

**ATTORNEY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 23, 2008**



**Prominent Defense attorney
Roger Rosen
will be our featured speaker at the
April 23, 2008
SEDBA Membership Meeting.**

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 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
Non Members - \$45



Prominent Defense Attorney Roger Rosen To Speak at April Meeting



Prominent Defense attorney Roger Rosen will be our featured speaker at the April 23, 2008 Membership Meeting. Roger Rosen was born and raised in Los Angeles, and started practicing law in January 1971. He was an LA County DDA for almost 5 years, and has been in private practice ever since, handling only criminal defense work, both state and federal, including drug and money laundering cases, white-collar crimes, homicides, and other federal and state felony offenses. Mr. Rosen has handled a number of high profile cases including the following:

1. **USA vs. Doctor Wilbur S. Thain** (commonly known as the Mormon Conspiracy case) involving allegations that our client, who was Howard Hughes' personal physician for approximately 8 years at the end of his life, kept him drugged up in order for the trustees of Summa Corporation to gain control, and run, the Hughes' holdings. The main trustee was Dr. Thain's brother-in-law. Result: 4 233k jury trial in Ogden, Utah, found not guilty on all counts.
2. **USA vs. Sonny Barger**, and the Hell's Angeles Motorcycle club. This was the first time the federal RICO Statute was used against an organization other than the organized crime families of the East Coast. Result: 6 month jury trial in San Francisco, CA, hung jury, case dismissed.
3. **People vs. Gary McPherson, President, and Jalisco Cheese, Inc.** This case involved the deaths of 83 people who had consumed Lysteria-tainted casique cheese that was produced by the defendants. Defendants were charged with 83 counts of manslaughter. Result: In LA county, case settled for a large fine and sixty – ninety days county jail.
4. **People vs. John Landis, et. al.** (commonly known as the Twilight Zone case). Rosen represented George Folsey, the producer, up to trial. This case charged multiple counts of manslaughter for the deaths of actor Vic Morrow and 2 children when the helicopter crashed killing all three. Result: In LA county, 995 granted, then reversed at the appellate level, case proceeded to trial, not guilty all defendants on all counts.
5. **People vs. Joe Morgan, (reputed godfather and founder of the Mexican mafia).** This case involved the purported contract murder of the husband of a bail bonds woman in Signal Hill. In LA county, high security courtroom, Dept. 134, CCB, Three month jury trial. Result: guilty of first degree murder. Sentenced to life.
6. **People vs. Phillip Spector**, this case involved the charge of murder of a young actress in the home of Mr. Spector. Result: In LA county, 6 month jury trial, Hung jury. Retrial pending.

President's Comments:



We had a great program with District Attorney Steve Cooley. Details are contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Mr. Cooley is a good friend of our Bar Association and had stated after the meeting that if asked, he would come back to speak every year. We had a good turnout for the event and I'm hoping that our future itinerary will result in the same.

Coming up on April 23, 2008, we have noted criminal defense attorney Roger Rosen speaking. I sent out an email recently concerning the event. Mr. Rosen has handled quite a few high profile cases, the most recent in the case of People v. Phil Spector. Other noteworthy cases include the Mormon Conspiracy Case, involving Howard Hughes' personal physician, U.S. v. Sonny Barger, President of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club, the John Landis/Twilight Zone tragedy involving the death of actor Vic Morrow, and others. Thanks to Dennis Saab for his work in obtaining Mr. Rosen for our meeting.

Our future line up includes Steve Giedzinski of the Los Angeles Public Defender DNA/Cold Case Unit who will speak at our meeting on May 28, 2008. We are pleased to have California State Bar President Jeffrey L. Bleich speaking at our June meeting. Future events also include our annual Poker Tournament at Hawaiian Gardens Casino on July 23, 2008 and Southeast Bar Game Day on August 30, 2008 to see the Angels play the Texas Rangers. There will be a pre-game party at the home of Dennis and Jeri Saab to get us ready for the game. Should be a fun event. To keep up to date on future activities, tune in to the "Events" page of our SEDBA website at <http://sedba.org/events.htm>.

The Lawyer Referral Service of the Southeast District Bar Association has always been intended as a benefit to our Southeast Bar members. Our President Elect Richard Procida has made a proactive commitment to insure the vitality of this institution and has done a remarkable job with the help of our program manager Marco Robles in reversing the decline in revenues and effectiveness of the referral service. I encourage those of you who are not signed into the referral service who feel they could benefit from additional case referrals to submit your applications to the Southeast District Bar Office, 12749 Norwalk Blvd. Suite 107, Norwalk, CA 90650. Feel free to call us at (562) 864-7247 for more information on the Lawyer Referral Service or Southeast Bar membership in general. You can download a membership application for both the Southeast Bar and the Lawyer Referral Service by accessing the "Membership Page" of our website at <http://sedba.org/membership.htm>.

