



Sixty SECOND

ANNUAL
CCBA
AWARDS
DINNER



Program

Cocktails – Tiffany Room
6:00 – 7:30

Dinner & Awards Program – Crystal Ballroom
7:30

Master of Ceremonies
Christa M. Hohmann
2015 President

Installation of Christa M. Hohmann, Officers and Board Members

Honorees

President's Award

Michael S. Romano, Director, Three Strikes Project, Stanford Law School
Mark Faucette, Director of Community Relations, Amity Foundation
Presented by Christa M. Hohmann

Morton Herbert Service Award

Richard G. Hirsch
Presented by John Maceri, Executive Director of OPCC

Johnnie Cochran Award

Honorable Michael A. Tynan
Presented by John Yzurdiaga, Attorney

Journalism Excellence Award

Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert
Presented by Robert A. Schwartz, Attorney

Hon. Robert Takasugi Judicial Excellence Award

Commissioner Mark Zuckman
Presented by Honorable James R. Brandlin, Supervising Judge, Criminal Division

Joseph Rosen Justice Award

Ezekiel P. Perlo
Presented by Stan Perlo, Attorney

Jerry Giesler Memorial Award

Victor Sherman
Michael D. Nasatir
Vicki I. Podberesky
Presented by Victor Salerno, Attorney



OUTGOING PRESIDENT
Michael A. Goldstein



We have so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to. Serving as President of the Criminal Courts Bar Association was both a pleasure and an honor, as is passing the torch to Christa Hohmann, our next President. Christa has accomplished so much as Director of the Post-Conviction Assistance Center and we are excited to have her at the helm as we carry on the great traditions of this historic but still very relevant organization. I have so much appreciation for our members and thank our amazing board of directors for giving me this opportunity to serve. I also pay a special debt of gratitude to Chris Chaney and Bob Schwartz for always buying into my grand and sometimes unorthodox ideas and agreeing to hold our meetings all over the City. Of course, none of this would have been possible had my father steered me toward a less rewarding profession.

I remain committed to the CCBA and want to once again encourage the younger members joining us this evening to get involved and take advantage of the wealth of knowledge available to you. At the same time, I want to remind our more seasoned attorneys that wisdom means the most when it is shared.

Serving you over the past year has been an unbelievable ride. We celebrated Judges' night at Delancey Street, screened the award winning documentary "House I live In" at the Inner-City Arts Complex on Skid Row, spent a special evening with James Ellroy at the Los Angeles Police Museum and, finally, brought glamour back to the Boulevard at the Hollywood Roosevelt. Other amazing accomplishments include our introduction of a new website, tremendous membership growth, and making our organization more diverse than ever before. We could never have accomplished all of this without working together.

I would like to thank and pay tribute to this evening's honorees. You bestow respect and credibility on our profession and are the reason why we come together each year. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my two boys and lovely wife, Vanessa, for her unwavering support in all that I do.



INCOMING PRESIDENT
Christa M. Hohmann



Welcome to the Criminal Courts Bar Association's 62nd Awards and Installation Dinner. As we join to honor and celebrate the 2015 award winners, we also pay tribute to the past Presidents, and leadership, who have led the organization with honor and have guided and carried it forward. I am honored to be among this group.

I want to thank our out-going President Michael Goldstein, for all of his hard work, dedication, vision, and enthusiasm in leading and growing this organization. He has done these things, in so many ways, and left some big shoes to fill! I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to him for his guidance and support throughout this year. And, I look forward to working with our next president, Lou Sepe, whose gracious offers of help were so needed. And, most importantly, I want to extend a huge thank you to Chris Chaney, Executive Director, for his many years of service and his patient guidance of the organization.

Some 13 years ago, Gigi Gordon brought me to my first Criminal Courts Bar Association Monthly Dinner Meeting. It was an inspiring group of attorneys, who were welcoming and supportive. The organization had a rich and distinguished history. One of the very first dinner meetings that I attended was at the Friar's Club in Beverly Hills; Gigi said – this is one you won't want to miss – and, she was right. Michael Nasatir and Richard Hirsch were the speakers. They were gracious and entertaining, and I took away so much from their stories. I am truly honored to be hosting this evening, where tonight both are receiving awards.

