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### REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK —

By: BEVERLY SPARROW

April is Tax Month and most Americans are scrambling to get their Income Tax filed. Here are some of the Tax Law changes for Tax Year 2008;

#### **Economic Stimulus Payments:**

For those of you that received Economic Stimulus payments last year, they are not taxable and they are not reported on 2008 tax returns. However, the stimulus payment does affect whether a taxpayer can claim the Recovery Rebate Credit and how much credit he or she can get. The credit is figured like last year's economic stimulus payment except that the amounts are based upon tax year 2008 instead of 2007. A taxpayer may qualify for the Recovery Rebate Credit if, for example, she did not get an economic-stimulus payment or had a child in 2008. In most cases, IRS can figure the credit. The instructions for Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ have more information.

#### **AMT Exemption is Increased for One Year:**

For Tax-year 2008, Congress raised alternative minimum tax exemption to the following levels;

- ▶ \$69,950.00 for a married couple filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers, up from \$66,250.00 in 2007;
- ▶ \$34,975.00 for a married person filing separately, up from \$33,125.00 and
- ▶ \$46,200.00 for singles and heads of household, up from \$44,350.00;

Under current law, these exemptions amounts will drop to \$45,000.00, \$22,500 and \$33,750 respectively, in 2009.

#### **Expiring Tax Breaks Renewed:**

Several popular tax breaks that expired at the end of 2007 were renewed for tax years 2008 and 2009. In addition, the residential energy-efficient property credit is extended through 2016. In general, solar electric, solar water heating and fuel cell property qualify for this credit. Starting in 2008, small wind energy and geothermal heat pump property qualify. Use Form 5695 to claim the credit.

The non-business energy property credit for insulation, exterior windows, exterior doors, furnaces, water heaters and other energy saving improvements to a main home is not available in 2008 but will return in 2009.

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### APRIL ALMANAC

by Anthony Sears

All times Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), which is minus seven hours from UTC (Universal Time Coordinated). Saturn is now up by nightfall and out nearly all night, in Leo. It meets the waxing crescent Moon on the 6th. Mercury has its best showing of the year from the 10th to the 30th, but it is seven times brighter at the start of this period, at magnitude -1.5, than at the end, at magnitude 0.7. Mercury is best seen 40 minutes after sunset, about 12 degrees above the western horizon. Look for a good conjunction of Venus and the Moon on the 22nd, with dim orange Mars below them and Jupiter well to the upper right. On the 26th, Mercury hovers below the crescent Moon in the evening sky. The April Full Moon is called the "Full Egg Moon" and happens on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 7:55 a.m. The Full Moon will rise at 7:49 p.m. and be very bright. Look for the giant Moon again on the early the on Friday, April 10 as it sets in the western sky at 6:40 a.m.

Garden Notes: Raised beds. This method of gardening, also known as "French Intensive" yields fantastic results. You have excellent control over the soil. Weed control is simple. Water and fertilizer usage is optimized. While there are up front costs, if you really want to do it right, then this is the only way to go.

Ideally, a raised bed should be four (4) feet wide, twelve (12) feet long, and sixteen (16) inches high. Please do not use pressure treated lumber. The chemicals used to treat the lumber will leach into your produce, which is not good. I use 2"x8"x12' Redwood to make the raised beds. You could use less expensive wood, but your boxes will simply not last that long. By using Redwood, your boxes will last at least fifteen (15) years. I priced it out at C&E Lumber on Towne Avenue in Claremont/Pomona (just north of Arrow Highway). The materials to make each box are about \$185.00.

Each bed needs four (4) of the twelve (12) foot boards and four (4) of the four foot boards. I use galvanized metal angles and wood screws to assemble the boxes, then stack one on the other and use metal ties to hold the whole thing together. This results in a box that is 16 inches high and gives you 12 to 14 inches of working soil depth.

For your soil, you can obtain planter mix from local sources, such as Holiday Rock in Upland or O.F. Wolfenbarger in Chino. Both will deliver the material to you or you can actually use your pick-up to get it yourself.