Thanks to all you who have made a point of attending our monthly meetings. It's your participation which makes our Bar Association a great success.

Your President,

John A. Bunnett

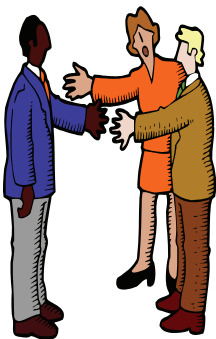
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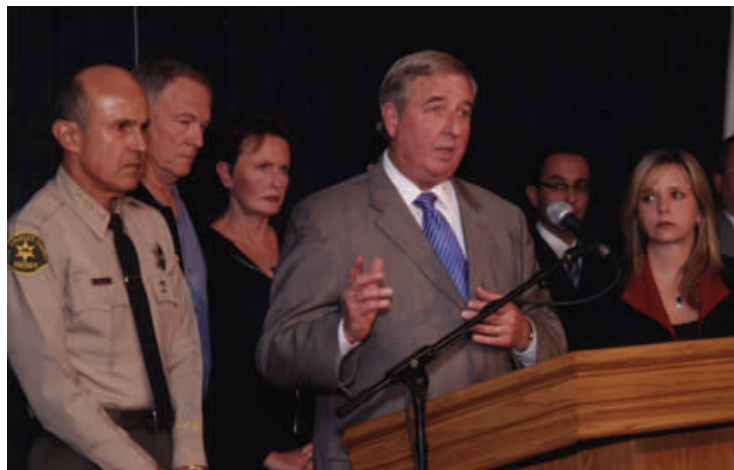
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Southeast District Bar's March Madness: A Night with District Attorney Steve Cooley

By Jennifer Lumsdaine
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The March general member meeting proudly featured the animated and entertaining Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley. The program included Mr. Cooley's review of the past and current accomplishments and challenges of the Los Angeles District Attorney's office.

Mr. Cooley highlighted the fact that the crime rate in Los Angeles

was at its lowest since 1956. Mr. Cooley attributed this to having put the right people in jail with more than 170,000 in the California prison system.

Mr. Cooley also spotlighted on the District Attorney's Office accomplishments under his leadership including reforming LA County's Three Strikes policy to focus on the nature of the offense and not just the defendant's record. Mr. Cooley said they sought to moderate the policy such that if the new offense was not violent and not serious then it would not be pursued for a 25 to life term. Instead the District Attorney's office in that scenario would use a second strike policy scheme for requested sentencing. Mr. Cooley also emphasized the District Attorney's office appeal policy which allows attorneys and defendants to seek a pre-filing review to challenge the District Attorney's office's compliance with their own moderate Three Strikes policy. In addition, Mr. Cooley also proudly spoke of the Criminal Justice Institute which acts as a forum amongst law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, city prosecutors, and civil lawyers.

In terms of challenges, Mr. Cooley acknowledged that there were many with the increase of high tech crimes and identity theft—of which Mr. Cooley himself admitted to being a victim, as well as financial elder abuse. Identifying and prosecuting these crimes takes training and the involvement of the community. Cooperation amongst both government agencies and the public is necessary for training, identifying patterns, and determining ways to combat these crimes. One simple step: the public needs to report these crimes. Other continuing challenges include unending gang related crime which Mr. Cooley stated remains the most serious and highest proportion of crime.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 28, 2008 – General Membership Meeting with
Steven Giedzinski – Deputy Public Defender DNA/
Cold Case Unit on Implications and Utilization of
DNA Evidence in Criminal Defense**

**June 18, 2008 – General Membership Meeting
Jeffrey L. Bleich – State Bar President, California
State Bar**

**July 23, 2008 — Southeast District Bar Association Poker
Tournament at Hawaiian Gardens Casino**

**August 30, 2008— Southeast District Bar Association Game
Day: California Angels v. Texas Rangers
Pre Game Party Hosted by Dennis and Jeri Saab**

September 2008— Annual SEDBA Trip

**October 22, 2008— Proposed Joint Meeting with Long Beach
and Whittier Bar Associations
(More information to follow)**

November 19, 2008— Judges and Past Presidents Night

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