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Planned Remarks for the 2007 QB Induction Ceremony

By Felicia Vallera

Good evening, everyone. It is truly an honor to serve as the 2007 President of Queen's Bench, and I am very excited to be here with you all tonight.

First, it is my pleasure to acknowledge and thank our outgoing 2006 President, Joanna Frazier. Joanna led a stellar year in 2006. Joanna put Queen's Bench back on the map with major attention from the legal profession on both a local and a national level, by bringing Senator Feinstein to us for our Annual Judges Dinner last May. Everyone is still talking about the night all the television stations in town turned out to cover a Queen's Bench event hosting almost 600 people including 84 judges and many San Francisco city officials in the beautiful grand ballroom of the St. Francis Hotel, and 2006 has already become memorialized in Queen's Bench history as "The Feinstein Year." 2006 was also a year of phenomenal Queen's Bench membership growth — our numbers increased 24% and our membership is becoming increasingly diverse when many bar associations across the country are crying about declining membership and loss of diversity candidates. Joanna had the wisdom to start upgrading our policies, procedures, and infrastructure to support our growth last year too. On behalf of all Queen's Bench

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QB Honors New Admittees and Justice Katherine Werdegar Conducts 2007 QB Officers and Directors Induction Ceremony at Champagne Reception

By Barbara L. Harris Chiang

On March 15, 2007, Queen's Bench hosted a champagne reception at the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, honoring the women who passed the July 2006 California State bar exam and inducting the 2007 QB officers and directors. More than 100 were in attendance including 36 new admittees and 22 judges from the California Supreme Court, Superior Courts of San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and the United States District Courts for the Northern District and Eastern District. In order to welcome the new admittees to the practice of law, Queen's Bench extended a complementary membership to each admittee for 2007.

We were again honored to have Associate Justice Katherine Werdegar of the California Supreme Court administer the oath of office to the incoming board. Second vice-president, Barbara L. Harris Chiang, had the honor and privilege of introducing Justice Werdegar. Justice Werdegar is a third generation San Franciscan, who went to college at the University of California, Berkeley and thereafter was one of two females in a class of 350 to attend the Boalt Hall School of Law. After marrying her husband, David Werdegar, she transferred to George Washington University School of Law and graduated first in her class. She worked for the U.S. Department of Justice under Attorney General Robert Kennedy and wrote



Justice Werdegar with Kelly Robbins and Barbara Harris Chiang

an amicus brief urging for release of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Justice Werdegar She returned to California in 1963 and applied for jobs at law firms, however, she was repeatedly rejected as women were not hired in firms at that time. She went to work for the State Department of Mental Hygiene while raising two sons. In 1981 she worked for the California Court of

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QB Induction Ceremony

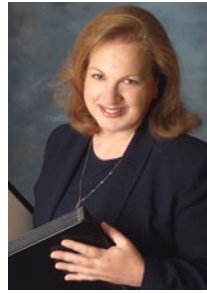
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members, thank you Joanna for your leadership last year. It is fitting that our parting gift to you as you transition on to exciting new roles is an engraved crystal star, because you have certainly earned it.

We're going to continue and expand this direction in 2007. **Our Queen's Bench theme for 2007 is "Community Outreach."** People who know me will not be surprised by this, because community is so important to me that I run a split practice — half my time goes into regular full-fee business law services for privately-held businesses, while the other half of my time is dedicated to volunteer work in the world of women- and minority-owned microbusiness startups. **For Queen's Bench, community works on three different levels, and each one is equally important.**

First, we exist to serve our own Queen's Bench member community. We work hard to actively support the advancement and retention of women in the legal profession in many ways. Our Mentorship Committee reaches out to women during the critical years three through nine of practice, when more than half of the women who enter the legal profession decide to give up the practice of law, and buddies these "at risk" women attorneys up with experienced veteran survivors in the profession. Our Education Committee provides our members with free MCLE programs that help women learn critical law practice management skills so that they can advance in their firms or start independent law practice alternatives. Our Business Development Committee provides fun mixers with other women professionals through the LEAADD consortium, to help women attorneys learn how to network and develop business in a safe and relaxed setting. Our Awards Committee highlights the accomplishments of inspiring role models that all of our members can look up to, at our annual Past Presidents Dinner at which we mingle and celebrate with the most treasured role models from Queen's Bench history. And now this year our new Work/Life Balance Committee will find creative new ways to influence employment practices in our local community for the benefit of our members as well.

