

# NEWSLETTER



## FOOTHILLS BAR ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Carolyn Brock, Esq.

Thank you to all of you who attended the annual dinner and 50th anniversary celebration. Your participation made it a very special event. Not only did we take care of the usual business of swearing in the 2013 president, officers and board members, but we celebrated our 50 year history in what felt like a special atmosphere of fun and friendship.

Wells Lyman, complete with his poster board sized photographic props, toasted our bench, bar, and 50 years of service poignantly, albeit hilariously. Wells also agreed to hand out our Foothills Bar Association and George A. Alspaugh awards.

The George A. Alspaugh award was given this year to Dan Bacal, and as Wells said of his stated best friend, it was probably long overdue. Dan has been involved in the East County legal community for many years and the Foothills Bar Association as well. For many years Dan organized the Foothills Bar Association annual golf tournament that was well attended by the bench and bar. Congratulations Dan.

For the Foothills Bar Award, although not a first time recipient, it seemed fitting to give the award on our 50th celebration to someone special to the organization who has significantly influenced and supported our organization and the legal community in general in East County. He attends our



annual dinners, keeps us informed of what is going on in the courts, swears in our board, and in general supports our organization and makes himself available. Of course I am referring to Judge Eddie C. Sturgeon. Congratulations Judge Sturgeon.

We had a very nice meal catered by the French Gourmet which we enjoyed while listening to guitarist Tom Boyer. All in all, it was a special event.

To anyone who missed the dinner, but would like to get a copy of our photo memory book, we have some available that we can give to you at our cost of \$13.99, on a first come first serve basis. Any additional printings will be at the then current cost.



### **Foothills Bar Association Notice of Board Meeting:**

The Foothills Bar Association Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meetings will be February 19, 2013 and March 19, 2013 in the 2nd floor conference room at 7777 Alvarado Road, La Mesa (Allied Plaza Building). Meetings begin at 4:45 p.m. and continue until business is completed. If you want your voice to be heard in policy discussion and upcoming events planning or would simply like to learn more about the organization, your attendance is welcome.

## CIVIL LITIGATION SECTION MCLE UPDATE

By Cheryl Stengel, Esq.

On Friday, February 22, 2013, the Civil Litigation Section will present the MCLE program, Issues in Elder Abuse Litigation, with speaker, Joel R. Bryant, Esq. The program will be from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant in Grossmont Center in La Mesa.

The program will focus on elder litigation, including abuse, neglect and financial issues.

Mr. Bryant is recognized as one of San Diego's top litigation attorneys handling nursing home abuse, personal injury, financial elder abuse, and will and trust fraud cases. He was one of the first attorneys in San Diego to specialize in prosecuting civil and probate actions for financial elder abuse, and is one of the few attorneys experienced and successful in both nursing home abuse and financial elder abuse litigation. Mr. Bryant has been awarded Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award and has received several President's Awards for Excellence. He is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, that organization's highest legal rating for ethical standards and legal ability.

Mr. Bryant was President of the Consumer Attorneys (formerly San Diego Trial Lawyer Association) of San Diego in 2011, and has served on its board of directors for 11 years. He is currently on the board of directors for Consumer Attorneys of California and has received its Presidential Award of Merit. He serves on several committees and boards, including the San Diego Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST), the Senior Community Center's board of directors and the Senior Housing Corporation's board of directors. Mr. Bryant is a frequent lecturer regarding senior legal issues such as nursing home abuse and neglect, financial elder abuse, and will and trust fraud.

This program has been approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE general credit by the State Bar of California.

# WHAT IS STONEY'S KIDS?

*This article was originally published in 2009.  
As Stoney's Kids remains our affiliated charity, we have  
updated it are running it again to introduce or  
reintroduce our members to this wonderful organization.*

Some of you may not know who B.W. "Stoney" Stone is, or you may be asking what is Stoney's Kids? The Foothills Bar Association designated Stoney's Kids as its affiliated charity in early January 2008. We held our inaugural charity golf tournament to benefit Stoney's Kids in April 2008 and held our second annual charity tournament on September 18, 2009.

So who is Stoney? In an August 4, 2005 Union-Tribune editorial the author claimed "He [Stoney] has been helping kids in the East County longer than many of us have been alive." This may be true as Stoney and his wife first opened their business in El Cajon "Stoney's Rock 'n' Roll Market" close to Meridian Elementary school. At 87, Stoney is still going strong in the community.

Originally called the East County Youth Development Advisory Council, the organization formally became known as "Stoney's Kids" in 1991. What really sets this charitable organization apart from most organizations is how very lean it runs – Stoney's Kids has very little overhead. Its Board of Directors is filled with people who volunteer their time to help fulfill Stoney's dream of helping as many children in East County as possible. As much as 97% of the donations made to Stoney's Kids go directly to supporting those organizations focused on benefitting children.

