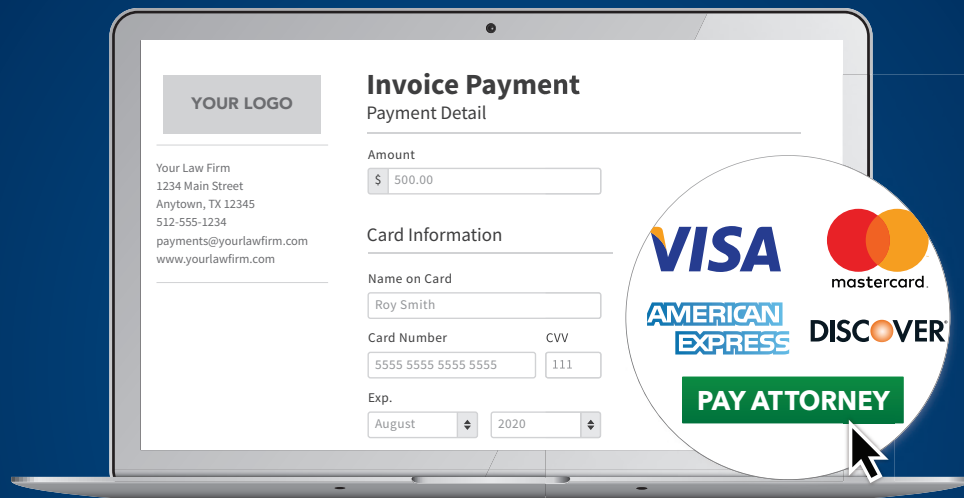




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PROGRAM

Cocktails – Tiffany Room

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner & Awards Program – Crystal Ballroom

7:30 p.m.

Installation of Richard Chacon, Officers and Board Members

HONOREES

MORTON HERBERT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

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OUTGOING 2017 PRESIDENT

Evan P. Freed

My year as President of the Criminal Courts Bar Association has been an honor and a humbling experience. I will never forget each and every day I was able to serve our great organization.

Thanks to our membership, our Board of Directors and Officers, we were able to host a memorable Awards Dinner at the California Club, as well as dinner meetings featuring pillars of the community including judges, authors, mental health experts, a great former District Attorney, a retired journalist, our present Chief Probation Officer, and the duly elected Sheriff of Los Angeles County.

Service to our community has always been my daily goal. When I was asked whether I would be interested in joining the Executive Board of the Criminal Courts Bar Association, the title "President" was not on my mind. But sensing the reality that one day I could receive that title, I looked back and reflected on the tenures of our wonderful past presidents, with the goal of being a team player and continuing our legacy of dedication.

I will be forever grateful for the honor our organization has given me. And now the honor is passed to our 2018 President, Richard Chacon. Congratulations to you, Richard, and to all our future Presidents, Executive Board Members, and Members of our Board of Directors.

The future of the Criminal Courts Bar Association is bright.



INCOMING 2018 PRESIDENT

Richard Chacon



I tormented myself for weeks on what eloquent message I could write here that would captivate the mind and inspire the soul. Then, about one day past the deadline, it hit me: this is my message, whatever I want it to be. Well, my message is to have fun! So, to a certain extent, if you are sitting and reading this during the event, I have already failed. My message is for you to get up and go have fun. I hope you will enjoy your friends, enjoy the ambiance and enjoy your life.

For those that don't know it about me, I have lost two brothers in this lifetime. In 1991, my 8-year-old brother Paul was accidentally killed by a 10-year-old neighbor while they were playing with a handgun. In 1997, my 16-year-old brother Dominick was killed when two of his friends tried to rob him with a gun and he fought back. The other two - teenagers themselves at the time - are doing 25-Life; one tragedy costing three lives.

I have also lost two different best friends. Professor Charles Whitebread, who taught criminal law at USC Law School and lectured for BarBri, was one of my closest friends when he died of lung cancer in 2006. In 2017, my dearest friend George Starks, who was a children's book publisher, died of a rare form of cancer.

