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Program

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6:00 – 7:30

Dinner
7:30 – 8:15

Awards Program

Master of Ceremonies
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Installation of Michael A. Goldstein, Officers and Board Members

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Morton Herbert Service Award
Presented by Rickard Santwier

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Presented by David Evans

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Joseph M. Rosen Justice Award
Presented by Hon. David Wesley

President's Award
Presented by Michael A. Goldstein

Journalism Excellence Award
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OUTGOING PRESIDENT:

Bruce Richland



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As the bright lights of the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association's 60th Anniversary Gala faded into memory, and as I ended my term, I must admit that I enjoyed every single minute serving as President. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. I cannot think of a greater honor or privilege that has been bestowed upon me as a lawyer thus far.

I have good reason to express my heartfelt thanks to each member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Board and members for their input and advice. I would also like to thank those who have been so generous to me with their time and knowledge when I've inquired. I know, you know who you are...

As we venture into our seventh decade, and beyond, it is incumbent upon each one of us to remember that new ideas and new faces are always good. Above all, ours is a group endeavor. I encourage each one of you to become more involved — reach out to your own circle of friends and colleagues in order to help us continue to grow our membership.

In the past few years, I have come to know this year's president, Michael Goldstein, very well. Michael came from humble beginnings — just ask his Father and CCBA member, Jim Goldstein! He epitomizes a person who has worked hard to achieve the success he now enjoys, and he truly loves our profession. We are privileged to be working with Michael this year. I am certain that our bar Association will continue to exceed expectations under his leadership.

On behalf of my wife, my children and my family, I am delighted that I'm forever a part of the history of The Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association. Thank you.

Bruce Richland,
2013 CCBA President

INCOMING PRESIDENT:

Michael A. Goldstein



Welcome to our 61st annual Criminal Courts Bar Association Awards and Installation dinner. Sixty years ago, a dedicated group of attorneys formed this Association to promote integrity in our profession and protect the due process rights of society's most helpless and vulnerable. It is both a responsibility and an honor to carry on and build upon that tradition. The Association remains influential in the profession, continues to promote camaraderie amongst colleagues, and is more diverse today than at any time in its history. We should be proud to be members and committed to ensuring its continued contribution to this community.

In the weeks and months before assuming the post of Association President, I thought deeply about the important role this organization and its members played in my development as a young lawyer. As a 2nd generation member, I am grateful to my father, Jim Goldstein, for guiding me toward this honorable profession and organization. Many of you, and you know who you are, took me under your wings, listening to my problems, offering me guidance, looking out for me, and offering genuine camaraderie. I encourage all young lawyers joining us this evening to get involved and take advantage of this invaluable institution. And I encourage all of those more seasoned attorneys to remember that wisdom means the most when it is shared.

As we honor and celebrate the 2014 award winners, we also pay tribute to the past Presidents who have carried on the honor and tradition of this organization. I thank our outgoing President, Bruce Richland, for his hard work on behalf of the CCBA. I also look forward to working with our next President, Christa Hohmann. And I want to salute Chris Chaney for his many years of service as the steady hand of our organization.

I want to pay a very special tribute to our dear friend and past President, Donald Wager, who passed away just a couple of weeks ago. As our own Robert Schwartz so eloquently wrote in a recent tribute, "his self-reflections helped him understand his clients, all of whom were blessed to have ended up in Wager's office." I always looked forward to seeing Don and listening to his fantastic stories! Like his clients, we were fortunate to have Don in our lives, too.

On the technology front, I am proud to introduce our new domain name (LACCBA.ORG) and state-of-the-art website, which was designed and generously donated by Scorpion Design. Our new website will offer an online membership application, secure payment and RSVP options, photo galleries of past events, and member-only areas. The site will serve us well as we continue to grow our membership and honor the great tradition of the Criminal Courts Bar Association.

Finally, I cannot thank enough my family and friends, who are with us tonight, for their love and support. In particular, my love and gratitude go to my two boys, Elias and Max, and to my amazing wife, Vanessa, for her making this evening possible. I am honored to be your 61st President and will do all that I can to serve you well.