Second, we exist to serve women in the legal community at large. In 2007 we will continue and strengthen long and mutually beneficial relationships with other bar associations, including the Minority Bar Coalition, California Women Lawyers, and the Bar Association of San Francisco and its Barristers Club. But this year, I'm delighted to tell you that we will also be putting Queen's Bench on the national map again. The American Bar Association holds its annual meeting in San Francisco in August of this year, and during that time the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations will be conducting events



that bring women's bar leaders from all over the country together. I'm excited that our new board has jumped at the opportunity for Queen's Bench members to meet and welcome women attorneys and bar leaders from all over the country to San Francisco. Currently on the planning table for the evening of August 9 is an art gallery reception featuring local northern California wines and cuisine, followed by evening

tours of SFMOMA, to showcase the best that the San Francisco Bay Area has to offer -- and it will all benefit Queen's Bench and our Foundation.

And third, we exist to serve women in the San Francisco Bay Area community at large. For many years our Scholarship Committee has helped deserving law students with their financial burdens, our Reproductive Rights Committee has organized support from Queen's Bench members for NARAL and other pro-choice organizations, our Amicus Briefs Committee has taken stands on important judicial precedents regarding women's issues, and our amazing Juvenile Hall Project Committee has provided role modeling and mentoring for the girls incarcerated in San Francisco's Youth Guidance Authority. We will continue to make all of those activities a high priority. But I am delighted that this year we are also expanding our community outreach to offer a wider variety of service opportunities to our members. Our board just approved a proposal from our Domestic Violence Committee that will allow Queen's Bench to help the La Casa de las Madres battered women's shelter recruit and train volunteers for its Pro Bono Representation Program, and we're in very preliminary explorations with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights to figure out if some of the business transactional members of Queen's Bench can team up with its Legal Services for Entrepreneurs program to serve disadvantaged women microbusiness owners. We will be doing some fun networking events with a community purpose as well — please watch for announcements about a business mixer in April at which your only price of admission will be professional clothing donations for homeless women trying to re-enter the workforce, and in October Queen's Bench will be Making Strides Against Breast cancer with a team walking proudly through Golden Gate Park behind the Queen's Bench banner to support this important cause.

Simply stated, Queen's Bench is going to be out there in the community in 2007, in some very big ways.

So have you noticed yet that I have said the word "committee" about a dozen times tonight? As an all-volunteer organization, our committee structure is the lifeblood of Queen's Bench. If you really want to get to know fellow Queen's Bench members well, and support our mission in tangible ways, **JOIN A COMMITTEE!** Handouts describing our various committees, giving committee chair contact

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Champagne Reception

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Appeal as a research attorney, and was later appointed to that court in 1991. Just three short years later she was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 1994.

Justice Werdegar fondly shared a story with us about her son, who at the time was about six years old when he asked if boys could be lawyers too. She let him know that “yes,” boys can be lawyers too, and that is just what he did—he became a lawyer. She also commended QB on its worthy projects and commitment to furthering women’s advancement in the legal profession.

First vice-president Kelly Robbins introduced 2007 President Felicia Vallera highlighting her many professional accomplishments and successes. President Felicia Vallera, in turn, honored immediate past President Joanna Frazier, by summarizing the accomplishments of her 2006 term. (Joanna was unable attend due the arrival of her new bundle of joy Sienna Dolores Frazier on March 7, 2007. Felicia then discussed the QB mission for 2007 and summarized the many exciting events in the upcoming year including the Judges’ Dinner, the Juvenile Hall Project, Past President’s Dinner, LEAADD dinner, and a the walk for breast cancer in October. She also announced QB’s new program to assist La Casa de las Madres to train and recruit attorneys to assist battered women in court.

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and Induction Ceremony.**

QB Induction Ceremony

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info, and volunteer signup sheets are in the back of the room by the registration table. Please go check it out!

As I look at the 2007 leadership team standing here before you tonight, I am reminded of words of wisdom a very special mentor passed on to me many years ago. He taught me that the most powerful and effective leadership teams are those that always focus outward, on providing service to others and on being good citizens of the community. I am very proud to serve with our new 2007 officers and directors in reaching for this goal: First Vice President and Programs Chair Kelly Robbins, Second Vice President and Membership Chair Barbara Harris Chiang (who worked very hard to organize this



Newly sworn Queen’s Bench officers



Hon. Donald J Sullivan, Hon Ina L Gyemant, attendee.



