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Program

Cocktails – Main Lounge
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Dinner & Awards Program – Main Dining Room
7:30 pm

Master of Ceremonies
Honorable Peter P. Espinoza (Retired)

Installation of Evan P. Freed, Officers and Board Members

Honorees

MORT HERBERT SERVICE AWARD
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Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen
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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Louis Sepe

My tenure as the 2016 President of the Criminal Court's Bar Association has come to an end. I would like to thank all the current and past board members for the honor of serving. I would especially like to thank Christopher Chaney for the valuable assistance he provided throughout the year.

The organization and the Criminal Bar in particular lost many fine trial lawyers this past year. I felt a deep personal loss at the passing of Paul Potter, Ted Yamamoto and Tony Brooklier. These great trial lawyers played crucial parts in my development as a trial attorney.

I have had the honor of mentoring a few attorneys in recent years. I believe this is an important function that the CCBA should emphasize going forward. We must get out the word to young attorneys that the CCBA is a place where they can ask questions, sit in on trials and share stories that will encourage and guide them in their quest to become trial lawyers.

I would like to welcome Evan Freed as the 2017 CCBA President and congratulate all of this year's award recipients.

Again, a heartfelt thanks. See you in the trenches.

Louis Sepe



INCOMING PRESIDENT

Evan P. Freed

Tonight we come together to recognize a diverse group of individuals who share common goals — dedication, honesty, generosity and humility. I am so proud to be able to be YOUR President of the Criminal Courts Bar Association in its 64th year. Being able to introduce our 2017 awardees is a fantastic honor and truly a dream come true.

I learned a lot during 2016 — how fragile family and friend relationships can be when subjects like politics, religion, and sexuality come into discussion. I am not alone in saying I never thought I would live to see an election process like we witnessed last year. Our nation was badly divided and, to a great extent, remains so. And for that reason we need more events, like ours, in which we welcome people with whom we might not agree. That is the American way and THAT inclusiveness is the principle by which the Criminal Courts Bar Association thrives. Our legal system is not perfect but all of us, as professionals and advocates, strive every day to make it better. And, for that, everyone attending this evening deserves to be honored.

I owe a great deal of thanks to our Board of Directors and our Executive Board for their help and guidance in making tonight a successful event and for trusting in me. Thank you to outgoing President, Louis Sepe, for honoring our organization by your commitment and excellence. Thank you to former District Attorney Steve Cooley who, as a member of The California Club, made this beautiful location available to us. And thank you to all of our past Presidents who so generously contributed to the growth and reputation of our organization. And welcome to our 2018 President-Elect, Richard Chacon; I look forward to working with you and to help you meet your goals for CCBA.

We lost several members of our community in the last year including Anthony Brooklier, Paul Potter and Ted Yamamoto. Their spirits will always be with us by virtue of their guidance and accomplishments, and we pay tribute to them this evening.

Finally, thank you to my family and friends, many of whom are with us this evening. Your support of me during the planning of this evening's event cannot be overstated. I'm honored by your patience and friendship.

And, with that, let the evening begin!



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Honorable Peter Espinoza

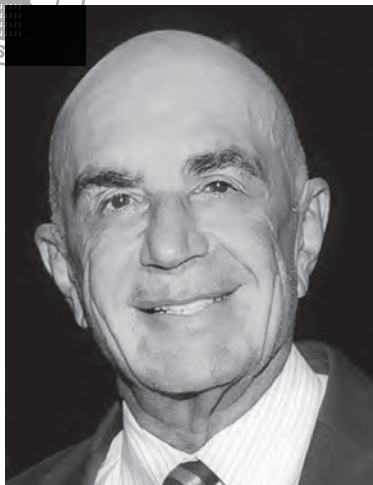


Judge Espinoza received his Juris Doctorate from the U.C.L.A. School of Law, where he served as Chair of the Chicano Law Students' Association. Upon graduation, he was a Howard University Reginald Herber Smith Fellow, and in 1990 became a Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner.

