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5:00-6:00 p.m.
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Dinner & Awards Presentation

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Kathryn M.S. Catherwood

*Recognition of the Boards of Trustees of the
San Diego Law Library Foundation
and San Diego Law Library and
Remarks on the Bernard E. Witkin, Esq. Awards*
The Hon. Victor E. Bianchini (Ret.)

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Introduction of Events Committee, Samir Chala and His Art Gallery

Kathryn M.S. Catherwood, Esq.

Awards Presentation

The Hon. Victor E. Bianchini (Ret.)

Presentation of the Award for
**Excellence in the Adjudication of the Law
to The Hon. Joel M. Pressman**

Judge of the San Diego Superior Court
Presented by The Hon. David J. Danielsen

Presentation of the Award for
**Excellence in the Practice of Law
to Judy Clarke, Esq.**

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Presented by Knut Johnson, Esq.

Presentation of the Award for
**Excellence in Civic Leadership and Philanthropy
to Amy J. Fitzpatrick, Esq.**
Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.
Presented by John Adkins

Presentation of the Award for
**Excellence in Legal Education
to William Slomanson**

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Closing Remarks

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Bernard E. Witkin, Esq., Award Purpose

The San Diego Law Library Foundation (also known as the Law Library Justice Foundation) presents the Bernard E. Within, Esq., Award annually to honor members of the San Diego legal community for civic leadership and excellence in the teaching, practice, enactment, or adjudication of the law.

In keeping with the life and writings of Bernard E. Witkin, Esq., the Witkin Awards celebrate members of the legal community and their good works. The Award Dinner is the primary fundraiser for the San Diego Law Library. To contribute, please contact San Diego Law Library Foundation, 1105 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92101; telephone: (619) 531-3904.

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The San Diego Law Library Foundation (also known as the Law Library Justice Foundation) was created in 1961, to help with donations of the then new facility for the Main Library. This is our 54th year. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable trust that can accept donations on behalf of the San Diego Law Library.

Our Motto

A good law library is a necessary ingredient for justice.

The San Diego Law Library Foundation exists to further legal knowledge and promote justice for the people of San Diego County. The trustees of the Foundation dedicate themselves to support the San Diego Law Library by helping to raise money to benefit the Law Library.

Our Mission

The Foundation shall promote charitable contributions and endowments for the benefit of the Law Library.

Currently there are sixteen funds devoted to the Law Library, including the Witkin Fund. Over fifty special purpose funds have been completely expended since 1961, mostly for books in special subject areas.

With funds raised from the Witkin Award Ceremony, the Witkin Fund grows faster than any other. This source has provided funding for both new and continuing titles to be added to the Law Library's collection. Each year, we set another goal level and give ourselves a challenge for the next year.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees has up to twelve members who serve without compensation, ten of whom are chosen by the Foundation Board and two who also serve as trustees for the San Diego Law Library Board. The Law Library's Director serves as non-voting Secretary and its Assistant Director, Finance and Personnel serves as non-voting Assistant Financial Officer.

Through the Foundation, the Library is able to benefit from the receipt and sale of securities and property, as well as maintain assets in a greater variety of investments than those allowed for public funds.

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2015 Award Winner

For Excellence in the
Adjudication of the Law

The Honorable Joel M. Pressman
Judge of the San Diego Superior Court



The Honorable Joel M. Pressman was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court by Gov. Gray Davis on December 20, 2001. He began his service on the bench as a Trial Judge in the Criminal and Civil departments of the North County Branch of the Superior Court in 2002. He became the Supervising & Assisting Judge, North County Branch in 2006 and in 2010 became the Civil Independent Calendar Judge where he now serves.

Judge Pressman served on the Executive Committee of Court from 2008 to 2014 as well as the Court's Ad-Hoc Budget Committee; Technology Committee; Safety Committee; and Security Committee.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Pressman received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and his J.D. from UC Hastings College of Law in 1972. He was in private practice in San Francisco and Redwood City until 1982 when he moved to San Diego. Judge Pressman was a partner at Kolodny & Pressman, APC, until taking the bench in 2001.