Two attendees at champagne reception

fabulous community outreach to new bar admittees and other prospective new members tonight), Treasurer Elizabeth Saviano, Secretary Anee Mikacich, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor BX Long, and Directors Anne Gyemant Paris, Sophie Froelich, Rebecca Hooley, Joanna Frazier, Anne Beytin Torkington, and finally Lisa Rauch and Adrienne Jacobs Miller, the two Past Presidents who are such terrific examples of the value of the wisdom and experience of our treasured Past Presidents. **We will all try hard this year to accomplish the right balance of fun collegiality with responsibility to our members and community.**

So enough said... now let’s get back to the fun, ok?

Queen's Bench Annual Judges' Dinner is Around the Corner!



Be sure to gather your friends and colleagues to sponsor a table for May 24.

Each year Queen's Bench hosts this evening event to provide a forum for the outstanding women of our time to address our membership and the local judiciary. This is our largest yearly event, attended by several hundred of the most active and committed members of the local legal community, members of the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal, fifty to sixty trial court judges, as well as those holding political offices on the state and local level.

Previous speakers for this event include California Supreme Court Justices Joyce Kennard (a lifetime Queen's Bench member) and Kathryn Werdegar, Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, U.S. Senators Dianne

Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, former Planned Parenthood president Faye Wattleton, author Susan Faludi and attorney Sarah Weddington, who argued *Roe v. Wade* before the United States Supreme Court.

Our keynote speaker this year is Kathleen Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan is the Stanley Morrison Professor at Stanford Law School, director of the Stanford Constitutional Law Center, noted constitutional scholar, author and prior Dean of Stanford Law School. Ms. Sullivan is also Of Counsel with Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP.

This year's dinner promises to be another great event, and you don't want to miss out. Seating will be limited and we urge you to sponsor a table early on. See enclosed flyer, and we will see you there!

Role Model Spotlight

Barbara Harris Chiang

This article is the second in an ongoing series profiling Queen's Bench members who serve as positive and inspiring role models for women in the legal profession.



This month's featured role model is Barbara Harris Chiang, who, in addition to being a full-time practicing civil litigation attorney with two young children, currently serves as our 2007 Queen's Bench Second Vice President and Membership Chair. Barb formerly served as Queen's Bench Secretary (2006), Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (2005), as a member of the Board of Directors in 2004, and as the Co-Chair of the Business Development Committee (2002-2004). Although Barb's schedule and responsibilities are an amazing illustration of how challenging work/life balance can be for women attorneys, she is a high contributor to Queen's Bench. Barb recently organized our very fun and successful annual Induction Ceremony and Champagne Reception on March 15, and is now hard at work on issuing our very valuable Queen's Bench Members' Directory. She is also the leading proponent of efforts to be sure that new Queen's Bench members are properly welcomed into the fold.

Barb is an associate with the firm of Dillingham & Murphy. She is admitted to the practice of law in not just one, but two states: Missouri (1997) and California (2000). She focuses her practice in employment litigation, including litigation of sex/age/race/disability discrimination cases, sexual harassment, and wrongful discharge/breach of contract claims. She also handles a wide variety of civil rights, business law, and intellectual property litigation matters. Barb received her J. D. in



1997 from the University of Missouri - Kansas City, School of Law, and her B. S. in 1991 from Missouri State University (formerly known as Southwest Missouri State University). In law school she was awarded the Dean's Academic Achievement Award for the Highest Grade in Torts. She was also a member of the Urban Lawyer Staff. Prior to law school, she worked as an investigator for the Consumer Protection Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office. She has been a speaker for the Lorman Educational Series (2004-2007) speaking on topics such as at-will employment, independent contractors, sexual harassment, and lawful terminations.

Barb met her husband (Bill Chiang) in 1992 while they were both working on Jay Nixon's first Missouri Attorney General campaign. Mr. Nixon was elected and took office and has been Missouri's Attorney General ever since. Barb was the assistant campaign manager and Bill was the press secretary. Barb practiced law in Missouri for two years before marrying Bill and moving to San Francisco to join him. In all her spare time, Barb enjoys walking and playing outside with her daughter Mia, age 4, and her son Carson, 18 months, who sometimes join us at Queen's Bench events (Mia loves our board meeting pizza dinners). She also loves dining out and hitting a good sale! Thank you, Barb, for giving so much of yourself to Queen's Bench members and other women in the legal profession.