Why all the expense and effort? There are at least five (5) reasons. First, you will be able to grow quite a bit of produce in a small area. In a single box, you can grow a wide variety of lettuces, carrots, basil, arugula, cilantro, basil. A single box will support 6 to 8 tomatoes or 6 to 8 squash plants. The soil in your box will not have any rocks, so you can grow carrots, beets, leeks, and onions, all of which appreciate the soil depth. Second, once you have built the boxes, the only costs are seed, water, and fertilizer, so the long term cost is negligible. You will have constant supply of fresh, tasty, and healthy produce. Third, you will actually get a bit of exercise working your crops. Fourth, you can grow your own plants from seed, using "Jiffy" pack trays to start the seeds. In 2007, I had nearly fifty tomato plants, all grown from seed. Total cost? Less than ten dollars (\$10.00). Finally, you will gain a tremendous satisfaction growing your own food. See you in court!

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**Notice From The Clerk**  
**Changes to the Local Civil Rules**

The Court has adopted the following amended and new Local Civil Rules, effective April 1, 2009:

**L.R. 11-3.8 Title Page.** On the first page of all documents:

(a) The name, California bar number (or, for a registered legal services attorney appearing pursuant to L.R. 83-2.3.5, the bar number and jurisdiction where the attorney is admitted to practice), office address (or residence address if no office is maintained), and the telephone and facsimile numbers, and the e-mail address of the attorney or a party appearing *pro se* presenting the document shall be placed commencing with line 1 at the left margin. The e-mail address shall be placed immediately beneath the name of the attorney. Immediately beneath, the party on whose behalf the document is presented shall be identified. All this information shall be single spaced. When a document is presented, the information set forth in this paragraph shall be supplied for each attorney or party appearing *pro se* who joins in the presentation of that document, and who has not previously filed a document that includes the information.

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**L.R. 83-2.8 Procedure for Admission**

**L.R. 83-2.8.2 Pro Hac Vice or Other Limited Appearance.** Each applicant for permission to appear *pro hac vice* shall fill out and present to the Clerk an Application of Non-Resident Attorney to Appear in a Specific Case and pay the applicable fee. Each applicant to appear as a registered legal services attorney under L.R. 83-2.3.5 shall fill out and present to the Clerk an Application of Registered Legal Services Attorney to Practice Before the Court.

The Local Civil Rules are available on the Court's website at [www.cacd.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov).

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## **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass**

**Tuesday**  
**April 28, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL**  
**2525 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino**

The entire legal community and persons of all faiths are invited to attend the 19th Annual Red Mass on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, located at 2525 North Arrowhead Avenue in the City of San Bernardino. The chief celebrant will be the Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino. The homilist will be Father Martin O'Loughlen, a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.) and former principal of Damien High School in La Verne. A dinner reception in the parish hall hosted by the Steering Committee will follow the mass.

The Red Mass is an opportunity for members of the legal community and their families to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. All who are involved in the judicial system, including judges, lawyers, court personnel, court security officers, legal support staff, and peace officers, are encouraged to attend the Red Mass.

**Retired Commissioner Martin H. Swanson**  
**Will Be Honored at the Reception**

During the reception, retired Riverside County Superior Court Commissioner Martin H. Swanson will be presented with the Saint Thomas More Award for his extraordinary service and devotion to church, community, and justice. The Saint Thomas More Award is given to an attorney in the community whose professional life is a reflection of his or her faith, who gives hope to those in need, who is kind and generous in spirit, and who is overall an exemplary human being.

### **The Tradition of the Red Mass**

The Red Mass has a rich history. The name "Red Mass" is derived from the liturgical color used in the vestments worn at the mass, symbolizing the gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed through tongues of fire. The Red Mass is a Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit – the word "votive" indicating that the mass is offered for the special intention of those present.