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MORT HERBERT SERVICE AWARD:

John Yzurdiaga & Paul Horgan



John Yzurdiaga and Paul Horgan have been bikers for charity. In less than a year both of these “athletes” have crashed while riding since the famous Manhattan (Beach) to Manhattan, NY last year. These two ex-public defenders spent 40 days and 40 nights trying to find their youth (misspent I’m sure). On a lark they accepted the challenge and used this effort to raise \$60,000 for Dolores Mission School in East Los Angeles.

Paul graduated from UCLA in 1967, John graduated from UCSB in 1963. They both attended Loyola Law graduating in 1970. They were deputy public defenders from 1971 to 1975. They moved to private

practice and have been on their own sharing space and rides.

Paul’s practice is more varied, having tried over 75 jury trials including criminal, personal injury and commercial. He was counsel in a landmark case against the California Coastal Commission prevailing for the benefit of the wetlands of Bolsa Chica. Paul was honored to be a recipient of the Cahalan Award from Loyola High School in 2011. John’s practice is almost exclusively criminal, having appeared in numerous federal courts across the country. He has tried numerous death penalty cases and was awarded the Jerry Giesler Memorial Award in 1986.

Both Paul and John are embarrassed to receive this recognition tonight. They took the trip for their own pleasure and while undertaking the adventure they decided to raise money for a favorite charity. They are not strangers to charitable endeavors. They have raised funds for inner school students at Verbum Dei and worked hard in raising money for Father Boyle and Homeboy Industries. During their ride to Manhattan, all of us who followed their trip were constantly updated almost daily by Sharon Yamato and Flossie Horgan.

John and Paul continue to give back to those not as fortunate as the rest of us. They set an example that we can all learn from by reaching out for others.

JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD:

Verna Wefald



The Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Memorial award, was created to acknowledge those who fight year after year to free those who been unjustly convicted.

No one is more deserving of this honor than Verna Wefald. A graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, Verna clerked for the United States District Court of Connecticut in Hartford before joining Federal Defenders of San Diego where she was trained by Judy Clark, then the Federal Public Defender. After four years there she joined the Office of the State Public Defender in Los Angeles. For the past twenty years she's been a solo practitioner specializing in criminal appeals and writs in both state and federal court.

Verna has developed a specialty prevailing in cases most saw as lost causes. She represented Bobby Joe Maxwell, the so-called "Skid Row Stabber" for more than 23 years, until the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed his conviction for the murder of two homeless men on Los Angeles skid row. The conviction was reversed because, as the court noted, the prosecution's jailhouse informant was an "habitual liar" and because the District Attorneys failed to disclose the favors granted to its informant. Investigations into the doings of Sidney Storch and his relationship with prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office led to the revelations now known as the Los Angeles County Jail Informant Scandal.

During the 1990s Verna obtained the freedom of Gerald Atlas and Andre Taylor following their wrongful convictions for attempted murder after establishing that the key government witness had lied and the government knew about it. And working with Centurion ministries Verna helped free Willie Green, who spent 12 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

Most recently, Verna, obtained the freedom of Frank O'Connell who spent 27 years in custody for a murder he did not commit. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Suzette Clover found that Sheriff's Department detectives failed to disclose records pointing to another possible suspect, and that the officers identification procedures were prejudicially suggestive.

Verna is a lawyer's lawyer. She embodies the idealism and commitment that first drew us to the law. Like Johnnie Cochran, her work embodies the ideals of the Criminal Courts Bar Association.

JERRY GIESLER MEMORIAL AWARD:

Christopher Chaney



Christopher Chaney, the recipient of the Jerry Giesler Memorial Award as the trial attorney of the year, has earned the distinction of being only the second attorney in the 61 year history of the Criminal Courts Bar Association (CCBA) to receive the award twice. In May Chaney will also receive the criminal defense attorney of the year award from the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Criminal Justice section. The award is just the culmination of a 34 year career characterized by selfless devotion to his clients and their cases, methodical preparation, unassailable integrity, and a grace under pressure even in the often heated moments of a jury trial.