I know that everyone in this room has lost someone that they care about. The professions we chose puts us in contact with a segment of the population that tends to be at higher risk; defendants, victims, even other lawyers. Our "In Memoriam" section pays tribute to many we lost in the recent past. It is always hard to lose someone that we care about.

However, the gift that these losses have given me - and perhaps you - is to remember that we are not here forever. This journey is beautiful, and exciting, but brief. As Shakespeare says in Macbeth "Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more."

Of course, it feels good and necessary to have a life that has purpose and meaning, too. But, I am very confident that everyone reading this possesses that, as well. So, if you accept this message, get up and go meet a stranger, hug a friend, listen to some music and enjoy your strut upon the stage. Tonight we have some deserving honorees who will literally strut upon the stage and I encourage them to enjoy it as much as possible, but please do so in under five minutes.

In all seriousness, I hope you all have a great deal of fun tonight as we enjoy good food, celebrate the accomplishments of our honorees, listen to groovy music and embrace the conviviality.

Thank you for being here.

Sincerely,
Richard Mario Chacon



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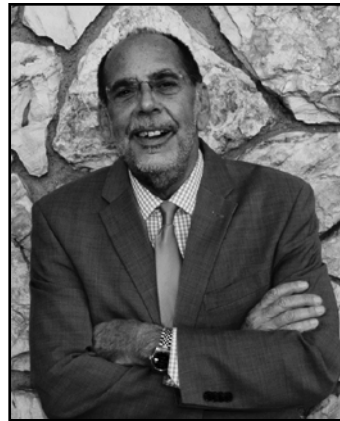
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MORTON HERBERT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Michael Kogan

The Mort Herbert award is given annually to an outstanding person who makes significant contributions to the community.

Michael Kogan is one of the most interesting attorneys practicing in Los Angeles County.

He attended UC Berkeley undergrad during the free speech movement in the late 60's. He was heavily involved in the protests and demonstrations at the university. During a civil rights demonstration in San Francisco he was arrested and convicted. He notes that because of his obnoxious behavior in court he was sentenced to 90 days in San Francisco County Jail.

Michael graduated from Rutgers Law School and moved to Los Angeles where he first started practicing in 1971.

He made his home in Echo Park with his wife Patricia Bauer Kogan and eventually their daughters Nina and Jamie. He and Patricia have been married for 36 years and for the last 47 years have made their home in Echo Park.

When Michael first started practicing he had a wide ranging practice but eventually formed a practice with his wife in 1981 and started specializing in criminal defense.

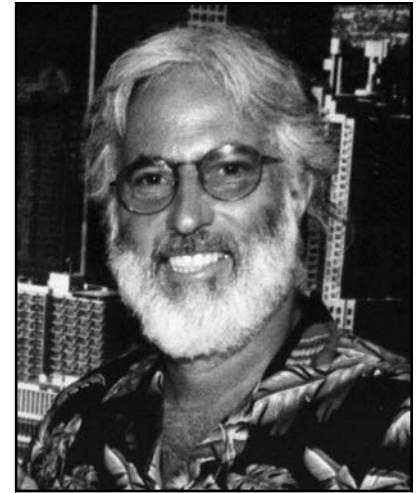
Michael is an original member of the Indigent Defense Bar and has focused a large part of his practice on juvenile defense.

From about 1993 to 2014 he retired from the practice of law and together with Patricia they traveled the world and have visited 94 different countries.

While traveling Michael began playing handball and eventually was so gifted at the sport he has won 9 national championships in his age group. He has played all over the world including second place in the World Championship held in Ireland in 1991.

When Michael returned from his travels he was invited by Jackie Goldberg to help out an afterschool program named L.A.C.E.R. Needing something to do he built a program for afterschool kids based on teaching them how to play handball. He built the program, he raised money, and helped them build the courts, and eventually built courts in several different schools.

