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## NEXT MEETING

**May 20, 2008, Tues.**  
6:00 p.m.

**Truxton's Bistro**  
8611 Truxton Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA.  
90045

# CULVER MARINA BAR ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT May, 2008

Dear Members:

This year has gotten off to a wonderful start. Those of you who have attended the monthly meetings know that our Association has had the privilege of being addressed by exceptional speakers. In January, Hon. Allan Goodman, Judge, gave us a highly informative presentation entitled "The Ethical and Well Prepared Counsel". Hon. Normal Tarle, Judge, spoke on the subject of "Civil Cases at the Lower End-Saving Time and Money". He gave invaluable insights on litigating within the parameters of the Economic Litigation Rules. In March, Hon. Anthony Baretto, Judge, addressed the audience on the topic "The Court Unification – Is Bigger Better"? Following his presentation it was plain to see that the big question was whether the "pros" from the Court unification exceeded the "cons". In the April meeting, Nikki Mehrpoo Jacobson, an Immigration Law specialist and law professor at West Los Angeles School of Law, appeared with the intention of giving an introduction to U.S. Naturalization and the New Redesigned Naturalization Test. Rather than being permitted to give her presentation, she ended up responding to a myriad of immigration related questions from the audience. The result was an extremely informative one hour session of questions and answers.

Our May meeting will be held at on May 20, 2008 at Truxton's American Bistro at 8611 Truxton Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90045. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm with a social hour followed by dinner at 7:00 pm along with a presentation from Jacques Ngue from Eclaris. He will give us information regarding the Electronic Discovery Act and how his company can be of benefit to us in our practices. In June, Jack Draper of All American Dispute Resolutions, Inc. will give a presentation of the use and proliferation of "On-Line Mediations". On July 12, 2008 our Association will team up with the Santa Clarita Bar Association and spend a "Day at the Track" at Hollywood Park. Through strategic alliances we hope to arrange a private tour of the grounds, where we may be granted access to the paddock and stables. This will be a fun and "can't miss" outing for horse racing aficionados. The time and place to meet will follow. There will be no meeting in August. But, in September, the Association will be addressed by our Executive Director, Michael Fate, on the topic of "Ethics – What is involved in the closing of a law practice / dealing with the law practice of an attorney unable to continue with his practice". All of us who engage in the daily "battle of the bulge" will be entertained by Mark Levantahl in October. Mr. Levantahl is a New York attorney, who is flying out especially to speak with us. He is

a “weight control specialist and life coach”. He urges his clients to pick up the phone and call him before reaching for that doughnut. We’ll see if he touches his dessert.

We welcome those who have not been attending the monthly meetings to “reconnect” with the Association to see what we have been up to. We are working on a “Referral Directory” for members’ use that will contain the areas of specialty of Culver Marina Bar Association members. We urge our members to consider referrals of clients to other members.

Our old meeting venue at the Courtyard Marriott on Bristol Parkway has reopened for business. Some of our members have expressed an interest in resuming our meetings there. Others simply like the food at Truxton’s – a great dining experience. Please feel free to call my office at (310) 827-7171 if you have a preference. Please ask for Karena.

Linda Paquette, Esq. has approached our Association and inquired whether we would submit an Amicus Curiae brief to the California Supreme Court in a case dealing with conflicting Superior Court venues (San Diego v. Los Angeles) involving the litigation of a Trust where both Courts have jurisdiction under the Code. If anyone is interested or would like further information, please give me a call.

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting remainder of the year, and I look forward to personally greeting you at our next meeting.

David M. Shaby II, President