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In the News

Best Friends at the Bar: What Women Need to Know About a Career in the Law

In a recent article by Susan Blakely in the Daily Journal, Ms. Blakely summarized her new book, “*Best Friends at the Bar: What Women Need to Know About a Career in the Law.*” Numerous issues facing female attorneys and law students as they work in or enter the profession are discussed. The author believes her book will offer the reader valuable insight and lessons regarding the challenges women attorneys and students face.

Those interested in learning more about Ms. Blakely’s book and the choices she believes are the most important message she conveys to her reader, may visit www.bestfriendsatthebar.com.

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Hacienda Tour Success: FCWL Adopts Room

By Magi Fainer-Towne

The FCWL’s adopted room at the Hacienda Campus has started to fill up with furniture.

This is a one-bedroom apartment slated for transitional housing. As you can see, there still is a long way to go before our room is “move-in ready.” While we have the wood bed frames, dressers, desk & chair, console, television cabinet, 29-inch digital television, bar stools, bookcases, and folding chairs, we still are in need of a small 3-piece dinette set, a small couch or love seat, mattresses & box springs, lamps, bed, bath & kitchen linens, flatware, dishes, small appliances, and wall decor. To assist with the selection of these items, the FCWL adopted room committee has up and running a gift registry at Target. Simply go to www.target.com and select “Find Registry” the choose “Target Lists.” You can access the FCWL Adopt-A-Room by selecting “Advanced Search” and then typing in “Fresno” [mailto: townehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:townehouse@hotmail.com) under

“Search by Organization,” then choose “Fresno County Women Lawyers” on the results list. On the registry you will be able to see what has been purchased and what is still needed. Purchases may be made online or at a Target Store. Alternatively, we solicit monetary donations and would be happy to consider in-kind donations. In particular, we’re looking for a small couch or love seat that is blue or covered in subtle blue print. All donations will be tax deductible gifts to the owner of the Hacienda property, Mental Health Systems, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. If you have any questions, please call Magi Fainer-Towne at 559.273.4575.

To really get a feel for what Mental Health Systems (“MHS”) is doing in Fresno, not only at the Hacienda Campus, but also at Fresno’s new Juvenile Justice Center, we would like to invite you to one of the upcoming Hope In Action tours at the Hacienda Campus. These one-hour tours explain a number MHS programs and show guests the Hacienda Campus, including the nursery for Fresno First clients and the proposed transitional housing wing (in which the FCWL adopted room is located). The next Hope In Action is Wednesday, May 26th at 5:30 p.m. The June Hope In Action is Tuesday the 22nd at 9:00 a.m. The July Hope In Action is Tuesday, the 20th at 7:30 a.m. Please telephone Magi at the number above for further information. We hope to see you at the Hacienda soon!

Three Interesting Articles and Perspectives

Three articles that may be of interest to women in the legal profession are:

1. Peter Beinart, “Put a Mom on the Court” www.thedailybeast.com
2. Meghan Casserly, “The Message of Moms in Government” www.forbes.com
3. Bonnie Erbe, “Call[s] for Obama to Appoint a Mother to the Supreme Court are Offensive” www.usnews.com





Short Stacks for a Tall Cause Book Drive

Diners who enjoyed the Elizabeth O'Neill Short Stacks for a Tall Cause pancake breakfast held recently at San Joaquin College of Law after the annual Race Judicata were asked to donate gently used or new books to be donated to two area elementary schools. And donate they did. SJCL was pleased to report that nearly two hundred books were donated to Temperance-Kutner and Pinedale Elementary schools.

Children at Temperance-Kutner posed for pictures with their new books and you are invited to view those photos at SJCL's Facebook page.

Carol Lewis, librarian at Pinedale Elementary for more than thirty-five years, was pleasantly surprised by the generosity of the donation. Ms. Lewis indicated to Missy McKai Cartier of SJCL that the 42 hard cover and 50 soft cover books donated exceeded the number of books she was able to purchase for the school library this year. Way to go!

FCWL Announcements

One of the *many* benefits of FCWL membership is inclusion in, and receipt of, our Membership Directory. Members are listed alphabetically and by practice area. If you are not yet a member, and would like to be included in the 2010 Membership Directory to be published later this year, apply now.

For more information contact Maribel at maribel@wam-llp.com. You may download our membership form at www.fcwl.org/fcwl_membership.pdf

Save The Date

- ❖ May 27, 2010 - Judicial Appreciation Night - Baker, Manock
- ❖ November 19, 2010 - Justice Pauline Hanson Dinner