



The Los Angeles *Daily News* reports that retired Supreme Court JUSTICE ARMAND ARABIAN has been awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The newspaper recounts the harrowing journey of Justice Arabian's father and grandmother, who fled the Turkish invasion of Armenia in 1915 and later came to the United States via Ellis Island. The award is given to American citizens who "preserve and reinforce the value of their heritage, and contribute extraordinary service to humanity." The Society congratulates Justice Arabian on receiving this distinguished honor.

Professor and CSCHS Board of Directors member GORDON BAKKEN presented the paper "Western Legal History's Second Century," at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Atlanta in January. In addition, he co-edited the *Encyclopedia of Women in the American West*, which was published by Sage Reference, Inc. in 2003, and reviewed *The Legal Culture of Northern New Spain, 1700-1810*, by Charles R. Cutter, for the Fall 2003 issue of *Journal of the West*.

MAGDALENA REYES BORDEAUX, manager of Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project, has published an article entitled "Pro Se Debtors: Problems and Proposed Recommendations for Addressing the Needs of Unrepresented Debtors" (vol. 27, no. 2) in the *California Bankruptcy Journal*, the leading scholarly journal for bankruptcy practitioners in California.

The Los Angeles *Daily Journal* reports that JUDGE LAWRENCE W. CRISPO resigned from the Los Angeles Superior Court in April. During his ten years on the bench, Judge Crispo presided over criminal and civil matters, most recently at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. He will pursue private judging, arbitration and mediation with ADR Services. The CSCHS wishes Judge Crispo the best in his new endeavors.

Court of Appeal JUSTICE EARL JOHNSON, JR., was honored with two significant awards recently. In November 2003 Consumer Attorneys of California bestowed the 2003 "Appellate Judge of the Year" Award upon him at a banquet held in San Francisco. In February 2004 he received the Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award. This award is co-sponsored by the Judicial Council, the

State Bar of California and the California Judges Association. The award annually recognizes a judge who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to equal access to the judicial system. In particular, Justice Johnson was honored for his long-standing efforts to provide civil legal access to the poor. The Society congratulates Justice Johnson on these well-deserved awards.

Professor and CSCHS Board of Directors member HARRY N. SCHEIBER reports that he was an invited participant in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development experts conference, held in Paris in April. The conference addressed issues regarding international ocean fisheries law and its implementation.

Law and Politics magazine recently polled 65,000 Los Angeles and Orange County attorneys, asking them to vote for the best lawyers they had personally observed. The resulting candidates were then put through a screening process to determine the top five percent of attorneys in both Los Angeles County and Orange County. The results were published in the February issues of both *Law and Politics* (Southern California Edition) and *Los Angeles Magazine*, and can also be found at www.superlawyers.com. Member RANDY SPIRO writes that he is one of the attorneys listed in the Estate Planning/Trusts section. Congratulations, Randy!

Following up on the report of his nomination, a victorious SCOTT WYLIE writes, "In January I was sworn in as the Secretary of the Orange County Bar Association and will therefore serve as President in 2007 (i.e., I won!)." Congratulations, Scott!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar to attend CSCHS-sponsored events at the State Bar Annual Meeting in Monterey in October. Our MCLE panel, Civil Liberties During Wartime: Taking the Long View of the U.S. PATRIOT Act, will take place on Saturday, October 9th at 2:15 p.m. Scheduled speakers include Erwin Chemerinsky, Michal Belknap and Mary Dudziak. A members reception will follow at 4:30 p.m.