



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great Start to a New Year

by Lisa A. Freitas

As President of Queen's Bench for 2013, I am pleased and proud of how strong this year has started. Our committee chairs have worked tirelessly on events and programs for QB members and the legal community at large. While we have been forced to turn away opportunities to co-sponsor events, I am excited that the reason is our own overwhelming calendar of programs and events.

We held an MCLE presentation on careers in ADR, a panel of women presenting how to use your super powers in your career, an MCLE workshop to give law students and female attorneys practical tools to reduce stress, and the bi-monthly juvenile hall volunteer opportunities, just to name a few. I'm proud of the work our committees are doing to promote and support women in the legal community through their programming.

This year, Queen's Bench had the privilege of signing and supporting an amicus brief in the case of *Hollingsworth v. Perry*. The brief came to us through our Amicus Brief Committee Chair, Simona Agnolucci, and was submitted by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom ("BALIF") to the Supreme Court of the United States. The brief urges the Supreme Court to affirm the Ninth Circuit's conclusion that Proposition 8 disadvantages gays and lesbians without any legitimate justification. You will recall that Proposition 8, passed by California voters in 2008,

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Hana is a civil litigator who specializes in real estate law, ERISA, and insurance defense. Her practice emphasizes real property law and includes experience with landlord tenant issues, refinancing, foreclosures, and contract review of CC&Rs, build-purchase agreements, and general contractor agreements. She is a licensed real estate broker, and worked in commercial real estate managing a large multi-residential housing portfolio in Palo Alto for three years prior to practicing law. Hana's interest in real estate stems from having



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grown up around her family's real estate business that owns and manages properties committed to serving the lower income communities of North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She received her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law with a concentration in Public Interest Law and Social Justice. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and German Studies from Stanford University. Her other board experience includes serving on the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Community Land Trust where she currently serves as Treasurer. Hana resides in San Francisco.

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SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 13, 2013

Queen's Bench Annual Judges' Dinner

by Vanessa Hierbaum

Queen's Bench First Vice President



The Annual Judges' Dinner will be on **June 13, 2013** at the Parc 55 Windham San Francisco – Union Square, 55 Cyril Magnin Street, San Francisco. We are proud to announce our keynote speaker will be **Catharine MacKinnon**, internationally renowned legal scholar, feminist thinker and activist. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tables (10 seats including a hosted judge) at \$1,500, Gold Sponsor at \$1,750, Platinum Sponsor at \$2,000, and Diamond Sponsor at \$2,500. Individual tickets are \$95 for Queen's Bench members and \$150 for non-members and guests.

Induction Ceremony Kicks Off 2013

By Annie O'Donnell, Second Vice President

On February 28, 2013, Queen's Bench held its annual Induction Ceremony, honoring the incoming officers, board members, and the Bay Area's newest members to the State Bar.

In attendance were many Bay Area judges, along with new admittees and Queen's Bench members. Everyone had a great time mingling and getting to know each other during the champagne reception.

Second Vice President, Annie O'Donnell, made the welcoming remarks, and introduced all of the judges in attendance. She also shared her personal experience with joining Queen's Bench, and how getting involved in a committee allowed her to meet and work with some amazing people.

It was then her honor and privilege to introduce the Honorable Kathryn M. Werdegar, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, who presided over the Induction Ceremony.

Justice Werdegar studied law at Boalt Hall School of Law, where she was the first woman to be elected editor-in-chief of the California Law Review, and then transferred to George Washington University School of Law where she graduated first in her class. Her early career highlights included service with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. under Attorney General Robert Kennedy; Professor and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at the University of San Francisco School of Law; and Senior Staff Attorney with the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. Justice Werdegar was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 1991, and the California Supreme Court in 1994.

Before administering the oath and swearing in the 2013 Queen's Bench board, Justice Werdegar congratulated the new admittees, and spoke of what Queen's Bench stands for, and how much it has to offer new admittees.