Michael has been a part of the L.A.C.E.R. Program since its inception in the early 1970. The L.A.C.E.R afterschool



programs are funded in part by state and federal grants through the California Department of Education and the 21st Century Community Learning Center. L.A.C.E.R. runs many, many projects including the Rock Band Workshop, L.A.C.E.R. King Drill Competition, Health Career Workshop, L.A.C.E.R. HHS Spirit Squad Performance, and Annual Word Wizard (King Middle School), Talent Shows, Art Exhibits, and Music Festivals.

In addition to his remarkable work with L.A.C.E.R. Michael is an accomplished attorney with a social conscience.

In 1975 he, along with others, represented individuals who had been arrested as a result of the demonstrations at the Million Dollar Theater and Hotel. The demonstrations focused on the deplorable living conditions of the theater and of the hotel.

After a three week trial each of the demonstrators were found not guilty.

Michael also participated in a trial with Leonard Weinglass involving Iranian student demonstrators at a hotel in Beverly Hills. Twelve Iranian protestors were demonstrating the overthrow of the Shah of Iran.

After a five week trial in the Criminal Courts Building and jury deliberations of one half hour, all defendants were found not guilty.

Michael continues to be involved in social issues involving Black Lives Matters, Ron Kovick (Born on the 4th of July), Jackie Wilson and other notable causes.

Michael is truly deserving of this most prestigious award.





JOHNNIE COCHRAN JR AWARD FOR THE
RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

Detective Michael Bender

Mike Bender graduated from the Los Angeles Police Department with honors. After working in LAPD's Southwest and Newton Divisions, he transferred to the Simi Valley Police Department in 1978.

Twelve years into his career with the Simi Valley Police Department, Detective Bender was guided to the Craig Coley murder investigation. His eyes were opened to an injustice caused by his department. He tried to right this wrong but was ordered to stop his investigation. He had to leave the Simi Valley Police Department to continue his pursuit of justice regarding Coley. During this time he worked as a Senior Special Agent with the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Private Investigator, and currently as an SIU AVP for an insurance company.



JERRY GIESLER AWARD FOR
TRIAL ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

Christopher C. Chaney

Christopher Chaney is the recipient of the Jerry Geisler Award, given for outstanding performance by a trial attorney. The award is named after one of the co-founders of the Criminal Courts Bar Association (CCBA) and one of the preeminent trial attorneys of his era. Chaney is the first person in the 65-year history of the organization to receive this award three times.

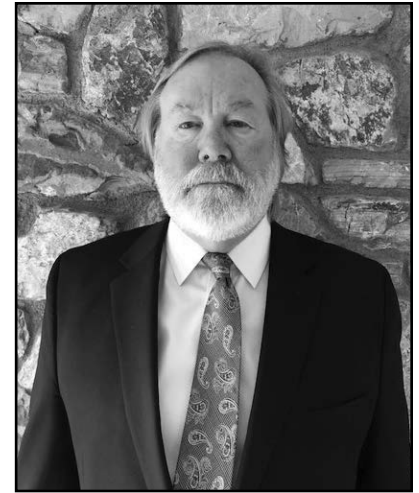
Chaney represented one of two defendants in the retrial of a gang-related murder case in the Burbank courthouse. The first trial ended in a hung jury with the jury splitting 7-5 in favor of guilt. Chaney helped expose coercion and intimidation of prosecution witnesses by detectives, in particular, a former Pasadena Police Department detective, and false manipulation of evidence. The jury acquitted Chaney's client and the female co-defendant.

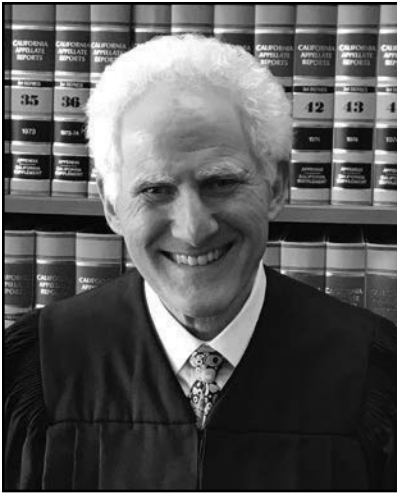
Chaney, a native of Los Angeles who grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, is past president of the Criminal Courts Bar Association and the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and has edited the CCBA's monthly newsletter for nearly 20 years. Chaney is frequently sought out for advice on trial strategy and other legal issues by other attorneys, and is renowned for his methodical preparation, selfless devotion to his clients and grace under pressure .