Report From the Juvenile Hall Project Committee

By Patricia Bovan

Introduction

For the past 20 years the Juvenile Hall Project Committee has provided companionship and informal mentoring to delinquent girls at the San Francisco Juvenile Hall. We do not provide legal services, and we do not moralize. We focus on offering the girls unconditional affection and attention. Our objective is to provide positive female role models and assist with their rehabilitation. The girls have said they need someone who will listen, without judging; someone who tries to understand their needs and problems. The counselors believe the Project is so successful because we visit regularly, and the girls realize we have no 'agenda' except to spend time with them. Some of the girls are initially suspicious and hostile. Over time, the volunteers draw the girls out. Hopefully our volunteerism will inspire the girls to make better choices and will reduce their recidivism rates.

Queen's Bench Past-President, Honorable Lee D. Baxter (ret'd) founded the original Project in 1986. While serving as an acting Judge presiding over juvenile dependency matters at Juvenile Hall, she noted the lack of programs available to delinquent girls, in contrast to those offered to delinquent boys. Historically, the Project has been gender-specific and oriented to juvenile girls. Since January 2007, boys have been housed in the Girls Unit and participate in the Project. However due to the high number of girls incarcerated this Spring, the Unit has been re-dedicated to the girls, and this article focuses on our work with them. If boys continue to join the programs, this article will be updated to discuss those experiences.

Activities

Juvenile Hall is a "locked facility" for delinquent children waiting for a Judge to hear their cases and order disposition. Volunteers visit the Girls Unit twice a month. We distribute art supplies and snacks and join the girls as they string bead bracelets or draw. We cannot bring in sharp objects, metal or anything that could become a weapon. Volunteers wear blunt-nosed scissors around our necks and account for all scissors, crayons and colored pencils at the end of the evening. Occasionally we will watch a popular movie. Another time a guest speaker discussed "breaking the cycle of violence." Counselors monitor the girls and tell them to keep their voices down and not to take snacks back to their rooms. Our Program is an integral part of the counselors' reward system. Girls on "room time" cannot attend the Programs. The girls treat the volunteers with unexpected courtesy. One of the new counselors was amazed to hear the girls laughing. He was accustomed to seeing them shuffle with eyes to the ground and a hang-dog look. The counselors say the



girls "wear their haloes" because they enjoy the programs so much.

Delinquency

Some experts believe violent victimization and devastating losses of self esteem may be the first steps to a girl's delinquency.¹ A pattern emerges where a girl is initially a victim in a family fragmented by poverty, violence and multi-generational incarceration. She becomes a survivor, and finally an offender, as criminal

behavior and delinquency become the norm. Experts say that if girls have at least one positive, non-exploitive adult relationship, and achieve some measure of success in school, that will help mitigate the loss of self-esteem.² Our Project helps meet these two needs. We believe our attention and support will help encourage the girls to change behavior that may lead to delinquency. Volunteers encourage the girls to develop self-esteem and the strength of will to become more self-sufficient. We help the girls develop problem solving skills as they plan and finish a project successfully. Volunteers also reinforce literacy skills. Some girls compose poetry or write letters home filled with apologies and promises to be better. Some girls speak no English or have difficulty writing or spelling, and ask the volunteers to help. A number of girls want to finish high school or get a GED, and have career aspirations, whether to join a suicide help center, become a forensic scientist or become a fashion designer.

The girls range in age from 11 to 18. Most are 15 or 16. About 60% are African-American, 15% Latina, 10% Asian and 10% White. Many girls are repeat visitors and recognize us from a prior year. We have seen one girl in and out of Juvenile Hall since she was 11. She is now charged with attempted murder, her second felony. Statistically, most girls are released within one week, while about 15% stay for 30 days or more. A surprising number of the girls are pregnant or young mothers. Many girls dedicate their artwork to their born and unborn babies. One girl drew broken hearts and a gravestone with the name of the baby she had miscarried while in Juvenile Hall. We feel the

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¹ "Justice by Gender, The Lack of Appropriate Prevention, Diversion and Treatment Alternatives for Girls in the Justice System," jointly issued May 1, 2001, by the American Bar Association and the National Bar Association, including references to the 1998 report by Leslie Acoca & Associates, "No Place to Hide: Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Girls in the California Juvenile Justice System," and 1999 article by L. Acoca, "Investing in Girls: A 21st Century Strategy"

² The US Office of Juvenile Justice and Detention Prevention in its 1998 report, "Mitigating Factors to the Loss of Self Esteem" at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/gender/treat-4.html>

Juvenile Hall

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interaction with our volunteers and guest speakers will positively influence how the girls treat their own children and help slow the circle of victimization and entry into the system.