Judge Espinoza was appointed as a Judge to the Municipal Court in 1994 and elevated to the Superior Court in 1997. Over the course of his career, Judge Espinoza has had virtually every assignment in the court, including Supervising Judge of both the Southeast District and the Criminal Division of the Los Angeles Superior Court. He has served in leadership positions including the court's Executive Committee, Supervising Judges' Committee, Community Outreach/Diversity Committee, and as a member of the California Judicial Council.

Judge Espinoza has received numerous awards and commendations including, Special Recognition, 2001, Los Angeles County District Attorney; Judicial Excellence Award, 2001, Criminal Courts Bar Association; MABA Benjamin Aranda Judicial Excellence Award, 2004; Judge of the Year, 2011, Los Angeles County Bar Association Criminal Justice Section; Judicial Appreciation Award, 2012, South Asian Bar Association; Judicial Excellence Award, 2013, MABA PAC; Judge of the Year, 2013, Armenian American Bar Association; Distinguished Alumni Award, 2015, Community College League of California (in recognition of his ground-breaking program placing young felons in community college as a term and condition of their probation); and, Judge of the Year, 2016, Southeast District Bar Association.

Judge Espinoza recently retired and is currently the Director of Health Service's Office of Diversion and Re-entry.



MORT HERBERT SERVICE AWARD

Robert Shapiro

Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, Robert Shapiro graduated from the Anderson School of Business at UCLA in 1965 with a degree in finance and from Loyola Law School in 1968. At Loyola, he won two American Jurisprudence awards and the school's moot court competition. This earned him the spot as the court's chief justice. His experience as justice provided him with future connections and showed him that his calling was the courtroom.

Robert was admitted to the California State Bar in 1969 and, in 1970, he married Linell Thomas, with whom he had sons, Brent (1980-2005) and Grant (b. 1984). Robert clerked for the LA County DA's Office during his last year of law school. He got his first job there as a prosecutor, and stayed for nearly three years.

Upon leaving the DA's office, Robert started his own practice in 1972. It wasn't long before he was representing his first famous client, Linda Lovelace, the 1970s porn star who became famous for the film *Deep Throat*. In early 1974, Robert defended Lovelace when she was charged with possession of cocaine and amphetamines in Las Vegas. As cocaine use became rampant in the 1970s, Robert gained a reputation for defending famous or rising musicians who had been arrested for doing or possessing illicit drugs.

Other early clients of note included attorney F. Lee Bailey and talk show host Johnny Carson, who were arrested for drunk driving on the same day. In the 1990's Robert defended Christian Brando, son of actor Marlon Brando, against manslaughter charges, and also negotiated a financial settlement for baseball star Darryl Strawberry, who agreed to vacate his contract with the LA Dodgers after confessing to a drug habit.

On June 12, 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson, the ex-wife of O.J. Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman were found stabbed to death outside Brown's Los Angeles condo. Five days later Simpson was arrested for their murders following a bizarre low-speed chase that was broadcast live nationally for its duration. Robert was hired as a part of Simpson's defense team and, on October 3, 1995, the jury found Simpson not guilty all charges, sealing Robert's already stellar legal reputation. After the Simpson trial, Robert shifted the focus of his practice to the less-sordid white-collar criminal defense arena.

Outside of the courtroom, Robert has launched two companies, LegalZoom and Shoedazzle, and has written two bestselling books, *The Search for Justice* (nonfiction) and *Misconception* (fiction). Following the 2005 drug-related death of his son Brent, he founded a charity, the Brent Shapiro Foundation, which raises awareness about drug and alcohol addiction.



