



Vintage Voices

Senior Lawyers Division

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Happy Spring!

Your Executive Council met on January 25 and February 22 and established a new Working Group. The Pretrial Justice Working Group, led by Mary Helen Maynard, will be asking our Division members to assist in gathering information about certain issues faced by criminal defendants, such as the lack of public defenders at the initial hearing stage in rural counties. Mary will be working on a Call to Action and how best to coordinate efforts with the Arizona Supreme Court and other nonprofits in their Pretrial Justice Initiative. Mary spoke on March 13 to the Executive Council of the State Bar's Criminal Justice Section. Several expressed interest in working with our Division. Mary will be approaching the Board of Governors for approval of a partnership between our Division and the Section. More details coming soon to *Vintage Voices*.

Don Powell has leading the charge with the University of Arizona Law School on a special mentoring program for first generation law students. We'll know more after several of our Division members will be meeting with these students on April 3. Don also is negotiating a deal between our Division and the Young Lawyers Division on a formal mentoring program. You'll hear it first here.

Convention

Mark your calendars to join us at Tucson's Westin La Paloma on June 16 for the Senior Breakfast at the State Bar Convention. Our State Bar President and Division Leadership will be there to share the news about what our organizations have been doing for the past year. We'll have extra time to catch up with each other after breakfast.

Breaking News

We are delighted to announce that our Division will present CLE after the Senior Breakfast on June 16. Ethics Attorney Patricia Sallen will be addressing our responsibilities concerning Succession Planning. Pat invites your questions in advance so please post them in our Online Community. Dr. Alan Anderson, Medical Director at the Banner Alzheimer's Institute, Toole Family Memory Center in Tucson, will then present about Dementia, which has been a major topic of discussion and interest in our Drop-Ins. Again, if you have specific questions, please share them in the Online Community.

See you at the Convention!

Council Vacancies – We Need You!

Our State Bar Liaison, Sarah Schneider, will be sending out the call for nominations for our Executive Council soon. We have fun at our monthly Zoom meetings as well as sharing great ideas. John Messing, who along with Hope Kirsch and Dean Christoffel, successfully led the reduction in retiree dues movement, is our newest member. Please consider joining us.

Drop-Ins are Winners

We received great feedback from our three *What You Need to Know About Becoming A Published Author* Drop-Ins on January 6, February 3, and March 3. Huge thanks to our own Gary Stuart for being the anchor in all three. Many thanks to our guests Board of Governors Member Bob McWhirter (January 6) and Publisher/Author/Writing Group Leader Jeff Duntemann (February 3 and March 3) for participating and giving us all useful tips.

Because we had such great turnouts at all three Drop-Ins, the State Bar has agreed to create a special Online Community. Watch for the future launch of “Creative Writing,” which will permit Division members to have a listserv to share ideas, writers’ highs and lows, and all things literary.

Our next Drop-In (AKA Dementia Part III) is April 10, 2023, at High Noon with Elder Law Attorney Emily Kile. Emily will address:

1. Legal documents to try and avoid a guardian or conservatorship.
2. What is a guardian/conservator and when is it needed
3. Planning tools and documents needed to use Medicaid or other public benefits for long term care
4. A “to do” list for families

I can personally attest that Emily is an expert on the Arizona Long Term Care System. Do be sure to join us on April 10.

Pop Culture

Star Wars fans rejoice! After the great *Andor* Season 1, *The Mandalorian* is back for Season 3, and we have the ongoing Season 2 of *The Bad Batch*. Don’t forget that Mando’s Season 3 builds on *The Book of Bobba Fett*. Mando remains taciturn and Grogu is still cute. This is the Way....

Star Trek and Patrick Stewart fans rejoice. *Picard* returns for its third and final season. The best part is that most of the cast is from *The Next Generation*. Who needs a plot? It’s just fun watching all these actors from long ago get caught in nebulae and firefights with strange aliens.

Avatar, The Way of Water was truly a feast for the eyes. Again, who needs a plot? It is best on the big screen. The special effects are the best I have ever seen.

Gary Stuart was correct – Stephen King’s *On Writing* is a must-read for aspiring authors. It also gives the reader tremendous insight into the mind of one of America’s most creative writers.

Check out the March 2023 *Atlantic*’s main article about all of us living in the Metaverse.

Don (my husband) and I went to see Arizona Music Fest’s *Live from Laurel Canyon* in late January. It was great to hear all the songs from our younger years and we even were encouraged to sing along. We scored tickets to Chris Botti’s concert in April.

Got more to add? We review movies, TV shows, books, comics, magazines, and anything in pop culture here.

Et cetera

Your Executive Council will meet again via Zoom on March 22. We have great representation and attendance at our meetings from all across Arizona thanks to the Zoom platform.

Please keep adding to the conversation on our Division's Senior Lawyer Digest.

Until next time,
Denise