In 2013 Chaney helped secure an unexpected life verdict for his client Heriberto Rodriquez against long odds. Chaney's client was charged with and eventually convicted of brutally killing an inmate in the Los Angeles County Jail while acting in concert with another inmate who was separately prosecuted for the murder.

It wasn't just this killing that placed defendant Rodriquez at risk for receiving the death penalty but a violent criminal history that predated the killing and also the commission of numerous acts of violence in the County Jail, including an attack on a Deputy Sheriff and series of vicious attacks against other inmates. Mr. Chaney's client was very difficult even belligerent at the outset, firing Chaney at one point and electing to represent himself. Nonetheless Chaney displayed remarkable patience with Mr. Rodriquez and eventually earned the trust of his client; in time the defendant began to change, rejecting the gang lifestyle and mind set and vowing to become a better person. Accordingly the prevailing theme of the defense mitigation in the penalty phase was that Mr. Rodriquez had undergone a process of redemption and reformation. To succeed Chaney defied conventional wisdom and presented his client's testimony in the penalty phase. Most capital lawyers reject this strategy on many grounds, one of which it is that it allows the prosecution to present anew all the gory details of the defendant's crimes and confront the often inarticulate defendant with the enormity and often cruel nature of the crimes. Nonetheless Rodriquez took the witness stand and testified he had changed his ways, and proceeded to acknowledge guilt for the murder and all the other incidents alleged in aggravation, expressing remorse, disavowing gang life, and expressing love for the woman he married while behind bars and her children. The jury returned a unanimous life verdict. Rodriquez' co-defendant on the murder case, who was prosecuted separately, was convicted and received the death penalty.

Chaney is the personification of the maxim that if you want something done, give the job to a busy person, as he has successfully juggled a multitude of responsibilities during his career. Chaney is past president of the CCBA, is editor of the organizations' monthly newsletter, and chairman of the Golf Committee, which raises funds for local charitable organizations by staging an annual golf tournament, and received the CCBA's Mort Herbert Award in 2004 for his contributions to the community. In addition, Chaney has served as President of the Board of Governors of the statewide California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, is a past trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, is a past chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments (ICDA) Program, is a member of the Pasadena Bar Association, and has served as President of the Board of Directors of the Grandview Foundation, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. Chaney has also been a frequent lecturer in the field of law for many bar association groups and seminars, including the annual Capital Case seminar in Monterey.

A native of the San Gabriel Valley, Chaney was a star football player who played wide receiver on the 1972 USC National championship football team, a team some experts have rated as the greatest college football team ever. Mr. Chaney lives in La Canada Flintridge with his wife Lindy and son Raymond.

HON. ROBERT TAKASUGI JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Hon. Lance Ito



Lance A. Ito was appointed to the Municipal Court of the Los Angeles Judicial District in December of 1987 by Governor George Deukmejian and served as a member of that court's executive committee and as the supervising judge of the Traffic Court, one of the busiest courthouses in the nation. He was elevated by Governor Deukmejian to the Los Angeles Superior Court in July of 1989 and has served twice of the member of that court's executive committee. From 1993 to 2000 Ito served as chair of the Judicial Council's Court Interpreters Advisory Panel and has taught the course on the effective use of spoken language interpreters at the B.E. Witkin Judicial College for the past two decades. He remains an ardent advocate for equal language access to the courts. Ito is the court's Vienna Convention on Consular Relations compliance coordinator. Ito has served on assignment on three occasions with the Second District of the Court of Appeals. Ito lost his courtroom staff in July of 2012 due to statewide court budget cuts and now serves as the emergency preparedness coordinator for the Los Angeles Superior Court. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Judge Ito received his BA in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his JD from the University of California, Berkeley. Ito resides in Pasadena with his wife, Margaret York, retired Chief of the Los Angeles County Police and Deputy Chief of the LAPD.

