



On March 9, 2005, the Friends of the Los Angeles County Law Library honored JUSTICE NORMAN L. EPSTEIN with the inaugural Beacon of Justice Award, recognizing his exemplary contributions to the legal community, especially in the fields of legal scholarship, writing, and education. Justice Epstein, recently appointed as Presiding Justice of Division Four of the California Court of Appeal, Second District, has had a long and distinguished career as a government attorney, Municipal Court Judge, Superior Court Judge, and Justice of the Court of Appeal. He has also served as a member of the Board of Law Library Trustees of Los Angeles County. The Beacon of Justice Award is given to those whose character and outstanding service to the legal community, especially in the areas of access to justice and legal information, education, scholarship, writing and/or journalism, and public service and/or advocacy, have inspired others and brought them the respect and admiration of the legal community.

Not entirely tongue-in-cheek, ROBERT J. CHANDLER, Chair of His Majesty's Bridge Committee, reports that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on December 14, 2004, supporting the Committee's goal to have the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge named in honor of Joshua Abraham Norton, better known as Emperor Norton I. Additionally, the Committee seeks to foster

an interest in local history. Members of the Grand Council of the Committee include CSCHS Board of Directors member JOHN BURNS and CSCHS Director DONNA SCHUELE. The Committee's efforts have been highlighted on The History Channel and more information can be found at [www.emperornortonbridge.org](http://www.emperornortonbridge.org).

STEPHEN ROHDE, constitutional lawyer and lecturer, is the author of a new book entitled *Freedom of Assembly*, which explores the pivotal role that the rights of assembly, association, and petition have played in American history. The book is part of the American Rights series published by Facts on File for young adults. Mr. Rohde is a past president of the ACLU of Southern California and Immediate Past President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, and received the 2004 First Amendment Award from the ACLU Foundation of Southern California. He is a senior partner at Rohde & Victoroff in Century City, specializing in civil litigation and appeals, communications, media, intellectual property, and constitutional law.

Advisory Board member BARBARA BABCOCK, Judge John Crown Professor of Law at Stanford Law School, reached two milestones in 2004. Professor Babcock took emerita status, but before doing so she became the law school's first four-time winner of the John Bingham Hurlbut Award for Excellence in Teaching, having also received the award in 1981, 1986, and 1998.