Following the swearing in ceremony, First Vice President Vanessa Hierbaum introduced incoming President Lisa Freitas. Ms. Freitas talked about the history and mission of Queen's Bench, and how the primary way Queen's Bench carries out its mission is through service – to its members, the legal profession, and to the community. She also highlighted the many committees that Queen's Bench has, the upcoming events they are offering, and their many accomplishments. Joining committees are a great way to get involved and meet other members.

Ms. Freitas then thanked our Immediate Past President, Rebecca Hooley for her tireless work guiding and leading Queen's Bench to have an amazing 2012.

We welcome and congratulate the newest admittees to the California State Bar and congratulate the 2013 slate of Queen's Bench officers and directors. We look forward to another great year



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IN MEMORIAM

Queen's Bench mourns the loss of Courtney Marie Harrington LeBoeuf, who passed away on April 15, 2012. Courtney was a dedicated Queen's Bench member and former co-chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Drucilla Ramey

By Bill Chiang (husband of Queen's Bench Past President Barbara Harris Chiang)

Dru Ramey's career – her focus professionally and on a volunteer level – is most accurately summed up in two words: minority rights. She has dedicated her life to ensuring, upholding and expanding opportunities available to minority groups in the United States – women being just one group. Most recently, in 2012, Ramey has served on the inaugural advisory committee of the California Women Lawyers In-House Counsel Network, the first statewide network for women general counsel, in-house counsel and chief legal officers.

Her Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Queen's Bench during the November 15, 2012, annual Past Presidents' Dinner, was merely the latest recognition of Ramey's ongoing work on behalf of those with few voices or none at all.

As a young lawyer in the 1970s, Ramey worked on cases involving housing, employment and gender discrimination and school desegregation. She taught aspiring paralegals at San Francisco State University about gender and ethnic discrimination, and eventually became a law professor at Golden Gate University, where also served as dean of the law school and where she continues to teach today after various stops on the legal landscape.

During her 17 years as executive director and general counsel for the Bar Association of San Francisco, Ramey expanded BASF's budget from \$1.5 million to \$8 million, increased staff from 24 to 125 and created a \$4 million foundation. She put BASF on the leading edge of diversity work by creating the country's largest bar-sponsored program addressing race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and disability in the legal profession. As part of such efforts, Ramey authored numerous model policies, goals programs and comprehensive surveys and reports to measure progress. She expanded BASF's pro bono services unit from a staff of three to 50; and she co-founded the California Minority Counsel Program.

As executive director of the National Association of Women Judges, Ramey continued pushing to level the playing field. She launched the Gender Judicial Diversity Report Card Project to help put more women on state and federal benches; she persuaded the National Association for Law Placement to track gender and racial attrition in the legal profession; and she raised awareness of the topic by increasing the national profile of NAWJ through collaborative efforts with influential organizations, such as the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues, the ABA, the Conference of Chief Justices, specialty bars and groups focusing on good government.

Ramey returned to Golden Gate's law school in 2009, and brought with her a roomful of awards and honors un-

derscoring her selfless efforts, including the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, which is the ABA's highest award to women in the profession, and a 2011 award from the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. In addition, the California Minority Counsel Program annually presents its "Drucilla Stender Ramey Award for Law Firm Diversity."

Eliza Rodrigues, QB past-president and member of the 2012 awards committee, described Ramey as being the embodiment of QB's mission to promote women in the legal profession.

"Dru is recognized nationally as a 'woman of achievement,' and we're so lucky to have her," Rodrigues said. "We chose her for the lifetime achievement award not only for her unwavering commitment to furthering gender equality, but also for her work in ensuring access to legal services by the poor and her work to improve diversity at bar associations, law firms and corporate legal departments. Dru is a mentor to so many of us and a role model for all."

The Business Development Committee Offers Great Tips To Save Time And Stress

By Alice Purdy, Co-Chair of the Business Development Committee

This year one of the goals of the Business Development Committee is to bring continuing legal education to convenient lunchtime locations. On January 31, 2013, Rosie Aiello was kind enough to join us to speak on the topic, Increasing Your Billable Hours and Having Less Stress.