The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in Europe in 1245. In the United States, the tradition of the Red Mass was inaugurated in 1928 in New York, where a Guild of Catholic Lawyers met with judges and members of law faculties in old Saint Andrew's Church in the courthouse district. The Red Mass is celebrated each year in Washington, D.C., where Supreme Court justices, members of Congress, and the President attend at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Since 1991, the Red Mass has been offered in the Diocese of San Bernardino, which covers both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

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**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS** —*Continued from Page 1***Standard Deduction Increased for Most Taxpayers:**

New this year, taxpayers can claim an additional standard deduction, based on the state or local real-estate taxes paid in 2008. Taxes paid on foreign or business property do not count. The maximum deduction is \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 for joint filers.

Also new for 2008, a taxpayer can increase his standard deduction by the net disaster losses suffered from a federally declared disaster. A worksheet is available in the instructions for Forms 1040 and 1040A.

**First Time Homebuyer Credit: (This one is different from the one announced three weeks ago, go to IRS website to see the details)**

Those who bought a main home recently or are considering buying one may qualify for the first time homebuyer credit. Normally a taxpayer qualifies if he didn't own a main home during the prior three years. This unique credit of up to \$7,500.00 works like a 15-year interest free loan. It is available for a limited time only on homes bought from April 9, 2008 to June 2009. It can be claimed on new form 5405 and is repaid each year as an additional tax. Income limits and other special rules apply. For more information, check the IRS website.

**Standard Mileage Rates Adjusted for 2008:**

The standard mileage rate for business use of a car, van, pick-up or panel truck is 50.5 cents per mile from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008, up 2 cents from 2007. The rate is 58.5 cents for each mile driven during the rest of 2008. From January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008, the standard mileage rate for the cost of operating a vehicle for medical reasons or as part of a deductible move is 19 cents per mile, down from a penny from 2007. The rate is 27 cents from July 1 to December 31. The standard mileage rate for using a car to provide services to charitable organizations is set by law and remains at 14 cents a mile. Special rates apply to the Midwest disaster area.

**Exemptions Rise:**

The value of each personal and dependency exemption is \$3,500.00, up \$100.00 from 2007. Most taxpayers can take personal exemptions for themselves and an additional exemption for each eligible dependent. A complete rundown of these changes can be found in *2008 Inflation Adjustments Widen Tax Brackets, Change Tax Benefits*.

**Earned Income Tax Credits Rises:**

The maximum earned income tax credit (EITC) is:

- ▶ \$4,824.00 for people with two or more qualifying children, up from \$4,716.00 in 2007;
- ▶ \$2,917.00 for those with one child, up from \$2,853.00 last year and
- ▶ \$438.00 for people with no children, up from 428.00 in 2007.

Available to low and moderate income workers and working families, the EITC helps taxpayers whose incomes are below certain income thresholds, which in 2008 rise to:

- (a) \$41,646.00 for those with two or more children.
- (b) \$36,995.00 for people with one child and
- (c) \$15,880.00 for those with no children.

**Taxes are lowered for Many Investors:**

The 5 percent tax rate on qualified dividends and net capital gains is reduced to zero.

**Kiddie Tax Revised:**

The tax on a child's investment income applies if the child has investment income greater than \$1,800.00 and is:

- ▶ Under 18 years old;
- ▶ 18 years of age and had earned income that was equal to or less than half of his or her total support in 2008 or
- ▶ Over 18 and under 24, a student and during 2008 had earned income that was equal to or less than half of his or her total support.

Previously, the tax applied only to children under 18. Form 8615 is used to figure this tax.

**Self-Employment Tax Changes:**

For those of you who receive Social Security Retirement or Disability benefits, any Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments are now exempt from the 15.3 percent social security self-employment tax. Schedule SEE and its instructions and *Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide* has the details...

I hope this information can be useful to some of you. Check the IRS website for recent changes and some great tips for filing.