Offenses

The girls are housed together irrespective of the severity of their charges. About half of the girls are incarcerated for non-criminal offenses.³ Some experts believe that assault charges may actually just be family conflicts labeled as violent, and that a majority of the girls are non-violent offenders charged with relatively minor drug or status offenses such as underage drinking, violating curfew, or being incorrigible, truant, or a runaway.⁴

Some girls are depressed and weep through the evening. One 14-year old sat huddled and scared, her arms scared with curling iron burns. One 17-year old said that she wanted to change her life; saying that if you stay on the street too long, you either get pregnant or killed. Other girls are proud to survive street-life by violence. One girl was triumphant that she had gained so much weight she would be able to 'stomp' other girls. Yet another girl was charged with attempted murder. She bore a gash across her throat from a knife fight.

Vision For 2007

The Juvenile Hall Program has long been one of Queen's Bench's most successful community projects. We have just learned that our Project has earned the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations 2007 Public Service Award. We hope to raise our visibility and attract more volunteers by expanding relationships between Queen's Bench and other bar associations. Given the racial makeup of the girls, it is critical that we attract women of color. We will also expand our programs to help the girls express themselves through music, as well as art. Among other things, the San Francisco Opera Adlers Fellows will perform at Juvenile Hall this coming August. All volunteers are welcome and do not need to be practicing attorneys or Queen's Bench members. Please let me know if you would like to join us. If you would like to help support the Project financially, you may make a donation to the Queen's Bench Foundation, which funds the Project, or provide donations in kind of craft materials or art supplies.

³ San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department 2005 Statistical Report for 1/1/05 to 12/31/05, dated 4/11/06; and San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department Annual Statistical Report Calendar Year 2004 1/1/04 – 12/31/04, dated 7/18/05

⁴ 1998 report by Leslie Acoca & Associates, "No Place to Hide: Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Girls in the California Juvenile Justice System." 1999 article by L. Acoca, "Investing in Girls: A 21st Century Strategy"

Queen's Bench Prepares for a Super Hot August!

In the words of Queen's Bench Past President Angela Bradstreet, "Queen's Bench is on a roll!" August is typically a relatively slow month for our organization, as members enjoy vacations and we usually cut back on activity plans accordingly. But not in 2007! This year August brings the American Bar Association Annual Meeting to San Francisco, which means a flurry of fun and rewarding special events during the conference week. And we're especially delighted and honored that **Queen's**



Bench and some of its highest-contributing members are going to receive **national recognition** from special awards during ABA Annual Meeting week!

Here's the lineup as we know it so far, so than you may save the dates:

- **Thursday Evening August 9:** Queen's Bench will host a special **reception for women's bar association leaders** and visiting women attorneys from all over the country.
- **Friday, August 10:** The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations ("NCWBA") holds its annual **Women Bar Leaders Summit**. The Summit, whose working title is "Expanding the Impact of Your Women's Bar Association," will be held during the day (approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at 425 Market Street, in the heart of San Francisco's financial district. Participants will hear from panels on exercising our financial and political clout; opting out and opting back in during our legal careers; and updating the progress on glass ceiling initiatives. Queen's Bench will be a Summit sponsor and will serve as the MCLE provider of record for this powerful women's bar association information session and best practices forum.
- **Friday, August 10, Noon:** The NCWBA holds its annual awards luncheon, including the presentation of its prestigious Public Service Award to a deserving pro bono project. We just received the exciting news that **the recipient of this year's NCWBA Public Service Award is... Queen's Bench, for our Juvenile Hall Project!** Juvenile Hall Project founder Hon. Lee Baxter and current Juvenile Hall Project Chair Patricia Bovancampbell will officially accept the award on behalf of Queen's Bench.
- **Friday, August 10, Evening:** NCWBA is presenting a cocktail reception to celebrate the **25th anniversary of the founding of the NCWBA**. The anniversary reception will be held at the law firm of Hanson Bridgett, conveniently located in the same building where the Summit will be held.

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Queen's Bench New Members

Please welcome the following new members who joined between February 27 and April 2, 2007:

- Jennifer Weiser Bezoza
Disability Rights Advocates
- Jaime Bodiford
- Duffy Carolan
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
- Wayne Cohen
Cohen & Cohen PC
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Member News



Joanna Frazier gave birth to her second child, Sienna Dolores Frazier, on March 7, 2007. Sienna weighed in at 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19³/₄ inches long.

Judi McManigal, of McCown & Evans LLP, has moved to 505 Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94111. Judi continues to serve clients on all matters of employment-based immigration. She also provides training and consulting to Human Resources staff, companies, and universities on strategic immigration policies and regulatory compliance. She can be reached at (415) 834-9123 or at judi@mccownevans.com.

