



July 24, 2017

Hello,

Here is the latest update. As might be imagined, the focus is on San Francisco and activities associated with our Annual Meeting. For those who are unable to be with us, hopefully, "maybe next year" will come to fruition.

All the best,



#### **IT'S IN THE MAIL**

Our Bylaws currently contemplate that Notice of the Annual Meeting be mailed. Therefore, Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, I deposited at the only District of Columbia United States Post Office that I know is open on Sunday, 142 notices of the Annual Meeting, accompanied by a blank Proxy. Copies of each are attached to the email message that transmits this Update. The notices were sent to those members who have paid dues for at least one of the years inclusive of 2012 through 2017.

Regarding the enclosed Proxy, I recognize that the mail return by date is July 28; that is the result of my anticipation of a mailing of the Notice earlier than yesterday. July 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last day for me to be at my residence before flying to San Francisco.

#### **REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Here is the final Nominating Committee recommendations for the Board of Directors and the officers of the International Association of LGBT Judges.

#### **Board members:**

Daniel Anders (PA)  
Gary Cohen (Canada)

Linda Colfax (CA)  
Marisa Demeo (DC)  
Elizabeth Garry (NY)  
Steve Kirkland (TX)  
Larnzell Martin (MD)  
Mark Scurti (MD)  
Harvey Silberman (CA)  
Javier Vargas (NY)  
Ted Weathers (CA)

**Officers:**

President -- Daniel Anders (PA)  
Vice-President – Linda Colfax (CA)  
Treasurer – Ted Weathers (CA)  
Secretary – Larnzell Martin (MD)

**SPOUSAL OUTING  
("NO PUN INTENDED", HE SAYS)**

Bruce Fraser, Esquire, husband of Judge J. Gary Cohen (British Columbia), has undertaken to organize an event for spouses on Friday, August 4th. Here are his words:

Hi Larnzell,

The date is fast approaching!

I was thinking about getting spouses together to take the ferry to Sausalito for lunch on Friday while the judges are busy with the business meeting and seminars. The ferry is \$12 each direction (\$6 for senior over 65).

[Scoma's Restaurant](#) looks like it might be a good choice. If several are going we would need to reserve.

Could you pass this on and ask the interested people to contact me by this Friday, July 28, so I can make the restaurant reservation?

Thanks,  
Bruce Fraser

Bruce can be contacted at [bfraser@cohenfraser.com](mailto:bfraser@cohenfraser.com) by you or your spouse. (How expansive is the term "spouse?" Please have that conversation with Bruce.)

**NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE**

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, for Arrival at 4:00 PM**

[The National AIDS Memorial Grove](#), or "The Grove," is located at the de Laveaga Dell in eastern Golden Gate Park, Nancy Pelosi Dr & Bowling Green Drive in San Francisco

There has been great interest expressed in a visit to the National AIDS Memorial Grove to experience the recognition of Commissioner Barry Kohn (CA). Ideally, a formal arrangement would be made to coordinate the visit. However, the best that I have been able to come up with for a visit to the Grove is for interested persons to work their way to the Grove on Wednesday for a 4:00 p.m. gathering there; we could perhaps assemble in the lobby of the hotel and take a taxi or Uber. It could take an hour to get there. A departure from the Grove around 5:00 would allow Lavender Law registrants to only miss the first half-hour of Lavender Law's opening reception.

Judge Christopher Bowen (CA) has been assisting me and Will Harrison, Commissioner Kohn's husband, in this effort. Will offered the following for those who find it difficult to make the Wednesday visit:

Larnzell,

The Grove is a breathtakingly amazing space and something to be savored. If getting a group together is becoming too complex and complicated then I suggest letting people who wish to honor Barry go at a time that works best for them. I'm more than happy to meet with any one and everyone at whatever time or times if they'd like me to share their experience. You're welcome to share my cellphone number, texting usually works fastest for me.

Thanks, Will  
949-315-0120

The Grove is open daily from 5:00 AM to 12:00 AM.

### **WELCOMING RECEPTION**

**Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**

**Four Embarcadero Center, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor**, next door to the Hyatt. The event will be at the firm, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

The reception, coordinated by Judge Mark F. Scurti (MD), is being hosted by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) and the firm, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM**

**The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Hotel**, 5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco

Lunch will be provided at the meeting, courtesy of the National LGBT Bar Association. The meeting is for members only.

## ANNUAL DINNER

### Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Time (Evening) To Be Determined

Judge Mark F. Scurti is putting in place the final arrangements for the location and time of the Annual Dinner.

## PRESIDENTIAL DOINGS TAKING ON A NEW RESPONSIBILITY

Our Vice-President, Judge Daniel Anders (PA) shared the following message



**Vicky Kolakowski**

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I am deeply honored to announce that beginning August 14, 2017, I will be the new Supervising Judge of the Collaborative Courts for the Alameda County Superior Court.

Collaborative courts include such important courts as drug court, mental health court and homeless court.

They are called collaborative because the court works with justice and service provider partners with a team approach to achieve positive outcomes that are alternatives to incarceration.

I cannot express how incredibly excited I am to continue the proud tradition that our county has in these areas, and to focus on improving and expanding these opportunities throughout the entire county.

Congratulations, Madam President!

## HOW TO UNSUBSCRIBE

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