JOSEPH M. ROSEN JUSTICE AWARD:

Jay Jaffe



Jay Jaffe was born and raised in Southern California. He attended Fairfax High School where he played varsity baseball. After graduating from high school in 1965, Jay attended the University of Southern California (USC). While at USC, Jay once again played baseball, this time as the center fielder on USC's 1968 National Championship Baseball Team. Jay graduated USC in 1969, with honors. Jay's passion for baseball compelled him to return to USC to play in 44 consecutive alumni games and he remains to this day the all-time leader in alumni game home runs. He then went on to Southwestern Law School and graduated in 1972.

In 1973, Jay joined the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office and began his career as a criminal defense attorney. In 1975, Jay entered private practice specializing in criminal law. While in private practice, he has been recognized by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a certified Criminal Law Specialist. During his long career as a criminal lawyer, Jay has defended many high profile murder cases including the Yom Kippur Murder Case which was also dubbed by the press Ninja Murder case. The pretrial work on this case lasted several years and the trial itself took one year. A television movie depicting the murder and the trial soon followed. Other famous cases include the Burrito Murder case and the Ricky Ross Murder case. His dedication and excellence has earned him recognition on SuperLawyers.com as one of the top criminal defense lawyers in California. In his 42 years of practice, Jay has completed over one hundred jury trials, six death penalty trials, and twenty-five murder trials. Jay's baseball passion and training have served him well as a lawyer. To Jay, baseball is a metaphor for life: "sometimes you hit a home run and sometimes you strike out, but there is no excuse for lack of effort". In everything he does, the practice of law, the game of baseball, the game of golf, living his life; there is never, ever a lack of effort by Jay Jaffe.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD:

Dr. Mimi Silbert



On behalf of the Criminal Courts Bar Association, I am honored and excited to present this year's President's award to Dr. Mimi Halper Silbert, the dynamic force behind Delancey Street Foundation. Although she does not share the same background as her fellow residents, she lives at Delancey Street, abides by its rules, and takes no salary. Her tenacious spirit and unlimited energy have built an organization unique in its entrepreneurial and self-governing structure. Her dedication in enacting her vision of an educational community of change has inspired residents to break their destructive cycles and take responsibility for themselves and others. Dr. Silbert has garnered national and international attention for her achievement at Delancey Street, demonstrating her belief that the people who are the problem can, themselves, become the solution. Dr. Karl Menninger has called Delancey "the best and most successful rehabilitation program I have studied in the world."

For more than 43 years, Delancey Street has served ex-felons, prostitutes, substance abusers, and others who hit bottom. They take applications from prison, jail or walk-ins. The minimum stay is 2 years and the average stay is 4 years. The average resident entering the program dropped out of school by the seventh grade, is functionally illiterate, and never worked at even an unskilled job for more than three months. Yet at Delancey Street, most learn to thrive. Residents learn to work together promoting non-violence through a principle called "each-one-teach-one" where each new resident is responsible for helping guide the next arrival.

Delancey operates six residential educational centers across the United States where residents live drug, crime, and alcohol-free. They receive academic, vocational, and social training, and learn the discipline, values, and attitudes needed to live in society legitimately and successfully – all at no cost to residents or taxpayers. Residents get room, board and clothing in exchange for working for the businesses they run, including moving companies, bookstores, restaurants, and Christmas tree lots. There is no staff: no hired counselors, teachers, or professionals. All functions are performed solely by residents, who focus on building their strengths, not their problems. It works. Delancey boasts more than 18,000 successful graduates who have turned their lives around, becoming teachers, real estate agents, business owners, law enforcement officers, and even lawyers.

Delancey Street's home on the San Francisco waterfront, is the culmination of the Delancey creed of self-help. Silbert was the developer and Delancey its own contractor as they built this 360,000 square foot mixed-use development for their home. With union support, they trained over 300 formerly unemployable people in the building trades, and built a complex that holds up to 500 residents. In 1993, Delancey Street opened a center here in Los Angeles and can house up to 300 residents. Delancey Street Los Angeles also operates a 50,000 square foot warehouse Business Complex in Montebello, which houses several training schools.

In recognition of her accomplishments, she has received eleven Honorary Doctorate Degrees, several Presidents Medallions, and numerous other civic, religious, and community awards. Her work in Delancey Street is the subject of over 50 books, endless articles, and television shows, including "60 Minutes" and "20/20." She is also a nationally recognized expert in criminal justice. Silbert earned both her Master's and Doctorate Degrees from the University of California at Berkeley.