Attendees were delighted to learn time-saving, easy practices that would add 2 to 3 hours to their day. She advised, "Write things down to reduce mental clutter," and set some written goals for 2013.

Here is one of Rosie's tips that I have implemented: appropriately and specifically title your emails. Instead of simply labeling all client emails by the client name, specificity should be used to describe the contents of the email. Once you have all of your emails divided into client folders you can easily open the folder and recognize the email you need at a glance. This will help to avoid unnecessary searching.

Editor's Note: The Business Development Committee on March 12, 2013 presented another great MCLE. Kristine Carey presented a lunchtime session that motivated Queen's Bench members toward success, entitled Using Your Super Powers in Your Career!

Queen's Bench Mixes With Bay Area Law Students

On January 31, 2013, Queen's Bench members socialized with Bay Area women law students at Yoshi's San Francisco. Students from Berkeley Law, UC Hastings School of Law, University of San Francisco, and Golden Gate University were well represented that evening.



(From L to R) – Lauren Harriman (USF 1L), Tiffany Lam (USF 1L), Immediate Past President Rebecca Hooley, Sohni Kaur (USF 1L)



(From L to R) – Judge Mary Kasango, Judge Farjana Yesmin, Judge Ruth Astle, First Vice President Vanessa Hierbaum



(From L to R) – Caitlin May (USF 3L), Cari Heicklen (USF 1L)

Queen's Bench in the Courts

Queen's Bench was signatory, along with 55 other organizations, to an amicus curiae brief that was filed on February 28, 2013 with the United States Supreme Court in the Prop 8 case *Hollingsworth v. Perry*. Oral argument was heard on March 26, 2013.

On March 5, 2013, the California Supreme Court heard oral argument in *People v. Beltran*, a closely watched domestic violence case and for which Queen's Bench was signatory to an amicus brief.



The Epidemic of Rape and Sexual Assault in the Military

By Laura MacInnis and Heather St. Clair

With the most recent decision by the Pentagon to lift the ban on combat for women in the military, women are making great strides in the military. Women are projected to make up about a quarter of the armed services by 2025. But, there remains a deeper, more unsettling problem for these women: the staggering number of sexual assaults that go unreported or are covered up in the chain of command.

According to the Department of Defense, 1 in 3 women are sexually assaulted in the military, compared to 1 in 6 civilian women. While the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) generated 3,158 reported military sexual assaults in 2010, the Department of Defense estimates that with remaining unreported cases the number would be over 19,000. Only 529 of these cases went to trial.

The mechanisms in place for reporting rape are simply ineffective, particularly when a supervisor is the perpetrator. The perpetrator is often excused or transferred without penalty, and repeat offenders commit 90% of sexual assaults. When rape is reported, the professional impact on the victim can be devastating and can deter those who are considering reporting. Frequently, victims are told to keep quiet, and may be investigated, isolated, ridiculed and blamed. While many military members denigrate women who report, only about 2-8% of rape claims are estimated to be fake. As a result,

reporting rape does little, if anything, to the perpetrator, and results in much more harm for the victim.

The effects on women in the military are extremely damaging. Women who have been raped in the military have a higher PTSD rate than men in combat. One woman was assaulted so many times she believed sexual assault to be “just a normal thing in the military.” The problem is not limited to women – more than 40 % of vets receiving treatment for Military Sex Trauma are men.

California Representative Jackie Speier has introduced two bills in the House Armed Forces Committee aimed at addressing the problems of rape and assault in the military. The Stop Act forms an oversight organization that would handle reports and investigations of rape and assault independent of the victim’s chain of command. The Protect Our Military Trainees Act prohibits any sexual contact between instructors and military recruits during and within thirty days of completing basic training.