Chaney was previously chosen as the criminal defense attorney of the year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, in the same year he previously won the Geisler in connection with his representation of Heriberto Rodriguez in a death penalty case.

Chaney has been active in many community organizations, including serving on the board of directors of Grandview Foundation and received the CCBA's Mort Herbert award in 2004 for contributions to the community. He also serves on the executive committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association-sponsored Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program (ICDA).

Chaney attended college at USC where he played wide receiver on a team widely regarded as one of the greatest college football teams of all time. Chaney lives in La Canada with his wife Lindy and son Raymond.





HONORABLE ROBERT TAKASUGI
AWARD FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE

Honorable Frederick N. Wapner

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Fred Wapner, recipient of the Robert Takasugi Judicial Excellence Award, has distinguished himself during his lengthy career on the bench with his even-handed manner, thoughtful and well-reasoned rulings, a devotion to fairness and principles of justice, and a subtle wit. Wapner has earned accolades from the prosecution and defense bar for his graceful command and patience when handling calendar matters and during trial. Even lawyers on the losing end of pretrial motions and evidentiary rulings at trial acknowledge Wapner's thorough consideration and analysis of legal and factual issues.

Wapner earned an undergraduate degree from UCLA and remains an avid fan of Bruin sports teams. He graduated from McGeorge Law School in Sacramento then served as a Deputy District Attorney for over a dozen years in Los Angeles. His crowning achievement as a prosecutor was in securing a murder conviction in the so-called Billionaire Boys Club case against alleged mastermind Joe Hunt. The conviction was especially noteworthy as the body of the homicide victim, a self-admitted con man, was never found and two defense witnesses testified at trial that they had recently seen the alleged homicide victim alive and well at a gas station in Tucson, Arizona.

A native of Los Angeles, Wapner is a third generation lawyer and the son of the late Joseph Wapner, a prominent Los Angeles Superior Court judge who upon retiring took on the position as the judge on the popular daytime television program "The People's Court." At the height of the popularity of the program, Judge Joseph Wapner was the most recognizable judge in the country, according to public opinion surveys.

Judge Wapner cites his father Joseph and the late Superior Court judge David Fitts as role models for his judicial practices and philosophy. He is married with two children, ages 23 and 20.



JOSEPH ROSEN AWARD FOR
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Robert Wilson

Bob Wilson is the recipient of the Joseph M. Rosen Justice Award, which recognizes outstanding career achievement.

Bob, a state bar certified criminal law specialist, retired from the practice of law at the end of last year after a 20-year partnership with Rich Hutton in the law firm of Hutton & Wilson. His association with Rich started almost 30 years ago in 1989. Prior to that, he served with distinction as a Pasadena City Prosecutor.

He has had a spectacular courtroom career, winning numerous jury trial verdicts, including significant felony trials. Bob was also a master at settling cases because of his ability to understand the value of a case and to effectively communicate with prosecutors.

In 2003, Bob was President of the Criminal Courts Bar Association and was also a member of the Board of Governors of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ). He also has co-chaired CACJ's annual DUI seminar for the last 20 years.

In 2009, Bob received this Association's Mort Herbert Service Award in recognition of his outstanding community service. For many decades he has been active in All-Saints, a progressive Episcopal church, serving as senior warden (President of the Church Council) and starting a now thriving legal clinic.

Bob is looking forward to spending even more time with his family, wife Kathi, children Tara and Ian and his four fantastic granddaughters. He remains active in his pro-bono legal work and is of-counsel to Hutton & Khalaf. Hopefully, you will see him around the courts from time to time.





PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Honorable Steve Cooley

Steve Cooley served as the 41st District Attorney of Los Angeles County, leading the largest local prosecutorial office in the United States of America from 2000 until 2012.