I want to extend my heart-felt gratitude to the Executive Officers and Board for their assistance with this Awards Dinner and for their commitment to the organization. And, also a special thank you to the following people without whose help and guidance this night would have not been possible, Michael Goldstein, Stephanie Watson, Eric Barter, Robert Schwartz, Richard Hutton, Robert Wilson, Lou Sepe, and Victor Salerno.

Finally, I look forward to an exciting year as this organization continues to grow both in numbers and in vision.



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PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Michael S. Romano
Mark Faucette



Michael Romano, recipient of the President's Award, is the director and co-founder of the Three Strikes Project at Stanford Law School. He has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in California and has published several articles on California's Three Strikes law and sentencing in the United States. As counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Romano co-authored the Three Strikes Reform Act of 2012 ("Proposition 36"). His work has been profiled in The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times Magazine, Rolling Stone, and The Economist. He maintains a small criminal appeals, post-conviction, and civil rights law practice in San Francisco. Romano was a John Knight Fellow at Yale Law School and graduated with honors from Stanford Law School in 2003. He clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Richard C. Tallman.



Mark Faucette, recipient of the President's Award, is California Director of Community Relations for Amity Foundation. For the past 25 years, Faucette has worked in progressively responsible service and administrative positions in the residential community services setting and prison system. Faucette has been a key leader in establishing and expanding Amity's residential Los Angeles facility (Amistad), which is funded through numerous California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation contracts. Since 2001, he has become a critical member of the reentry services movement in Los Angeles County. He sits on the Board for California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives and is the chair of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership. His advocacy in support of community-based reentry treatment has led to numerous collaborative-efforts for Amity to provide services in Los Angeles, local and state legislative and policy changes to increase funding and mandate aftercare for parolees, and national recognition of Amity's work with his presence and input at the White House Faith-Based & Community Initiatives National Summit on Prisoner Re-Entry held in 2008. Faucette is the 2013 recipient of the Champion Against Hunger and Poverty, Hunger Action LA. Faucette has lead Amity's collaborative work with Stanford University Law School in coordinating re-entry services in Los Angeles for hundreds of individuals who have been released pursuant to the Three Strikes Reform Act (Proposition 36).



MORT HERBERT SERVICE AWARD

Richard G. Hirsch



Richard G. Hirsch, recipient of the Morton Herbert Service Award, has practiced law for 48 years. He is a partner with the firm of Nasatir, Hirsch, Podberesky & Khero located in Santa Monica. Hirsch is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, Berkley (Boalt Hall) School of Law.

He was awarded Criminal Defense Attorney of the Year by the Century City Bar Association in 1996, and was named Defense Attorney of the Year by the Criminal Justice Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association in 1999. In 2003, Hirsch received the Career Achievement Award from the Criminal Courts Bar Association. He was also named a "Super Lawyers of Southern California" from 2004 to the present, and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America since its inception.

Hirsch has been involved in several organizations that focus on criminal law matters. He was a Chairman of the Criminal Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, and a Member of its Board of Directors. Hirsch was also President of the Criminal Courts Bar Association, President of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, President of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers, and a Member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

In the area of public service, Hirsch has served in the following capacities:

- ♦ Chair, Camp Associates Board, UCLA Uni Camp
- ♦ Fellow, Pat Brown Institute of Government Affairs
- ♦ Member, Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee
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(appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley)
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- ♦ Member, California Council on Criminal Justice (1977-1980, appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.)
- ♦ President, Santa Monica Museum of Art
- ♦ Board of Directors, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
- ♦ Chair, Criminal Justice Wall of Fame Committee
- ♦ Board of Directors, OPCC (formerly Ocean Park Community Center)
(1995-Present, Chair, 1997-2000).



JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

Honorable Michael A. Tynan



Judge Michael Tynan, recipient of the Johnnie Cochran award, attended Stanford University and graduated from the University of Southern California School of Law. He began his legal career in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and remained there for 13 years until his appointment to the Los Angeles Municipal Court Bench by Governor Jerry Brown. His first judicial assignment was Traffic Court, where he soon became Supervising Judge. He was eventually transferred to Division 30, the Felony Preliminary Hearing Master Calendar Court where he remained for the next two and a half years until elected to the Superior Court in 1984.