SAVE THE DATE: Queen’s Bench Domestic Violence Committee will be hosting a screening of “Invisible War” (a documentary film about sexual assault in the U.S. military) on **April 29, 2013** at 6:00 pm at the Delancy Street Theater in San Francisco, followed by a discussion facilitated by Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

CDC Releases First Federal Report¹ on Intimate Partner Violence Among Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Women and Men

by Sharon Alkire, Chair of the Diversity Committee

In the first federal survey of its kind, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) finds that intimate partner violence (IPV) occurs at the same or higher rates among lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) relationships as it does among heterosexual relationships.² The study defines IPV as “physical violence, sexual violence, threats of physical or sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression (including coercive tactics) by a current or former intimate partner.” The survey, comprised of 18,049 randomized telephone calls throughout the United States in 2010, specifically measures the lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner. These categories are further divided to include severe physical violence, sexual violence,

psychological aggression, and control of reproductive or sexual health by an intimate partner.

Lifetime Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence and/or Stalking

According to the study, 43.8% of lesbians, 61.1% of bisexual women, and 29.0% of heterosexual women experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking in their lifetimes. Nearly half of bisexual women (48.2%) and over one-quarter of heterosexual women (28.3%) who reported being raped experienced the rape between the ages of 11 and 17 years. Among men, 26.0% of gay men, 37.3% of bisexual men, and 29.0% of heterosexual men experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking. Almost all (90.7%) gay male victims of IPV and 67.4% of lesbian victims of IPV reported that the perpetrator was of the same sex, while 89.5% of bisexual women and 78.5% of bisexual men had perpetrators of the opposite sex.

These findings are similar to the Williams Institute’s 2008 study of LGBT IPV, in which 51,048 adults in

¹ Walters, M.L., Chen J., & Breiding, M.J. (2013). *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

² Data from transgender people is not included in the report due to small sample sizes.

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California participated in randomized telephone surveys. The Institute found that 31.9% of lesbians, 51.9% of bisexual women, and 21.6% of heterosexual women had experienced IPV in their lifetime. For men, 26.9% of gay men, 19.6% of bisexual men, and 11.38% of heterosexual men had experienced IPV.

The surprisingly high rate of IPV among bisexual women, twice that of heterosexual women, focuses more attention on issues specific to bisexual women and men and once again demonstrates the heterogeneity found under the umbrella term LGBT. Domestic violence service providers are learning that one size does not fit all when it comes to shelter, counseling and support, and many are finding that improving their LGBT cultural competency enables them to offer more effective aid.

Authorization of LGBT-Inclusive Violence Against Women Act

One important step forward in efforts to combat LGBT IPV came on March 7, 2013, when the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) was signed into law. VAWA extends federal protection to LGBT, immigrant, and Native American communities and prohibits any federally funded domestic violence program from discriminating against IPV victims based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, according to Human Rights Campaign, a national LGBT equal rights organization. It is also the first federal non-discrimination provision that explicitly includes the LGBT community.

In addition to codifying discrimination prohibitions, VAWA now enables states and organizations to use grant funds specifically for LGBT-focused programs. This is a necessary step for many domestic violence programs that are not currently equipped to offer services to gay men or transgender individuals due to a lack of training, or facilities designed specifically for non-transgender women.

"It is unfortunate, but we know that our community is not immune to domestic violence, and for too long LGBT people have faced discrimination when they sought help. More than 61 percent of LGBT survivors reported being turned away from domestic violence shelters, and 85 percent of service providers working with LGBT victims of violence have observed discrimination based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity. With the passage of VAWA, we are hopeful that no survivor will ever again be further victimized by the system intended to help them recover," said D'Arcy Kemnitz, executive director of the National LGBT Bar Association.

Editor's Note: Queen's Bench applauds the enactment, on March 7, 2013, of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). VAWA was first enacted into law in 1994 and reauthorized in 2000 and 2005. The

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amended the California Constitution to include a new provision providing that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Queen's Bench is proud to sign the amicus brief submitted by BALIF and we look forward to the hearing.