JOHNNIE COCHRAN AWARD

Scott L. Sanders

Scott Sanders has been an attorney with the Orange County Public Defender's Office for twenty-four years. He is co-counsel in *People v. Dekraai*. In 2011, Dekraai killed eight people at a beauty salon located in Seal Beach, California. In January of 2013, Scott filed a 505 page motion seeking dismissal of the death penalty and recusal of the prosecutor's office. In support of the motion, he attached in excess of 15,000 pages of exhibits detailing allegations that Orange County authorities had improperly used informants in multiple case including *Dekraai*, and that prosecutor's and the sheriff's department had for years concealed evidence regarding its operation of a jailhouse informant program. Judge Thomas Goethals allowed hearings that would ultimately span a calendar year. More than three dozen prosecutors and members of law enforcement testified. In August of 2014, Judge Goethals found that numerous witnesses had been "credibility challenged," and excluded the defendant's confession all purposes, but denied requests for recusal and dismissal. However, the hearings were re-opened in 2015 after the defense uncovered a hidden database of records called TREDs. After taking additional testimony, Judge Goethals recused the entire prosecutor's office and imposed significant sanctions.

While the appeal was pending, the defense discovered another hidden database of records called the Special Handling Log, which included entries impeaching key claims made by witnesses during the hearing, and corroborating an informant program that witnesses and the county's sheriff had denied. In November of 2015, the California Court of Appeal unanimously affirmed the recusal stating that "[t]he magnitude of the systemic problems cannot be overlooked." The California Attorney General elected to not appeal and is now the assigned prosecutorial agency.

On February 20, 2017, based upon the concealment of the Special Handling Log, apparent deletions from that log, and evidence that the Sheriff's Department had obtained authorization to destroy informant records, Judge Goethals ordered a third round of hearings to determine if other sanctions and remedies will be required.

There are currently three investigations stemming from the allegations raised in *Dekraai* and a second capital case in which Scott filed a 750 page motion examining allegations of a 30 year long history of informant-related misconduct. The Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, the California Attorney General, and the Orange County Grand Jury are currently investigating issues related to the informant revelations.



JERRY GIESLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Winston McKesson

Winston “Kevin” McKesson, the recipient of the Jerry Giesler Award, enjoyed two major trial victories in the last year. In one case, his client was charged with five counts of sexual assault and failure to register as a sex offender. As his client was a third striker (with 20 prior strike convictions) he was facing multiple life sentences. The alleged victims – two girls and a boy – ranged in age from 11 to 16, and there was also an allegation of an uncharged rape. The jury acquitted McKesson’s client of all of the sex charges and convicted him of only the failure to register, so the Three Strikes Law did not apply.

In another trial victory, McKesson represented a Los Angeles County Probation Officer working at Juvenile Hall. While the defendant was working one evening, a verbal dispute arose between the defendant probation officer and the alleged victim, a juvenile inmate. After verbal commands failed to work, the defendant forced the alleged victim onto the bed. In the process the head of the alleged victim struck a wall violently, causing a head injury that required 12 stitches. The incident was captured on video surveillance. The jury found McKesson’s client not guilty.

Born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, he graduated from Mount Carmel High School, Loyola Marymount University, and the school of his dreams, UCLA Law School. He started as a civil practitioner and in 1985 began a five-year tutelage with the Law Offices of Johnnie Cochran. In 1990 McKesson opened his own office, before joining forces with John Sweeney and then later Carl Douglas. During this period McKesson represented former LAPD Officer Rafael Perez, whose revelations led to the exposure of the Rampart Division scandal. In 2010 McKesson returned to a solo practice.

In 2000 McKesson was chosen as the Criminal Defense Attorney of the Year by the Century City Bar Association. He has also been listed by *Savoy Magazine* as one of the 15 most influential black lawyers in America, has an AV rating, the highest possible from Martindale Hubbell for 15 years, and has been listed as a Southern California super lawyer for 15 years. McKesson is married to Michele Daniels, a head deputy in the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, and they have three adult sons.



