

**Presiding Judge Mark R. Forcum's Report
on Community Law Night COMMUNITY LAW NIGHT
May 6, 2003**

San Mateo County Community Law Night was the vision of San Mateo County Bar Association's Immediate Past President, Rand White, and it turned out to be an overwhelming success. Approximately 150 San Mateo County residents appeared at the Redwood City courthouse to meet with attorneys in mini courtrooms or to view presentations about family law, probate, landlord-tenant issues and our court's interactive, user-friendly Website.

Rand White, and current San Mateo County Bar Association President John Blackman and Bar Association Executive Director, John Digiacinto deserve tremendous credit for recruiting more than forty lawyers who gave of their time to help our citizens with a wide variety of legal issues. I would like to thank again the outstanding lawyers that participated in this program including, Leslie Airola, William Bauld, Richard Berra, Jeff Boyarsky, Chris Cobey, Michael Davidson, Nancy De Ita, Charles Dyer, Mara Feiger, Richard Halpern, William Johnston, Harold Justman, Richard Kelly, Vivian Kral, Lori Lutzker, Ron Marblestone, Colleen McAvoy, David McKim, Bonnie Miller, Cameron Miller, Andrew Ogilve, Doug Paris, David Pasternak, Catherine Raye-Wong, Peter Reichert, Marc Seidenfeld, Shivadev Shastri, Kevin Smith, Kristi Cotton Spence, John Till, Leticia Toledo, Denise Trani-Morris, Eva Voisin, George Wailes, William Warhurst, Thomas Wilson, Timothy Wright and Gerald Zanzinger. Each of these lawyers is a credit to the legal profession, given the time and effort they gave to the many people who received help and advice.

Our Community Law Night committee members, including Court Executive Officer, Peggy Thompson, Nadine Burg, David Cherniss, Adam Keigwin, Bill Lowell, Kim Milligan, Monica Rands-Preuss, Peter Reid, Jill Selvaggio and Lauren Zorfas did an excellent job coordinating the many components of the program.

We are also appreciative of the help we received from each member of the board of supervisors, County Manager, John Maltbie and Mary McMillan of the county manager's office who created the innovative County Government Open House that linked to this program.

A program such as this would never have worked without the ability to advise the community that this service was available. I'd like to thank Jerry Fuchs and Barbara Backer of the Independent Newspaper Group and Terry Winckler and Jean Whitney of the San Mateo County Times for their help in educating the public about this unique and innovative program.

Assistant Presiding Judge, George Miram and I look forward to building on the success of this event, and to continue to expand Community Law Night. As always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to e-mail the Webmaster's link below if you have any thoughts or constructive suggestions.