JOURNALISM EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Charlotte Street Films *The House I Live In* by Director Eugene Jarecki



The Criminal Courts Bar Association proudly honors Charlotte Street Films with our Journalism Excellence Award for their documentary, *THE HOUSE I LIVE IN*. Eugene Jarecki is an Emmy and Peabody award-winning director of dramatic and documentary subjects who has twice won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, first in 2005 for *Why We Fight* and again in 2012 for *The House I Live In*.

As America remains embroiled in overseas conflict, a less visible war is taking place at home, costing countless lives, destroying families, and inflicting untold damage on future generations of Americans. For over forty years, the War on Drugs has accounted for 45 million arrests, made America the world's largest jailer, and damaged poor communities at home and abroad. Yet for all that, drugs are cheaper, purer, and more available today than ever before.

Filmed in more than twenty states, winner of the 2012 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize, and shortlisted for the 2013 Academy Award for Best Documentary, *THE HOUSE I LIVE IN* captures a definitive and heart-wrenching portrait of individuals at all levels of America's War on Drugs. From the dealer to the grieving mother, the narcotics officer to the senator, the

inmate to the federal judge, the film offers a penetrating look inside America's longest war, revealing its profound human rights implications.

While recognizing the seriousness of drug abuse as a matter of public health, the film investigates the tragic errors and shortcomings that have instead treated it as a matter for law enforcement, creating a vast political and economic machine that feeds largely on America's poor, especially minority communities.

Ultimately, *THE HOUSE I LIVE IN* seeks, through compassionate inquiry, to promote public awareness of the history and contemporary mechanics of this human rights crisis and to begin a national conversation about its reform.

Daniel DiMauro will accept the award on behalf of Charlotte Street Films and Eugene Jarecki. Mr. DiMauro is an accomplished filmmaker, producer, editor, journalist and researcher at Charlotte Street Films, the production company of documentary filmmaker Eugene Jarecki. At Charlotte Street Films, he served as Assistant Editor on *Freakonomics* (2010), Associate Producer/Head Archival Researcher on the Emmy-award winning *Reagan* (2011) and Archival Producer/Head Researcher/Additional Editing on *The House I Live In* (2012).