Judge Pressman has been active in the legal community, including being a member of ABOTA since January 1999. He was named Outstanding Trial Lawyer by the San Diego Trial Lawyers in 1992. Judge Pressman has also been a member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers since 1992, including serving on its Executive Committee/Board of Directors from 2012 to Present. He was a member of the Lopardo American Inn of Court from 2002 – 2010.

2015 Award Winner

For Excellence in the
Practice of Law

Judy Clarke, Esq.
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Judy Clare Clarke is a criminal defense attorney who has spent her illustrious career advocating against the death penalty. Her clients include Eric Rudolph, Ted Kaczynski, Jared Lee Loughner, Susan Smith, and most recently, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

Judy grew up in Asheville, North Carolina and received her B.A. from Furman University in 1974 and her J.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1977. Thereafter, she moved to San Diego in 1978 where she worked as a trial attorney at the Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. She rose quickly through the ranks and was promoted to Executive Director in 1983. She served in that role until 1991 when she left to become a partner of McKenna & Cuneo. In 1992, Judy was appointed the Executive Director of the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho, Spokane. She has also served as National Capital Resource Counsel for the Federal Public and Community Defenders Program.

In addition to her role as a trial attorney and executive, Judy is also an academic, having served as a Visiting Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University from 2006-07 and Professor of Practice from 2008-09 and the spring of 2010. She is currently in private practice in San Diego with her husband, Thomas H. Speedy Rice and serves as one of the national Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel, which helps judges recruit qualified federal public defenders.

Among her many distinctions, Judy appeared before the United States Supreme Court in 1985 and again in 1990 arguing the cases of *United States v. Rojas-Contreras* and *United States v. Munoz-Flores*. She is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She was the first public defender and second female to be elected President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and served that organization from 1996-97. Judy was selected by the *National Law Journal* in 1998 as one of the top 50 women lawyers in the United States and in 2001, as one of the top women litigators in the United States. She has been selected three times by *The Daily Journal* as one of the top 100 lawyers in California, and is included in the "The Best Lawyers in America" publication. In 2015, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals honored Judy with the John Frank Award. She also has her own Wikipedia page and was recently featured in *Vanity Fair* and *The New Yorker* magazines.

In a speech at Loyola Law School, Judy talked about her clients and observed that no matter how horrible the crimes they are accused of committing, they are real people, not monsters. As a lawyer, it is not her role to judge, rather, with each case, Judy strives to understand why her client committed the crime.

2015 Award Winner

For Excellence in Civic Leadership and Philanthropy

Amy J. Fitzpatrick, Esq.

Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program



Amy Fitzpatrick has served as the Chief Executive Officer of San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc. (SDVLP) for more than ten years, having worked as a staff attorney at SDVLP for three years prior to taking over the leadership of the organization.

Amy has worked throughout her career in public interest positions at non-profits and in the public sector. Prior to moving to San Diego, she served in the attorney generals' offices at the state and national levels in the Federated States of Micronesia working on both criminal and civil matters.

She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA, and received her J.D. from the University of California - Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

Amy was recognized in 2011 by the *San Diego Metropolitan* magazine as one of San Diego's "20 Women Who Rock!", for making significant contributions to our community. In 2012, she received the "Friend of the Community Award" from the Tom Homann LGBT Law Association for her efforts in providing free legal services to low income San Diegans living with HIV and AIDS.

Amy currently serves on the board of the Legal Aid Association of California, a state-wide organization that assesses and improves the effectiveness of the delivery of free civil legal aid in California.

2015 Award Winner

For Excellence in Legal Education

William Slomanson

Professor of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law



Professor Bill Slomanson received his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He then graduated from Naval Officer's Candidate School in Newport, RI. He received the Navy Achievement Medal for his service in Viet Nam.