**Now for WSBCBA news:**

Wende Caputo, our Executive Director has been busy trying to pull together several MCLE seminars that deal with various current issues that some of your clients may need your help on:

One is Loan Modifications. Apparently there are a lot of fraudulent companies out there charging very high upfront fees and not doing anything for the client. According to the Department of Real Estate, only an attorney can charge fees in advance unless it is approved by them. The media is recommending that everyone seek out an attorney to do their modification to prevent them from being a victim of fraud.

Commissioner Gilbert over at Rancho Court has been applauded by the Media for ordering the companies that end up in his Small Claims Courtroom to refund those "outrageous" upfront fees. Way to go Commissioner Gilbert!

Another one is the California Guideline Child Support Calculation and tips on getting a more accurate income for the self-employed obligor. Our own San Bernardino Department of Child Support Services has agreed to put on a MCLE to answer your questions. Please plan to attend as this is sure to be a very informative MCLE. In addition to the lecture, they will be giving you a free 52-page user manual.

If you want us to put on a MCLE that deals with a specific issue that might interest some of our members, please let us know.

**Upcoming MCLE's:**

**April 23, 2009** – 12:00 to 1:30 — "How to Use the California Guideline Child Support Calculator". Speakers: Jeff Wass, Chief Attorney; and Nick Slavick, Child Support Officer II (Expert with the Guideline Calculator Program). This will be held at Omaha Jack's Steakhouse in Rancho Cucamonga. Receive 1 hour MCLE credit & 52-page User Manual.

**May 21, 2009** – 12:00 to 1:00—Brown Bag MCLE will be held in Dept. R1 at the Rancho Court. Comm. Gilbert will discuss "Drug Court & Influencing Jurors During Trial". Cost is \$10. Receive 1 hour MCLE credit. This event is being co-sponsored by the California Federal Defense Counsel.

**May 28, 2009** – 12:00 to 1:30 — Trial Preparation, Depositions & Jury Selection. This will be held at Omaha Jack's Steakhouse in Rancho Cucamonga. 1 hour MCLE credit.

To RSVP for any of these events, please contact the Bar Association at 909 483-0548.

Please come out and support us as we try to put on MCLEs to help you. As always we thank you for your support. Thank you for your support. I welcome your comments or questions. You may reach me at (909) 349-2244 or send me an email [Sparrow@ez2.net](mailto:Sparrow@ez2.net).

## ECONOMIC DOWNTURN MAY PUT LAW FIRMS AT RISK

By J' Amy Pacheco

The nation's economic downturn may lead to an increase in malpractice claims against law firms, attorney Joseph C. Scott cautioned Thursday.

Scott, who is president and general manager of CompuLaw LLC, told the San Bernardino County Bar Association that during the last economic downturn, malpractice claims against law firms rose about 60 percent.

Attorney mistakes didn't increase 60 percent, he pointed out, but the number of unhappy clients pursuing claims did. And the smaller the firm, the more likely it is to end up on the defending side of a malpractice suit, he said.

Scott said approximately 65 percent of all malpractice suits are filed against firms with between one and five lawyers. While some lawyers commit errors by taking on cases in which they have insufficient experience or in an unfamiliar jurisdiction, American Bar Association figures indicate that as much as one-third of those malpractice complaints are filed because of a calendar-related error, he added.

Scott described calendaring as "certainly not one of the most exciting or interesting things that does on in a law firm," but stressed that it should be treated as "one of the most important."

The complexity of calendaring can lead to missed deadlines, he pointed out.

"Small errors lead to significant malpractice claims and issues," he added. An example of a common error in a manual calendaring system, he explained, is overlooking the Cesar Chavez holiday as a court holiday because so many other businesses remain open that day.

Another mistake is often made in choosing the correct days to count. In about 80 percent of situations, if a deadline falls on a holiday or weekend, the counter keeps going in the direction they were originally counting to the next available day. But in about 20 percent of situations, court rules require the counter to change directions.

"That's where people make mistakes," he said.

Several years ago, Scott said there were 8,500 rules changes made within one year - many with retroactive effect. Keeping up with those changes manually leaves room for human error and puts firms at risk, he opined.