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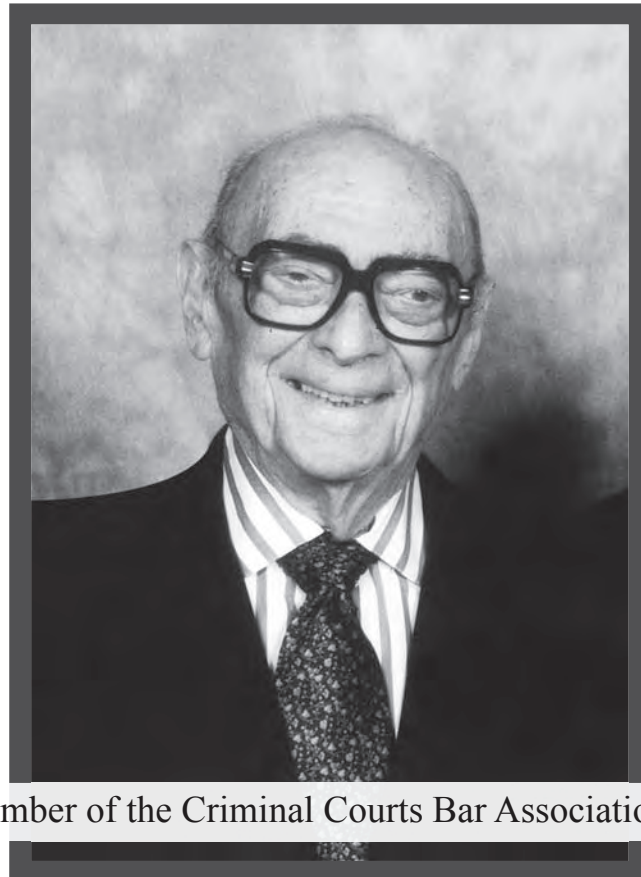
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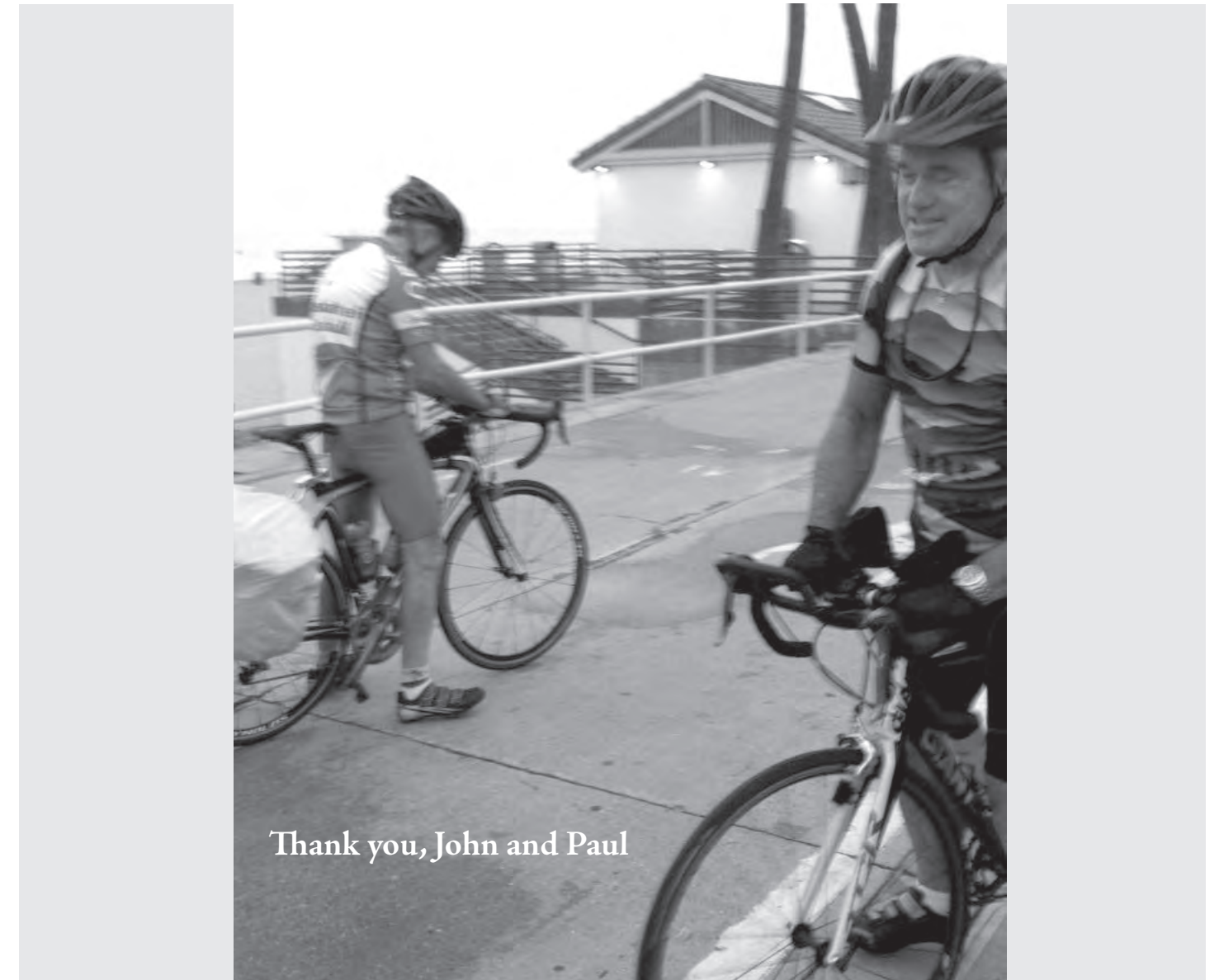


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My dear friend Jay

You drove me crazy blowing your nose

on our way to law school every morning.

