Allen Shayo Named Chief Bar Counsel

PHOENIX—The State Bar of Arizona has appointed Allen B. Shayo to serve as its Chief Bar Counsel and Assistant Executive Director-Legal. In these roles, Shayo will manage the discipline, lobbying, ethics and general counsel functions of the State Bar.

Shayo is a 10-year veteran of the State Bar of Arizona. He designed the Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program (A/CAP) in 1998. He also has been instrumental in the advancement of the State Bar’s Discipline Department.

Public Lawyers Awards Scholarships

PHOENIX—The State Bar Public Lawyers’ Section has awarded a $500 scholarship to one graduating law student from each of the two state law schools. The Section awards the scholarships annually to third-year law students who have shown dedication and commitment to public law. The scholarship is intended to help defray the expense of sitting for the Arizona Bar Exam.

Jennifer S. Bedier is the recipient from the University of Arizona College of Law. Bedier received her undergraduate degree in 1994 from the University of Arizona. During her law school career, she has been a dedicated advocate for capital defense representation. She has been a law clerk for the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Public Defender in Tucson.

Alisha M. Villa is the recipient from the Arizona State University College of Law. Villa received her undergraduate degree from Arizona State University in 1996. During her law school career, she has distinguished herself both in clinical experience and in volunteer activities. She has interned with local practitioners and in the Phoenix City Prosecutor’s Office.

Rule Consolidation—It’s A Done Deal

PHOENIX—In May, the Arizona Supreme Court issued an Order which presents Arizona lawyers engaged in a civil litigation practice with a package of amendments to the civil rules that appear to be the most drastic and extensive revision to those rules since the initial adoption of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure in 1955. The Order and Appendix issued by the Court exceeds 60 pages, single-spaced. To review the Order adopting these amendments, visit the Arizona Supreme Court’s Web site at www.supreme.state.az.us and click on “Court Rules.” For a copy of the Rules, as amended, click on “Current Rules,” or contact the Supreme Court’s Staff Attorneys Office.

Azbar.org Just Got Better!

PHOENIX—For those attorneys looking for a faster way for clients to find them, check out the State Bar of Arizona’s Member Finder enhancements. Azbar.org now gives members the ability to enhance their information on Member Finder by including e-mail addresses, a photo and even a short bio. For $50 a year, members can spice up their listing by including:

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For more information, please contact Letitia Shotlow at (602) 340-7306.

for the record

Contempt of Court

by Mark Curriden and Leroy Phillips Jr.
reviewed by Tom Baker

“Can a federal judge do that?” Sheriff Joseph Shipp was shocked. He was ready to hang Ed Johnson, a black man convicted of raping a white woman in Chattanooga, Tenn. Now, the U.S. District Court told him to wait until it had heard Johnson’s appeal. The year was 1906, and federal involvement in a state criminal matter was highly unusual.

Soon, Justice John Marshal Harlam decided that the Supreme Court itself should hear the appeal. It was more than Shipp could stand. When a lynching mob attacked the jail where he was holding Johnson, the sheriff stood aside and let them have him. Compounding the tragedy, Johnson was probably innocent, the victim of a grossly unfair trial.

Contempt of Court describes these events and their aftermath in fascinating detail, but the book’s subtitle is misleading. Had Johnson lived long enough for the Supreme Court to hear his appeal, the case might well have “launched 100 years of federalism.” Bill of Rights protections did not yet apply to state criminal defendants, and wouldn’t for several decades. The circumstances of Johnson’s trial might have prompted the Court to make the change sooner.

The real federal development came when the outraged Justices put Shipp and others on trial for contempt, sending several of them to prison. It was the first and only trial the Supreme Court ever conducted. This dramatic assertion of federal supremacy, while sorely needed at the time, was not the revolutionary event the authors suggest. The non-activist Fuller Court did little to build on this case.

Even so, clear writing and thorough research make Contempt of Court a worthwhile book about a unique and morally important case that, sadly, was of slight lasting legal significance.
Applications Sought for Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference

PHOENIX—The terms of five Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from the District of Arizona expire in August 2000. A Nomination Committee consisting of the current Chair of the Lawyer Representatives, the Presidents of the Phoenix and Tucson Chapters of the Federal Bar Association, and a representative of the State Bar of Arizona is currently soliciting nominations and or applications to fill those vacancies. Nominations and applications should be submitted to: Daniel J. McAuliffe, Chair, Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives, Snell & Wilmer, L.L.P., One Arizona Center, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 382-6272, Fax: (602) 382-6070, e-mail dmcauliffe@swlaw.com. All applications/nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 30.

All nominees or applications must submit a letter stating that the nominee/applicant is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, actively involved in federal practice, interested in the purpose and work of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (the “Conference”), willing and able to contribute actively to the purpose and work of the Conference, and willing to assist in implementing Conference programs with local bar associations and the Federal Bar Association. In addition the nominee/applicant must set forth how his or her appointment would contribute to the diversity of practitioners appointed as Lawyer Representatives. Nominees/applicants are also required to submit a brief resume, not to exceed two pages.

The Committee considers all aspects of diversity, including geographic and practice areas. The Committee recommends three names for each vacancy to the United States District Court Judges in Arizona, who then select the Lawyer Representatives from those recommendations.

Lawyer Representatives meet with the Arizona federal judges in the fall, sponsor (together with the Federal Bar Association) the annual District of Arizona Conference, and participate in the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, which includes all federal judges and Lawyer Representatives from all districts within the Ninth Circuit. Lawyer Representatives pay their own expenses to attend the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

In the News

Because you don’t have time to read all the newspapers and see every TV newscast, below is a list of some Arizona attorneys, Bar programs and staff members who received recent media attention.

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If you have news that deserves media attention, contact the Bar’s Director of Communications, Matt Silverman, at (602) 340-7226, or e-mail matthew.silverman@staff.azbar.org.