In addition to signing onto the Amicus Brief, Queen's Bench submitted a resolution to the Conference of California Bar Associations ("CCBA"). The CCBA is a group of attorneys from local, specialty and minority bar associations in California focused on improving California's laws. CCBA does this through the submission of resolutions to the legislature. Working with our Conference of Delegates Committee Chair, Andrea Carlise, QB's 2013 Second Vice President, Annie O'Donnell drafted a resolution to amend California Penal Code section 261(a)(5).

Currently, section 261(a)(5) states that rape is committed "where a person submits under the belief that the person committing the act is the victim's spouse ...". Accordingly, a person who accomplishes sexual intercourse by impersonating someone other than a married victim's spouse, under section 261(a)(5) is **not guilty** of the crime of rape of an unconscious person under 261(a)(4). The resolution submitted by Queen's Bench amended 261(a)(5) to remove "spouse" and replace it with "anyone with whom the victim has a relationship." Queen's Bench is proud to submit this resolution and we look forward to hearing the outcome.

Finally, I am excited to announce that Queen's Bench has selected a speaker for the 2013 Judges' Dinner. The Queen's Bench 2013 First Vice President, Vanessa Hierbaum, secured Professor Catherine MacKinnon as the keynote speaker for the Judges' Dinner. Queen's Bench is honored that Professor MacKinnon graciously accepted agreed to speak at our annual event.

As many of you already know, Professor MacKinnon pioneered the body of law known as sexual harassment law, improving the lives of millions of working women in this country. Thanks to her tireless efforts the many women who have been subjected to degrading harassment by their employers and co-workers have been compensated for their pain and suffering, and loss of livelihood. Professor MacKinnon is a legal and feminist visionary and Queen's Bench is proud to have her speak at our 2013 Judges' Dinner. The dinner will be held on June 13, 2013. Stay tuned for more details!!

Queen's Bench continues to promote women in the legal profession through our programs and events. 2013 has started out strong and, as President, I look forward to its continued success throughout the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

SAVE THE DATES!

April 18, 2013

Queen's Bench International Women's Rights Panel

Golden Gate University School of Law, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Panelists include judges Hon. Farjana Yesmin, Hon. Ruth Astle, and Hon. Mary Kasango. Moderator: Nancy J. Newman, Past President, National Conference of Women's Bar Associations. [See flyer](#) for more information.

May 4, 2013

California Women Lawyers Annual Conference 2013: *Lifting Voices — Launching Leaders*

San Francisco, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Luncheon Speaker: Nancy Pelosi, House Democratic Leader

Cocktail reception to follow.



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Please welcome the following new members who joined between August 27, 2012 and March 28, 2013:

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bill expired in 2012 and in February, the House and Senate voted to reauthorize VAWA. The 2013 reauthorization includes increased safeguards for immigrant, Native American, and LGBT victims of violence. The law also includes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which was originally a stand-alone bill that expired in 2011. VAWA will remain in effect until 2018, when it will again be up for reauthorization.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 3 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
375 Woodside Avenue
- 17 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 18 Education Committee: International Women's Rights Panel Discussion**
8:00 p.m.
Golden Gate University, Room 2203
See flyer for more information.
- 23 Business Development Committee**
6:00 p.m.
FTI Consulting, 16th Floor
1 Front Street, San Francisco
- 29 Domestic Violence Committee: Screening of film, "Invisible War"**
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Followed by discussion with Jackie Speier,
Delancey Street Theater.

May

- 1 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 2 7th Annual Cocktails & Couture**
6:00 p.m.
Heritage Row, San Francisco
- 5 California Women Lawyers Annual Conference 2013**
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Luncheon Speaker: Nancy Pelosi
Location TBD
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting**
6:00 p.m.
Sideman & Bancroft
- 15 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 29 Business Development Committee**
6:00 p.m.
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June

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting**
6:00 p.m.
Sideman & Bancroft
- 5 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 13 Judges' Dinner**
Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Catharine MacKinnon
Parc 55 Wyndham San Francisco
Union Square, 55 Cyril Magnin Street
- 19 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 25 Business Development Committee**
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