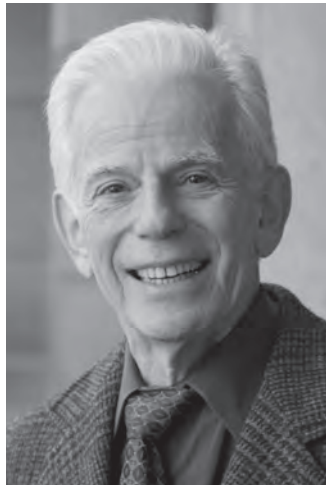
While Judge Tynan is probably best remembered as the judge who presided over the trial of the Richard Ramirez Night Stalker case in 1988 and 1989, it is of his work for the Los Angeles County Drug Court that he is most proud.

Beginning almost 19 years ago, Judge Tynan began the process of establishing a specialized court designed to help salvageable defendants wean themselves from drugs and out of the criminal life. The plan was to establish a Sentenced Offender Drug Court (SODC) that could handle convicted felons who were on their way back to prison because of addiction problems, who appeared interested in turning their lives around and were willing to undergo an intensive 18 month regiment, including at least 100 days in custodial treatment, supervised by a specialty court. Over 75 percent of the SODC graduates have remained arrest and drug free and have re-entered main stream society.

Presently, Judge Tynan supervises drug courts for the Los Angeles Superior Court and serves on the Court's Proposition 36 Implementation Committee. Judge Tynan has also developed and presides over the Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Court, the Co-Occurring Disorders Court, and the Veteran's Treatment Court in Los Angeles County. And every other month, he presides over Homeless Court, which helps the homeless in Los Angeles County get minor, nonviolent infractions erased from their records.



JOURNALISM EXCELLENCE AWARD
 Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert



Justice Arthur Gilbert of the California Court of Appeal, the recipient of the Journalism Excellence Award, has been writing a monthly column for the Daily Journal legal newspaper since 1988. Gilbert has received numerous awards over the years from various bar associations throughout the state but has never before been recognized by a bar association for his column writing. Gilbert, who is currently the presiding justice of Division Six of the Second District Court of Appeal, has served on the Court of Appeal since 1982 and before that as a judge and commissioner in the Los Angeles County Superior and Municipal Courts. He has been described as the “poet laureate” of the appellate court for his literate, concise, scholarly, and often witty opinions, frequently sprinkled with references to and quotations from popular songs and great literary figures like Gilbert and Sullivan and Shakespeare.

Gilbert’s columns from 1988-2008 have been compiled in a book entitled *Under Submission*. The columns encompass a wide variety of topics ranging from the mundane (attending traffic school and medical procedures performed on him) to the philosophical (challenging “political correctness” by defending free speech, calling out hypocrisy, self-righteousness, arrogance in the judiciary and learning life’s meaningful lessons from colleagues and others) and reflect Gilbert’s gift for evoking serious thought through satire and understated wit. Gilbert has entertained, educated, and inspired readers (who have formed a large and loyal following), and in the process has created a recurring cast of fictional characters in his columns, including the misanthropic trial judge, the Honorable Leonard Foote, and has served as a guardian of the proper use of the English language against current abuses. Gilbert’s columns have been reprinted in several other publications including Nat Hentoff’s highly regarded book *Free Speech for Me — But Not for Thee: How the American Left and Right Relentlessly Censor Each Other*.

In one notable piece Gilbert demonstrated how various legal motions would turn out if drafted by prominent literary figures, including Ernest Hemingway, T.S. Eliot, Tennessee Williams, and e.e. cummings. The columns have introduced the phrase “harmless terror” as a comment on the expansion of the concept of harmless error utilized by appellate courts in upholding criminal convictions.

A native of Los Angeles, Gilbert is also a talented jazz pianist, and plays with an 18 piece band that performs for various bar association events, and is also a member of the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic Orchestra. His love of jazz and classical music often finds its way into the monthly columns. He and his wife Barbara live in Pacific Palisades.