HON. ROBERT TAKASUGI JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kathleen Kennedy

Judge Kathleen Kennedy was born and raised in Los Angeles where she attended Loyola Marymount University and earned a degree in Economics, magna cum laude; thereafter, she graduated from Loyola Law School in 1977. Initially, she practiced law with her father, Brian Kennedy, handling civil and family law cases.

In 1980, Judge Kennedy found her calling practicing criminal law as a deputy in the Los Angeles District Attorney’s office. “I can’t believe I have a job where I get to spend all day, every day trying cases” she repeatedly told her friends. She tried everything from drunk driving to murders, spending her last couple of years in the office trying serial rape cases.

In 1988, Judge Kennedy was appointed to the Municipal Court by then governor George Deukmejian. As a municipal court judge, she tried misdemeanors, supervised the criminal division and handled felony preliminary hearings, including the preliminary hearing in the O.J. Simpson murder case.

In 2000, Judge Kennedy became a Superior Court Judge when the Municipal Court consolidated with the Superior Court. She was immediately assigned a felony trial court, and within a couple of years, was assigned to complex felony (long cause) trials on the ninth floor of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Judge Kennedy has continued to handle a number of high profile cases including: Sante and Kenneth Kimes — a mother-son duo convicted of murder for financial gain; Roderick D. Wright, a state senator convicted of political corruption; The “City of Bell” corruption case involving the entire city Council, city manager and other officials; “The LA Coliseum Commission” political corruption case; and most recently, Lonnie David Franklin, Jr., also known as the “Grim Sleeper”— who was convicted and sentenced to death for murdering ten women.

Judge Kennedy is active in judicial education and also in “Teen Court” where she conducts juvenile proceedings at Franklin High School in front of high school students who act as jurors and also recommends a sentence for juveniles who commit minor offenses.

Judge Kennedy is an avid fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers — her chambers and bench a virtual memorabilia shrine to the team. She is a former pitcher for the “Bad News Barristers” softball team and is an active player for the Benchwarmers — the LA Superior Court Judges softball team. She is the proud mother of three adult children.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Donald Ré

Don Ré was raised in New Jersey, graduated from Princeton University in 1967, came west to go to law school and never found a reason to go back to New Jersey. He graduated from UCLA School of Law in 1970 and has been practicing criminal law ever since.

Don, while in law school, clerked for the legendary Burton Marks and worked with Burton until 1976. His reward, upon passing the Bar, was to be handed approximately 25 obscenity cases, all set for jury trial and being told to go try them all.

Don was partners with Howard Weissman from 1982 to 1985 and has been in sole practice ever since. While with Howard, they represented John DeLorean in one of the more celebrated trials of the era. DeLorean was eventually acquitted of all charges. Don's final argument was so unique and excellent that it was featured in the book Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury: Greatest Closing Arguments in Modern Law.

Don has defended many high-profile cases including United States v. Eddie (Nash) Nasrallah, a RICO federal arson case where Nash was the only one of six defendants acquitted on all counts; People v. McKinley Lee (commonly known as the Snoop Dogg murder case) wherein all defendants were acquitted on all counts; and Don was the attorney for Andrew Dalton Lee in the case commonly known as the Falcon and Snowman spy case.

Don has received numerous awards for his outstanding trial achievements. In 1985, he was awarded the Jerry Giesler Memorial Award by the Criminal Courts Bar Association, and in 2007 was awarded the Association's President's Award. He has received recognition from numerous publications as Lawyer of the Year, has been included in the Top 100 Lawyers and of course, has been recognized on many occasions as a "Super Lawyer."

He is devoted to his family — his wife Jean and his adult son Chris, who is a professor of Computer Science at Stanford University, and of whom Don is extremely proud.



