

The Maverick

The SOLO & SMALL FIRM SECTION Newsletter
Contra Costa County Bar Association, California

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The fact is, that to do anything in the world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in and scramble though as well as we can.

– Robert Cushing

June

June Solo & Small Firm Practitioner's Breakfast Meeting:

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Location: Sunrise Café
1559 Botelho Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Free breakfast to Solo & Small Firm Section members. Please email Bill Hickey at bill@wahickeylaw.com to RSVP.

Guests and non-section members welcome

July

July Solo & Small Firm Practitioner's After Work Meeting:

The After Work Meeting will take a summer hiatus to resume in September, as Anina Dalsin, the board member – host of the meeting, has managed an extended business trip to Southern Europe. When Anina returns, we are discussing a change of the day from third Wednesday in September to third Thursday in September, and a venue change to Maria Maria. More to follow.

INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

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Areas of Practice: Gary is a resident of Contra Costa County and the Principal and Founder of Dubrovsky Law, a boutique family law firm headquartered in San Francisco, California. The firm represents individuals across all major Bay Area counties, offering innovative solutions to complex family law matters, such as divorce, annulment, separation, property division, child custody, visitation, move-aways and alimony/spousal and child support. We are also experienced in military divorces, prenuptial/premarital agreements, agreements during marriage, domestic partnerships and domestic violence restraining orders.

Legal activities: Gary is a member of the California Bar Association, Northern District of California, San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Association, and four local bar associations, including Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Alameda. Gary currently serves as a Mentor/Supervising Attorney for the Golden Gate University School of Law Family Law Clinic and is a member of both the San Francisco Lawyer Referral Panel and ARAG Legal Insurance Panel. He also provides pro bono services through the San Francisco Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP) and in 2009 was named one of the top 15% VLSP pro bono attorneys in San Francisco. Gary is fluent in both Russian and English and provides his services in either language as necessary.

Favorite reference/resource: Gary's favorite legal resources are older and wiser attorneys who have done it before.

On Small Firm Practice: Gary prefers the autonomy and independence that comes with running his own firm. He's never "played well with others" with respect to employer/employee relations, so he knew from day one that solo/small firm life would be his career.

Back Story: Gary graduated from the renowned Wasatch Academy in Mount Pleasant, Utah and went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a Minor in Criminal Justice from the University of San Francisco. He received his law degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco with a specialization in Public Interest Law. He is a Witkin Award recipient in Family Law and a CALI Award recipient in Family Law Practice, Evidence and Real Estate Finance.

Extracurricular: Gary loves to spend his non-law time with Jennifer, Gary's bride of one year; a 22-pound Siamese cat named "Tolstoy"; the family's new home; and the family's recent love/acquisition – a 1998 Airstream (yes, the retro silver RV you're thinking of). He also thoroughly enjoys his 1988 Corvette, collecting Scotch and cigars, and perfecting his cooking skills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RESOURCES

Robert G. McGrath American Inns of Court: The 2010-11 year for the Robert G. McGrath American Inns of Court is ending and we are accepting applications for next year. To learn about the AIC, go to <http://www.innsofcourt.org/> For an application or if you have any questions, contact David Pearson.

Some cosmetic changes to the Listserv: On our March 1st membership renewal cutoff, the CCCBA began to transfer the Listserv setup to their system, which always includes all the current Solo Practice Section members. The transfer is now complete. If you experience any difficulties with the Listserv, feel free to contact me at bill@wahickeylaw.com and I will try to resolve your issue.

Similar Maverick changes: Starting either next month or the month after (you never can tell what might happen), we will begin to send the Maverick via a Solo Practice Section template consistent with the CCCBA section-specific notices to the CCCBA membership.

Articles: Want to highlight your practice area (and yourself)? The Maverick is always looking for comments on issues of general interest. If you would like to submit a comment of up to about 750 words, please contact bill@wahickeylaw.com.

SUGGESTION BOX

Suggestions for developing The Maverick, and the Solo & Small Firm Section generally, are welcome. Please contact:

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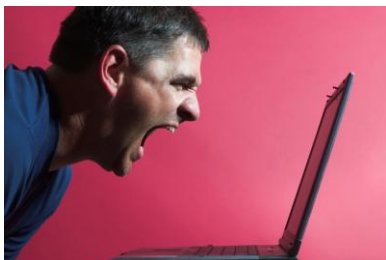
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Please send questions, comments, corrections, jeers, personal and professional members' news and contribution submissions to The Maverick at: bill@wahickeylaw.com

Information for submission or publication must be in my hands 5 days before publication goal of the 1st of the month.

CLASSIFIEDS

Section member ads run free of charge. We run ads for three consecutive months. Advertisers then need to take ads off for three months before re-submitting them for a new three month period. Submit ads to William A. Hickey at bill@wahickeylaw.com.

We have one large unfurnished office with windows available for professionals in a shared suite in downtown Walnut Creek with furnished conference room, client waiting area, etc. Excellent location, free parking and easy access to freeway 680 N & S and 24. Flexible lease. Rent \$500.00. Utilities except phone/internet services included. Available now.

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Very pleasant law office conference room with granite table and comfortable chairs for rent in Class A building, downtown Walnut Creek near BART, \$20/hour. Seats 8. View, lots of natural light. Guest wireless network available. 943-7456.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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