I am sure you remember knocking me out in our fathers office when I wouldn't

help you answer a law school case question

After you had answered mine.

But I forgive you!

Because you honor us all by your commitment to the law, your outstanding professionalism

and your warrior nature.

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Love you man,

Stephen Bernard



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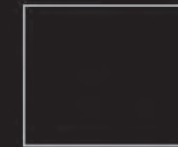
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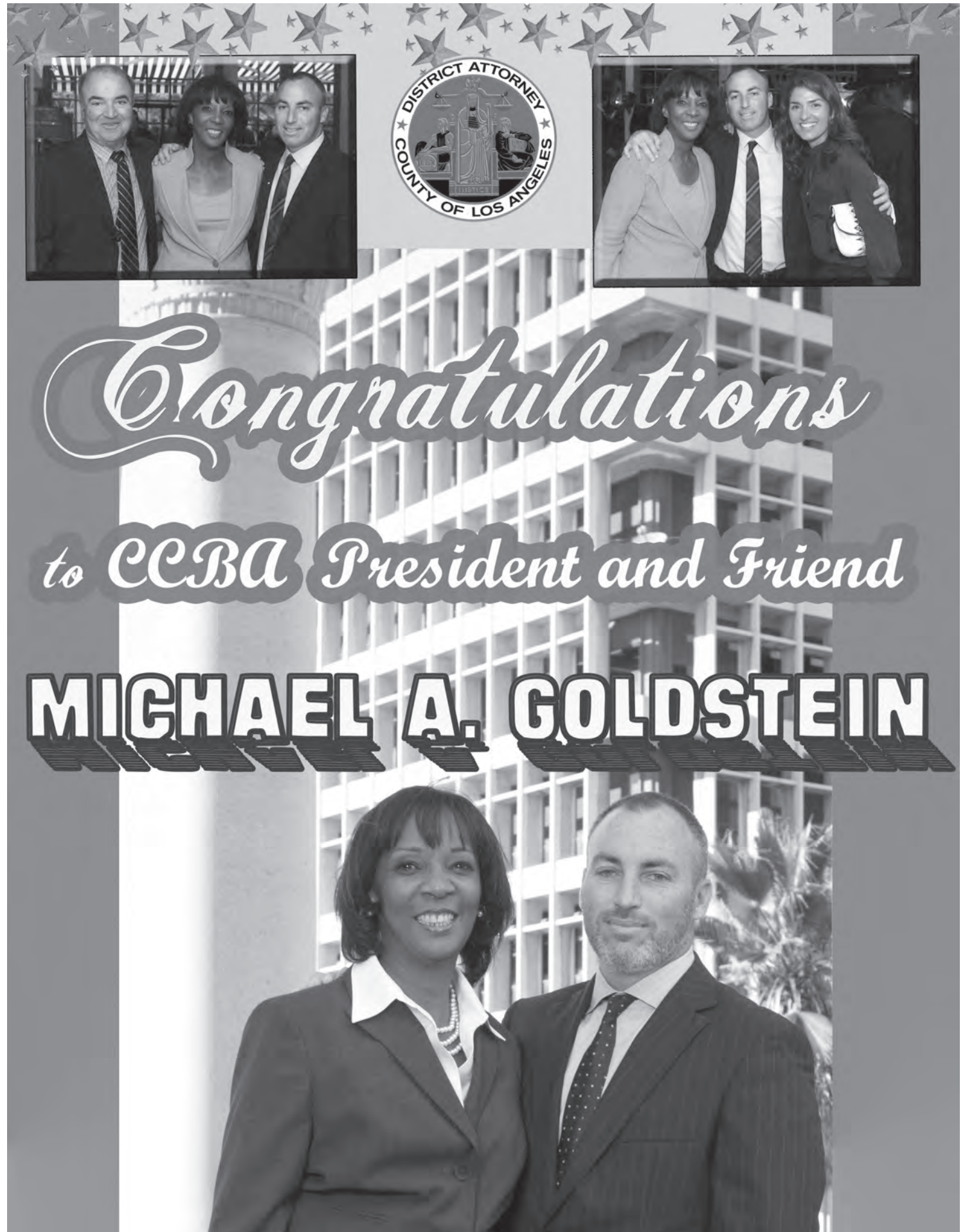
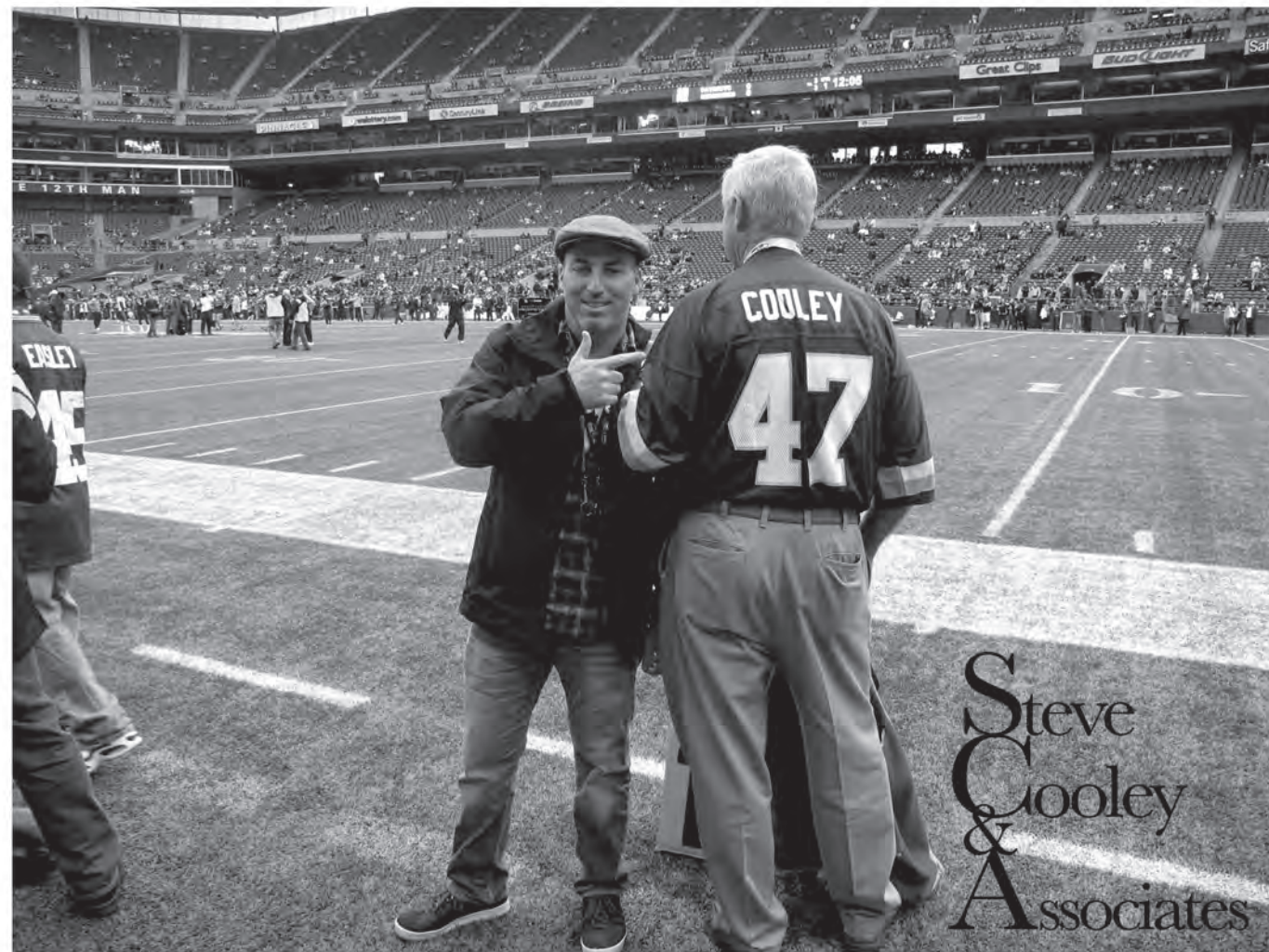


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