JOURNALISM EXCELLENCE AWARD

Matt Taibbi

The Criminal Courts Bar Association is proud to reach out to a national figure in presenting its Journalism Award to Matt Taibbi, an investigative reporter, acclaimed author of several bestselling books and a regular contributor for Rolling Stone magazine. The award presented to Taibbi this evening acknowledges the importance of his extraordinary recent book, *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap*, an eloquently written and powerful indictment of the criminal justice system in America, contrasting the way justice is administered, according to whether you are rich or poor. In his ground-breaking book, Taibbi depicts two different worlds of defendants in the justice system; one with Ivy League degrees and connections, high-priced lawyers, and lobbyists, and another consisting of ordinary and often poor people who are just getting by, and being victimized by the police, immigration officials and the courts.

Taibbi came to investigative journalism by a circuitous route. The son of a television reporter and a probate lawyer, he studied at Bard College in New York, and Leningrad Polytechnical University in Russia, earning his degree from Bard in 1991. Taibbi grew up admiring Russian writers, leading him to spend most of his early adult life in the former Soviet Union. He returned to the United States in 1994, where he worked as an investigator in a Boston-based private detective agency before going back in 1995 to Russia, where he played baseball for two teams, including the Red Army team. Subsequently, he moved to Mongolia, where he played in the Mongolian Basketball Association, and where he was known as the "Mongolian Rodman." He eventually resettled in Moscow where he and writer Mark Ames founded an English language satirical biweekly newspaper called "The eXile."

Taibbi returned to the United States for good in 2002, and founded the Buffalo-based newspaper "The Beast." A year later he left that paper to become a columnist for the New York Press, then became a contributing editor for Rolling Stone, where he received the National Magazine Award. He has written seven books, including the current bestseller, *Insane Clown President*, which chronicles the 2016 presidential campaign. His next book, about the Eric Garner police brutality case in New York, is due out later this year. Taibbi and his wife have two sons, Max and Nate, with another boy on the way.



P R E S I D E N T ' S A W A R D

Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen

It is with a great deal of pleasure and excitement that I present the President's Award for 2017 to the Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen. I have had the pleasure of following Judge Nguyen's career beginning when she was an Assistant United States Attorney. I appeared before her when she sat on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench and cheered for her during her nomination and election to the Federal District Court and ultimately to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

From the first day I became an Officer of the Criminal Courts Bar Association I knew I would be nominating Judge Nguyen for this special award. Her pathway to the bench has not been easy. Fleeing her homeland at a very young age to escape the oncoming horrors of war, living in a crowded tent in a refugee camp and, with the support and guidance of her loving parents, pursuing a challenging education and ultimately graduating from UCLA Law School and truly earning her current place in life.

Judge Nguyen's life is an inspiration to me and to those who know her. In the limited space of this biography I will touch on the highlights of her career.

Jacqueline H. Nguyen is a Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in a 91-3 vote on May 7, 2012. Judge Nguyen is the first and currently the only Asian American woman on the federal Court of Appeals. Prior to her elevation, Judge Nguyen was a trial judge for nearly ten years. From 2009 to May 2012, she served as a district judge on the U.S. District Court, Central District of California. Prior to that, she served for seven years as a judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Before she began her judicial career, Judge Nguyen was a federal prosecutor, serving as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1995 to 2002 in the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, including a two-year stint as a Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section. Judge Nguyen began her legal career in private practice at the law firm of Musick, Peeler & Garrett in Los Angeles, from 1991 to 1995.

Judge Nguyen received her A.B. from Occidental College in 1987. She also received an honorary degree for a year-long study at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, from 1985 to 1986. Judge Nguyen received her J.D. from UCLA Law School in 1991.

Judge Nguyen has been active in the legal community, particularly the Asian Pacific Islander American community, for many years. She has served on the board of various bar associations, including the Women Lawyers' Association of Los Angeles County, the Southern California Chinese Lawyers' Association and the Japanese American Bar Association. Judge Nguyen co-founded and served as President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association from 1999 to 2000.

Judge Nguyen was born in Dalat, Vietnam. She came to the United States at the age of 10 with her family when South Vietnam fell to Communist forces. Judge Nguyen has two children, ages 13 and 15.



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