He joined the office in 1973 as a law clerk and rose through the ranks to achieve the office's highest position in a landslide election in 2000. He was overwhelmingly elected four years later and, in 2008, he was elected to an historic 3rd term. During his tenure, he was widely revered by law enforcement and the defense bar alike for his open and evenhanded approach to the goal of securing justice for all.

Mr. Cooley is heralded for being the first to take a novel approach to the 3 Strikes Law whereby non-violent third offenders were being sentenced to life in prison. He instituted an office policy where non-violent 3rd Strikers were generally treated as 2nd Strikers in Los Angeles County. Based upon the policy he had established, he then led that initiative to become law in California, which it is until this day.

Furthermore, Mr. Cooley implemented a "Collateral Consequences Policy" which allowed Deputy District Attorneys to consider the collateral effects of a criminal conviction. This policy was immensely popular with the defense bar and his own office as it allowed defense attorneys and prosecutors to reach fair, accurate and appropriate sentencing results. This policy remains in effect under the current District Attorney, Jackie Lacey.

Additionally, Mr. Cooley implemented new and innovative techniques in the use of DNA technology to bring about righteous convictions and exonerate the innocent.

Although he was extremely popular in the community, Mr. Cooley chose to retire from the District Attorney's Office in 2012. After leaving the office, Mr. Cooley founded his own law firm "Steve Cooley & Associates". Furthermore, he and Robert Shirn have authored a book entitled "Blue Lives Matter - In the Line of Duty" chronicling the murders of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Cooley and his wife Jana have been married for 43 years. Their daughter, Shannon, is a Deputy District Attorney assigned to the Hard Core Gang Division. Their son, Michael, is a filmmaker and videographer who has produced an award-winning documentary called "South Bureau Homicide" documenting the effects of murders on the murder-victims next of kin. Michael also produced the video introductions of tonight's honorees. Steve and Jana are the proud grandparents of three beautiful grandchildren.



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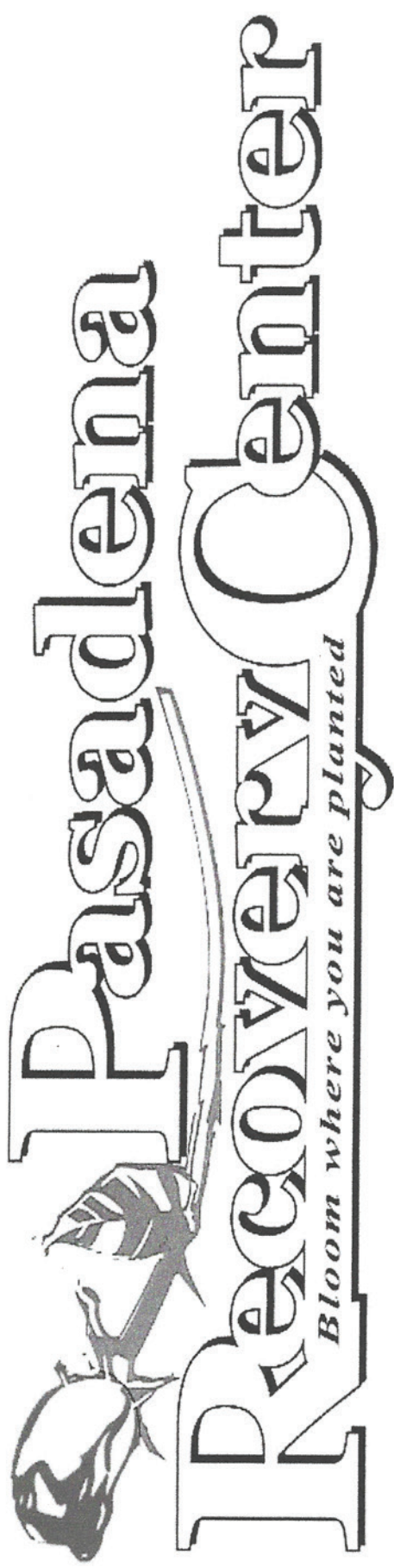
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Richard Hutton & Mark Khalaf

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