February 7, 2008, Rio Hondo Country Club - 6:00 p.m.

Join us in welcoming Judge Daniel Murphy, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, Southeast District, who sits in Family Law Department "Y". Judge Murphy has been in the Norwalk Courthouse approximately one year after previously handling the Criminal Court Calendar/Trials in the Whittier Court. He'll present ideas and suggestions regarding our interaction as practitioners with the bench and court staff, the "dos" and "don'ts" of Family Law Practice and will provide us with information regarding Department "Y" protocol.

On the Family Law Panel we also welcome Commissioner Robert Axel who has served in the Family Law Department of the Norwalk Court for the past 16 years and presently sits in Department "Z" in the Family Law Department. His seasoned perspective will be of unique value to those who practice family law in the Southeast area.

The panel will also feature Judge Raul Sahagun, who sits in Department "C" Law and Motion Department. Judge Sahagun will also present suggestions regarding our interaction with the bench, what to do and what not to do when presenting our case and key points in presentation of our respective positions. He will impart the wisdom of a seasoned bench officer and provide information that will be helpful to all in dealing with the court and the court room staff.

We are also pleased to feature the Honorable Thomas I. McKnew who will discuss the art of settlement in the context of the Mandatory Settlement Conference. Judge McKnew holds an impressive record of successful settlements in the Southeast Superior Court. He has served as both a civil and criminal trial judge, served as Law and Motion Judge for three years and is presently assigned as an all purpose judge in Department "H" of the Southeast District. This program is a must for anyone who desires to learn more of the ins and outs of the settlement process and enhance their settlement skills

This is a great opportunity for all attorneys, especially new attorneys, to get unique information directly from the bench officers. Our goal is to integrate the combination of experience to best maximize our understanding of the bench as practitioners and be provided the feedback regarding what the bench officers see and deal with on a daily basis.

Join us at this very special meeting. You will also have the opportunity to question this distinguished panel.

President's Comments:



I want to thank all of you who attended the 45th annual installation for making the event a success. This year we hope to achieve better communications to our members and judicial officers, quality programs at our general membership meeting and to enhance the benefits to our members. The Southeast Bar has a long history of serving its members and we intend to continue to assist our members to the greatest extent possible.

In regards to our monthly meetings, we will continue this year to utilize the facilities at Rio Hondo Country Club. It has been suggested that we revert to our past venue at the Marriot which it is clearly more convenient to the Norwalk Judges and perhaps many others too. Many of us would like to make a change back to the Marriott, however Rio Hondo offers us a set rate per person attending which keeps us out of the red when attendance is less than expected. With more participation at the meetings, other alternatives will make more sense, so keep coming.

The Judges and commissioners have always been a vital part of our organization and if you are a judicial officer, I will tell you that your participation is an important factor in the success of our bar association. Your presence at the meetings generates more interest from the lawyers and makes our organization more appealing to outsiders. Besides that, you make the meetings fun. It should not be forgotten that the Southeast Bar has always been there for the few judges that have had to face an opponent during re-election and we will continue to support our local judges in all situations.

For you lawyers, your participation is also critical. I would like to see all of us mark our calendar for the fourth Wednesday of the month and make it a priority of coming to the meetings. In return we promise to offer quality programs. Our annual State of the Court presentation will take place February 27, 2008 and we have lined up Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley for March 27, 2008. We will be offering MCLE credit for both the bar and judiciary and these meeting promise a good time.

This year we have envisioned new ways of making membership in the Southeast Bar more inviting. We will be constructing a pleading bank and you will be contacted to contribute so that pleadings for most any situation can be downloaded directly from our website at www.SEDBA.org. Other benefits along the same line are being considered. An expert deposition bank would be useful for both Civil and Criminal litigants. Its always nice to be able to impeach an expert by his own testimony. We are also trying to develop a directory service for members so that consumers, attorneys and other members can find you. With such a system it is hoped that we will increase cross referrals between our membership and enhance our members exposure to the outside world via the web.

Please feel free to give me any feedback which you feel is important. Direct your comments to Jackbunnett@SEDBA.org. I need your constant feedback and suggestions to keep things moving in the right direction.

In closing, we will do everything possible to make our bar the best but ask you to make attendance at the general meetings a priority. We will be calling you to remind you and look forward to talking to you then. Your presence is important.

In closing, let's make this year the best we can.

Your President

John A. Bunnett

**Looking Back to 1965
Southeast Bar Press Release
1965 Installation**

...es, California, Tuesday, March 2, 1965

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LEAD SOUTHEAST DISTRICT BAR — New officers of the Southeast District Bar Association were installed Friday night in Lakewood Country Club. At the installation were: front (from left)—Jim Gillespie, outgoing president; Jack Bunnett, new president, and South Gate Municipal

Judge Francis W. Bunnett, who installed. Standing (from left) are Richard C. Cumming, treasurer; John MacDowell, first vice president, and Virginia Allen, secretary. Harry Cossman, new second vice president, is not in the picture.

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