HON. ROBERT TAKASUGI
 JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD
 Commissioner Mark Zuckman



Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Mark Zuckman, the recipient of the Robert Takasugi Judicial Excellence Award, is only the third court commissioner in the 62 year history of the Criminal Courts Bar Association to receive this award. (Commissioners handle all the duties of judges but are appointed by the court whereas judges are appointed by the governor’s office or elected by voters; each party in a court proceeding must also stipulate to allow the commissioner to hear the action.)

Since 2002, Commissioner Zuckman has been assigned to the LAX Courthouse, and for the past two years has presided over Department 142, a high volume felony preliminary hearing court. During his tenure on the bench, Commissioner Zuckman has distinguished himself with his even-handed judicial temperament, thoughtful and scholarly rulings on evidentiary issues and legal motions, efficient calendar management, genuine respect for all parties appearing before him, and a dry sense of humor. In a recent case involving a challenge to a search warrant based on marginal information in the search warrant affidavit, Zuckman issued a lengthy written decision, a rarity for bench officers working in a high volume court. In 2006, he received the Commissioner of the Year Award from another bar association.

Commissioner Zuckman grew up in Los Angeles, and graduated with honors from the University of Southern California as an undergraduate and later from the University of California-Davis Law School. He began working as a deputy public defender in Los Angeles in 1981, and rose quickly through the ranks, eventually acquiring vast experience while conducting numerous jury trials on serious matters including murder cases with special circumstances, three strikes cases, and others with great complexity. He became supervising attorney for the Public Defender’s Office in 2000 at the Beverly Hills Courthouse and served in that capacity until appointment to the bench as commissioner two years later. Commissioner Zuckman has also served as an adjunct professor at two local law schools, including Loyola Law School, where he taught a class on trial advocacy from 1995 to 2002.

One of the more prominent cases he handled in the public defender’s office was the retrial of the penalty phase of a case involving the killing of a police officer, where the original trial counsel was found ineffective by the California Supreme Court. The defendant was sentenced to death in the retrial but the Supreme Court unanimously reversed, ruling that the trial judge wrongly denied the right of the defense to present evidence in the new penalty phase that the defendant was not the actual shooter on a lingering doubt or “circumstance of the offense” theory.



JOSEPH ROSEN JUSTICE AWARD
Ezekiel P. Perlo



This year's Joseph Rosen Justice award winner has been active in the local legal community since 1966. Ezekiel "Zeke" Perlo spent the first three years litigating personal injury cases for the firm of Morgan, Wenzel, Lindberg, Stearns and Morris. He was counsel on at least 12 trials during those 3 years but his sense of right and wrong was gnawing at him because contributory negligence was not in existence at that time, and the plaintiffs were not being treated fairly by the insurance companies.

In 1969 he joined the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office for a brief 15 months. He left to pursue his priority in life at that time, traveling. Zeke went on a sojourn to Europe, North Africa and as he put it, "all over the place." Upon returning, he missed his friends in the Public Defender's Office so he re-applied and went back to work.

Five years later his wandering heart struck again, and he left for 11 months 27 days on another trip. (If he had gone for 1 year he would have lost his seniority!) His time early in the Public Defender's Office was filled with great friends, great parties and classic haunts that he and friends like Herb Barish, Charlie English, Ed Rucker, Mike Tynan, Bobby Jacobs, Howard Price and Brad Brunon would frequent. Places like Stottlemeirs would find them many nights after work sharing a sandwich and beer and telling stories, which today are still told (with probably more embellishment). Zeke was eventually transferred to Van Nuys and then back to Department 100 downtown. After that he became the Deputy-In-Charge of Bauchet St., where he was affectionately known as the King of Chinatown for his many representations of defendants from the "Golden Palace." From 1978-1980 he was the Deputy-In-Charge of misdemeanors downtown and from 1980 to 1983 he was in charge of felonies in Santa Monica.

He left the Public Defender's Office in 1983 to enter private practice. He started in Century City that year and eventually moved to the valley because of the drive. From 1990-2008, he had an office in Encino which he shared with Don Callabria, Mort Bornstein and Bill Collins. From 2008 until today, he has managed the ICDA branch of the Los Angeles County Bar Association which oversees the indigent criminal defense for those who cannot be represented by the Public Defender's Office or the Alternate Public Defender's Office. Zeke has made many great friends over the years, with whom he is still close. He still believes "you have to do the right thing!"