Bill subsequently earned his J.D. from the California Western School Law, and his LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law. After practicing insurance defense law in Los Angeles, he commenced service on the Thomas Jefferson School of Law faculty.

Bill has served as editor or chair in a number of national or local legal organizations. He has taught courses or delivered lectures in 19 countries. His scholarly output includes 162 publications and 1,900 citations to his work. He has authored, co-authored, or edited 25 books, including 5 editions of his West casebook (with Hastings co-authors), 5 editions of his West Nutshell, and 5 editions of his Jones-McClure practitioner's treatise (with co-editors)—all in California Civil Procedure.

Bill's awards include the 2015 Uncommon Individual Award, by the Uncommon Individual Foundation, for his pioneering work in blended print and electronic learning. He has earned 11 teaching awards from the students of Thomas Jefferson School Law—the latest occurring in 2015. He was nominated by the faculty to represent TJSL, in the National Teaching Institute's 2011 What the Best Law Teachers Do competition. He also received the Pristina University President's Medal for Contributions to the University, where Bill is a Visiting Professor.

Bill has officiated at the weddings of nine Thomas Jefferson students or graduates.

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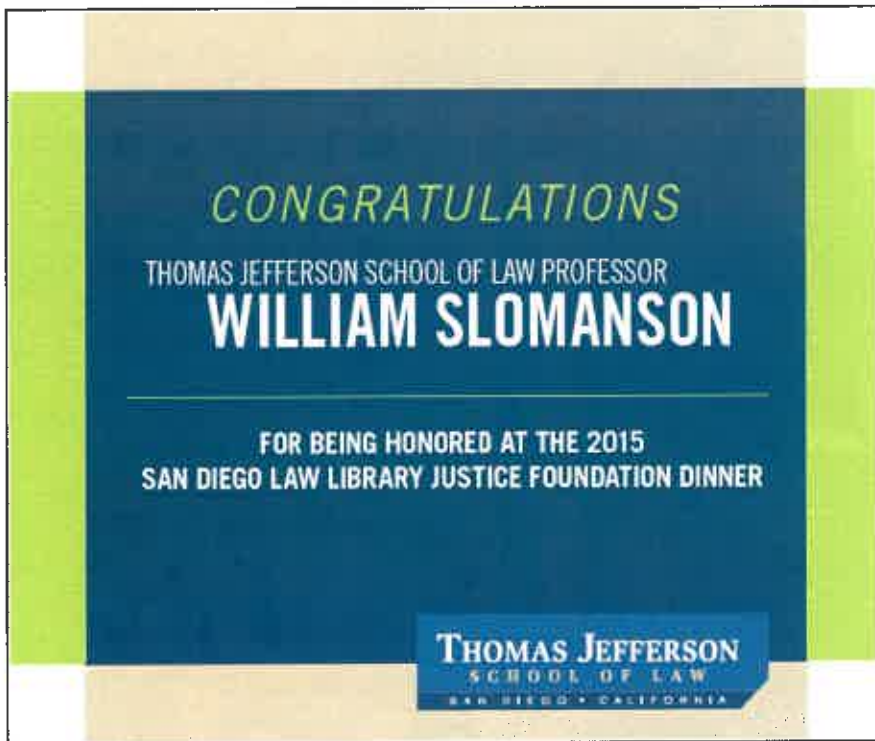
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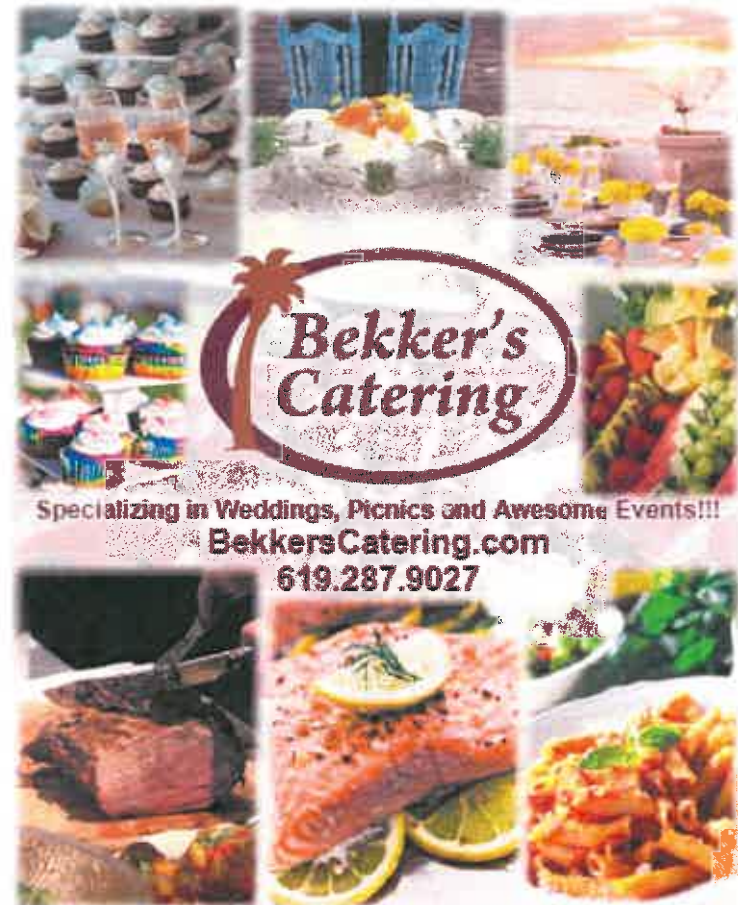
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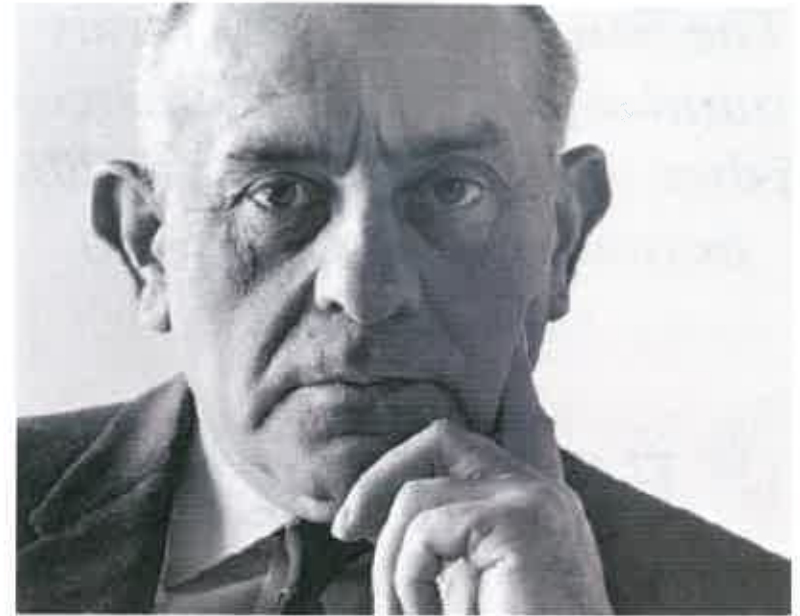


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Since 1994, Richard Sager has been creating his own recognizable style of artwork. His work is generally of a large scale, and includes oil paintings, neon works, and ceramic sculpture. Collectors, designers and architects have commissioned his work for residential, commercial and institutional installations. He has worked independently, and has also collaborated with other artists and designers in the creation of installed works. Richard has studied art and music throughout his life, and has developed a keen appreciation for the forms of nature and the cultures of mankind. His background in design, drawing, and sculpture combined with a passion for human, social, cultural and economic issues and concerns drives his own unique style of artistic interpretation. Richard lives and works in San Diego, California. www.richardsager.com



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