To minimize the risk of malpractice exposure, Scott recommends law firms closely examine how calendaring is handled within the firm. He suggested attorneys use a rules based calendaring system, at least as a backup.

"Outlook is great, but it's just a calendar," he pointed out. "It doesn't know what to do with rules."

He also suggested attorneys assign one person at the firm responsibility for handling calendaring, including researching rules and date changes, and document their calendaring procedures for backup in the event that person becomes unavailable.

Scott, whose company offers an automated rules-based calendar management system, suggested attorneys make certain their employees and associates understand the reasons for maintaining an accurate method of calendaring, and that everyone in the firm "get serious about loss prevention."

"Most people understand that law firms are doing some important things, but they don't often understand the importance of calendaring," he said.



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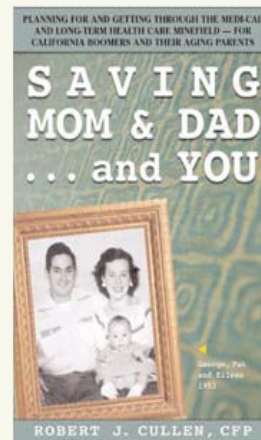
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**JOB TITLE: Court Division Manager**  
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LOCATION: Countywide

**JOB TITLE: Deputy Facilities Management Officer**  
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**SENIOR ASSOCIATE** — Redlands Insurance Defense Law Firm is seeking an experienced litigator with trial experience. We are looking for a team player with excellent client skills. Will pay top dollar for right candidate, fax resume to 909/307-2715

**ATTORNEY**— Inland Empire gen. civil litigation firm seeks Associate, 3-5 yrs. exp for immediate hire. Must possess excellent research, analytical, and writing skills. Please fax resume to: (909) 483-1840

**ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE/ADJUNCT PROFESSOR UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW** - Part-time instructors to teach specialty courses in the advanced curriculum for the 2009-2010 academic year. Req's: Exclnt academic record; substantial, distinguished legal practice exp within a distinct legal specialty; demonstrated commitment to teaching; prior successful law school teaching exp strongly preferred. These are non-tenure, part-time, limited-term appointments. The law school is an EOE and has a special interest in enriching its intellectual environment through further diversifying the range of perspectives represented within the faculty. Please send resume, cover letter, and the names and addresses for at least two professional references to the attention of Edna Sasis, Office of the Dean, UCLA School of Law, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90095-1476. Email applications can be sent to [sasis@law.ucla.edu](mailto:sasis@law.ucla.edu) or be faxed to (310) 206-7147. Selection will begin as of Monday, April 27, 2009.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

My name is Rudolph Emanuel Hudnell and I am looking for the attorney that helped my sister Robyn Elaine Cross-Walker write her will. Robyn passed away and was found on January 23, 2009. We need to find her attorney and go through probate. If anyone can help us with information please contact me at (786-443-2609 or (305)693-5178. Or email me at [alexisgarcia1975@yahoo.com](mailto:alexisgarcia1975@yahoo.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

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**ASK A LAWYER NIGHT** —

"Ask A Lawyer Night" of the WSBCBA is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July & August) at 5:00 p.m. *For additional information, or if you would like to volunteer, please call Noreen @ (909) 483-0548.*

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**WSBCBA 2009/2010 Board Nominees Announced**

In compliance with the WSBCBA By-laws, the annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Omaha Jack's Steakhouse, where the membership will vote for officers and directors nominated for the 2009-2010 term.

The nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 term are:

**Laurel Hoehn** — President-Elect  
**Christine Thielo** — Vice President  
**Matthew Taylor** — Secretary/Treasurer

Nominations for Directors at Large are:  
**Cecilia Onunkwo** and **Diane Hartog**

Directors at Large nominated for a second two year term are:

**Mitchell Roth, Randal Hannah, Fernando Bernheim, Angelique Bonanno** and **Paul Brisson**

**Gregory Paiva** will automatically assume the role of President, and **Beverly Sparrow** will serve as Immediate Past President.

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