JERRY GIESLER MEMORIAL AWARD
Victor Sherman



Victor Sherman, recipient of the Jerry Giesler Memorial Award, founded Sherman & Sherman along with Janet Sherman (now retired) in 1984. Prior to this, Sherman practiced criminal law with Michael Nasatir and Richard Hirsch under the firm name of Nasatir, Sherman & Hirsch, which was incorporated in 1969.

Sherman has tried hundreds of cases in both federal and state courts, defending clients in cases ranging from business fraud to drug offenses, tax crimes, securities fraud, money laundering, public corruption, customs violations and racketeering, as well as misdemeanor and felony offenses and crimes of violence such as murder, sexual assaults and arson. In 1999, he represented the lead defendant in the largest money-laundering case in United States history. His clients have included a Watergate defendant and a defendant charged with the largest bank heist in the nation's history. Sherman has argued before the United States Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in many federal cases.

In 1980, Sherman conceived of and began sponsoring the Aspen Advanced Criminal Law Seminar to create an environment for defense attorneys to share and learn from their common experiences. Since 1997, the seminar has been co-sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Speakers at the seminar have included many of the most prominent attorneys and judges in the nation.

Sherman has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in Southern California and as a Super Lawyer for the past 10 years. He received his B.S. in business from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1962 and his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall School of Law) in 1965.



JERRY GIESLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Vicki I. Podberesky



Vicki I. Podberesky, recipient of the Jerry Giesler Memorial Award, specializes in state and federal criminal defense, including appellate and post-conviction work. She is a partner with the firm of Nasatir, Hirsch, Podberesky & Khero located in Santa Monica.

Prior to joining the firm in 1988, Podberesky was a Litigation Attorney at Jones, Day, Revis & Pogue, practicing white collar criminal defense. She was also an associate at Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley, Myerson & Casey, representing individuals and corporations in complex criminal and civil fraud litigation.

Podberesky has received honors for her work in criminal defense law, including the "Best Lawyers in America" distinction for white collar and non-white collar criminal defense. She is also named in "Super Lawyers of Southern California" from 2004 to 2015 and has been named in "Top Women Lawyers." Additionally, she has co-authored a chapter entitled, "Release Procedures," in the California Criminal Law Procedure and Practice, 2nd edition treatise. Podberesky received her undergraduate degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1985. While at USC she was an Intern for the USC Prison Law Project, and following graduation she became an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law School.

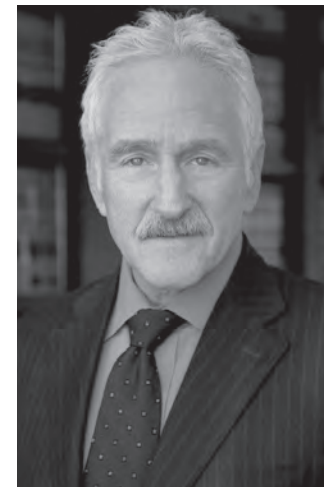
Podberesky has been involved in several professional law associations. She is a Fellow and presently Secretary of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. She was a Member of the Board of Governors, Chair of the Governmental Misconduct Committee, and former Co-Chair of the Amicus Curiae Committee of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. She was also a Member of the Board of Directors for the Criminal Courts Bar Association, Faculty Member in the trial advocacy training program at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and was a Staff Attorney to Judge William Webster for the Webster Commission, which was formed to evaluate the Los Angeles Police Department response to the riots in 1992. She has also acted as a Lawyer Representative for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, as a Volunteer Attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, as an Arbitrator over fee disputes for the Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services, and has represented members of environmental and animal rights organizations in criminal matters.

Podberesky is a Member of the American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Criminal Courts Bar Association, and National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. In addition to being part of the defense team that secured the dismissal of federal charges for Theodore Yoon and P.K. Lim in the case of *United States v. Mikaelian, et. al.*, Podberesky has also worked with attorney William Genego and investigator Paul Ingels in securing the release of Bruce Lisker who spent 26 years in prison after being wrongly convicted for the murder of his mother.