What is most unique about Stoney's Kids is not the size of its budget – but how it is run. The organization looks for needs that no one else is filling in the community. It recruits matching partners and funds these projects that benefit East County children.

For example Stoney's Kids gave a check for \$1,050 to the Salvation Army to fund their Summer Camp Scholarships for 2009. As a result of this program, children whose parents could otherwise not afford to send their children to camp will be able to attend summer camp, something every child should experience.

Another project Stoney's Kids funds is the East County Youth Symphony, a program that provides instruments and music lessons to those children who would otherwise be unable to afford them.

## Upcoming Events Calendar

### February 14

Estate Planning and Probate section  
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Law Office of Nancy Kaupp Ewin, Esq. 8166  
La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa

Speaker and Topic TBA

### February 19

Family Law Section  
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

East County Court, Dept. 6, 250 E. Main  
Street, El Cajon

Meet and Greet the New Judges:

Hon. Robert Amador, Hon. Steven Stone and  
Hon. Darlene White

### February 22

Civil Litigation Section  
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

BJ's Restaurant, Grossmont Center, La Mesa

Topic: Issues in Elder Abuse Litigation

Speaker: Joel Bryant, Esq.

The Symphony performs often in East County. Stoney's Kids has been donating money to this program for the last 4 years.

Stoney's Kids also partners with the Cajon Valley Union School District to fund after school programs. Stoney's Kids contributed \$5,000 to the El Cajon Valley High School to fund their football program. A contribution to Granite Hills High School enabled the school to repave their deteriorated tennis courts. Stoney's Kids also purchased a \$22,500 computer-based program "Read 180" for Chase Elementary School to assist students struggling with reading skills, which will benefit our community for years to come by providing the resources necessary to better educate the children.

Other programs that Stoney's Kids have contributed to include El Cajon Recreation Department for Youth Sports, Scholarships and Health Program. Stoney's Kids gave the Recreation Department \$3,000 for the SPOT program (an after-school program that provides a place for the kids to go with staff supervision). An additional contribution enabled the Recreation Center to purchase a pool table. A donation to the Salvation Army Back Country Emergency Fund enabled the Salvation Army to provide shoes and clothes to kids in far East County just in time for the start of school.

All in all Stoney's Kids has filled a unique role in the East County assisting parents and families. Stoney also has a special way of drawing people in and making them want to donate time and money to his cause. That is part of what makes Stoney's Kids the Charity of Choice for the Foothills Bar Association.

If you would like more information on Stoney's Kids, visit the website at <http://stoneyskids.net>. If you would like to personally participate in Stoney's Kids, such as serving on its Board of Directors or volunteering for a committee, please contact Kim Marie Staron at 619-574-8000. If you would like to help Stoney's Kids, participate in the RunEC Half-Marathon or 5k coming up on March 17, 2013; more information is available at [www.RunEastCounty.com](http://www.RunEastCounty.com). Stoney's Kids is one of the beneficiaries of this event.

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<b>Family Law Settlement Panel</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Temporary Judge</b>
February 6	Charles Schmidt
	John Schweitzer
	Dawn Dell Acqua
	Connie Zimmerman
	Timothy McDermott
February 13	Judi Sanzo
	Marilyn Bierer
	Cynthia Baker
	Richard Renkin
	Marc Shular
	Tom Marshall
February 20	Stanwood Johnson
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February 27	Dawn Dell-Acqua
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The Family Court needs settlement conference judges. Please volunteer and share your expertise.  
 Contact Kelly Fabros at 619-456-4065 or [Kelly.Fabros@SDCourt.CA.Gov](mailto:Kelly.Fabros@SDCourt.CA.Gov).

*Please Be Our Guest*



THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW

## DEDICATION CELEBRATION

# *Official Dedication Ceremony*

of the **NEW THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Thursday, February 7, 2013**

**Historic Balboa Theatre at Horton Plaza**  
868 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

4:00 p.m. Guest Check-in begins  
5:00 p.m. Ceremony begins

Distinguished Participants to include:

- United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Brazilian Supreme Court Justice Dias Toffoli
- Chinese Supreme Court Justice Jiang Huiling
- Former French Supreme Court Justice Noëlle Lenoir

### *Reception and Open House*

**Thomas Jefferson School of Law**  
1155 Island Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

6:30 p.m. Guest Check-in begins

Celebration Festivities to include:

- Mix & Mingle with Distinguished Guests
- Presentation of 2013 Alumni Wall of Fame Awardees
- Formal Unveiling of the Alumni Association Commissioned Sculpture
- Live Musical Entertainment
- Alumni Association Silent Auction
- Refreshments & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres



**Please Register at [Dedication@tjsl.edu](mailto:Dedication@tjsl.edu)** for both events by Friday, February 1.  
*All attendees must be registered in advance for admittance to these events.*

*For the Dedication Ceremony, parking is available at nearby lots. For the Open House, parking is available at the Padres Parkade for a nominal fee.*



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