Carol A. Salvagione has been certified as a specialist in Family Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

Super Hot August

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- **Sunday, August 12, Noon:** The American Bar Association presents its annual **Margaret Brent Award Luncheon**, and this year's recipient is.... **Queen's Bench Past President Angela Bradstreet!** The Margaret Brent Award, one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the ABA, is a lifetime achievement award given to women attorneys who have reached the highest levels of professional excellence while also paving the way for future advancement by women lawyers. Queen's Bench joined California Women Lawyers and the Bar Association of San Francisco in nominating Angela for this award because of the years of groundbreaking work she put into her No Glass Ceiling initiative and many similar efforts, and now we are delighted to be able to celebrate this well-deserved honor with her!

We will be getting further information out to everyone as soon as we can, but couldn't wait to share all this terrific and exciting news. With so many great reasons to stay in town in August this year, we hope many Queen's Bench members will join us for the celebrations. What a year!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Speaking Opportunities for Business Attorneys

Are you interested in gaining some public speaking experience, while performing important and valuable community service work in support of women and minority small business owners? Queen's Bench members who practice in the fields of corporate law, taxation, business and commercial law, contracts law, labor and employment law, business and consumer financing, and immigration law have been invited by the Legal Services for Entrepreneurs program of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights to participate in speaker panels serving the women-owned small business community during Small Business Week in May. If interested, please contact Felicia Vallera at (415) 309-4999 or felicia@vallerlaw.org.

Transitions Spring Mixer: April 19

Queen's Bench announces "Transitions", a spring mixer for current and prospective Queen's Bench members, to be held on **Thursday night, April 19**, starting at 6:00 p.m. Your only price of admission for this event is one or more items of new or like-new women's professional clothing, to be donated as job interview attire for homeless women

attempting to re-enter the workforce (a list of requested donations is in the event flyer enclosed). For fun, the Sideways Wine Club will conduct wine tastings, and we will raffle some great prizes! Our thanks to event sponsors Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin LLP, Sonneschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Hemming Morse Inc., and LECC. The Transitions reception will be held at The Law Office of Felicia Vallera, 214 Grant Avenue Suite 301, at the corner of Grant and Post. Please RSVP to Felicia at (415) 309-4999 or felicia@vallerlaw.org if you plan to attend.

Queens Bench LEAADD Cocktail Hour: Cocktails and Couture

Wednesday, June 6, 6-8 pm: Queens Bench LEAADD Cocktail Hour: Cocktails and Couture. Please join the Business Development Committee at its first Cocktail Hour of 2007, to be held at Weston Wear, a fabulous boutique in the Mission. Weston Wear features fun and elegant clothing and accessories for women; you'll be able to shop privately, network and meet other women from the legal, financial, architectural, medical, dental and engineering professions, among others! Best of all, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. \$10 admission at the door; RSVP to ntorpey@nossaman.com. Weston Wear is located at 569 Valencia Street, between 16th and 17th Streets, and is easily accessible by BART. From BART, get off at the 16th Street station and walk 1½ blocks; or parking is available on Hoff Street between 16th and 17th in the Hoff St. Garage. Hope to see you there!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 4** **QB Education Committee**
6:00 p.m. (1st Wednesday of month)
Bingham McCutchen, Three Embarcadero Center,
24th Floor, San Francisco.
- 4** **Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Hop into Spring Theme
- 5** **QB Business Development Committee**
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (1st Thursday of month)
Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott, LLP
50 California St., 34th Floor, San Francisco, CA
Refreshments will be served and new members
are encouraged to come.
- 11** **CWL/JAMS Networking Program:
Rainmaking for Women Lawyers**
See enclosed flyer.
- 18** **Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Outer Space Theme — Draw a Space Alien
- 19** **Transitions Spring Mixer**
See Announcements, page 8, and enclosed flyer.

MAY

- 2** **Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Make Mother's Day Cards and decorate boxes
- 3** **QB Business Development Committee**
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Weston Wear (569 Valencia Street between 16th
& 17th Streets, SF). Those who want to shop
at the store should arrive prior to the meeting
time. Store closes at 7 pm.
- 19** **Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Centerpieces for Judges' Dinner
- 24** **2007 Annual Judges' Dinner**
See article, page 4, and enclosed flyer.

JUNE

- 6** **QB/LEAADD Networking:
"Cocktails & Couture"**
See Announcements, page 8.



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