JERRY GIESLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Michael D. Nasatir



Michael D. Nasatir, recipient of the Jerry Giesler Memorial Award, has practiced criminal law for 49 years. From 1966 to 1969, he was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. From 1970 to 1971, he was a Staff Attorney with San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program, a well-known law firm specializing in poverty-related issues. From 1971 to the present, he has been a criminal defense attorney in Beverly Hills and Santa Monica. He is a partner with the firm of Nasatir, Hirsch, Podberesky & Khero located in Santa Monica.

He has briefed and argued cases before the United States Supreme Court (*United States v. Watson* (1976), 423 U.S. 411 and *United States v. Bowan* (1975), 422 U.S. 916) and the California Supreme Court (*People v. Chacon* (2007), 40 Cal.4th 558).

Nasatir has tried numerous cases in state and federal courts. He has lectured on criminal law subjects before national professional groups and at colleges and universities. He has been honored by being listed every year as one of the Best Lawyers in America and is one of Los Angeles County's "Super Lawyers." His clients have included many of America's top film and music celebrities, as well as nationally known literary and political figures.



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Victor Sherman, Justice Arthur Gilbert

and our "old" friend, Zeke Perlo

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who is the epitome of judicial excellence

and

The Honorable Mike Tynan

who has dedicated his career to advancing the cause of justice.

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Criminal Courts Bar Association
Michael A. Goldstein, President

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

September 9, 2014

It is with very great appreciation that I write to you thanking you for the tremendous gift of GED preparation books you and your wife delivered to our prison project this morning. The dictionaries, thesauruses, GED math prep books and vocabulary builders your Bar Association contributed come to over 830 dollars in retail valuation. This is a great help to our effort to send GED prep materials to indigent inmates requesting them from us, our letters coming from all the areas of the nation.

We aim our efforts at reaching inmates who do not have any other source of help from outside the prison. So many of them have lost family members concerned for them or have lost all contact with remaining family. We believe that contributing a dictionary or other basic skill book not only helps them a little to realize their goal of qualifying for parole but also gives them a feeling of hope that someone on the outside is really concerned to help them.

About half of the over 300 letters we receive each week are requesting help with basic reading or math skills. Other frequent requests are for self-help or spiritual materials, or nonfiction reading to help with understanding of history, philosophy, art, science or classical literature. We also send out books of science fiction and fantasy though we save on postage costs by drawing the line at true crime or romance. Murder mysteries also tend to get short shrift because of our limitation on postage funds.

Our project has been headed up with great persistence and dedication since 1986 by Mr. Rick Moore. We are blessed also by a board of directors of the nonprofit Claremont Forum who themselves have been extremely supportive of our needs for among other things, over five hundred dollars in postage each week to keep the project running.

Again, it is with deep gratitude that I and the other volunteers wish to thank you for your concern to provide basic educational books to indigent prisoners, and for your interest in our project.

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Dear Mr. Trimarco:

In the winter of 2010, an environmental disaster occurred off the west coast of the island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii. Heavy rainfall caused millions of gallons of contaminated water—including toxic soil, trash and human medical waste—to pour from the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill into the ocean waters. Federal officials launched an investigation into the landfill's operator, Waste Management of Hawaii ("WMH"). The U.S. Attorney's Office alleged there was a conspiracy between members of the WMH and its environmental consulting firm to submit false information to regulators about the adequacy of the landfill's storm water management system.

I represented an employee of the environmental consulting firm hired by WMH to perform construction quality assurance. During the investigation, all evidence pointed to the fact that my client was innocent of any wrongdoing. Nevertheless, the Assistant U.S. Attorney insisted that my client pass a polygraph, or else risk being indicted as a participant in the criminal conspiracy.

In 2012, you conducted a polygraph examination of my client, unequivocally establishing that no deception was indicated. The Assistant U.S. Attorney then demanded that my client pass a polygraph examination administered by FBI agents in Honolulu. The FBI alleged my client failed their polygraph examination, but you responded with a thorough and compelling critique demonstrating how the FBI's polygraph examination was deficient and should be disregarded.

Last year, I was notified by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Hawaii that their office would not seek an indictment of my client, nor would any charges against him be pursued. I believe your carefully and competently constructed polygraph examination and critique of the FBI's polygraph results played a central role in our advocacy that prosecution should be declined in my client's case.

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