

# CJCL News

## DIRECTOR'S CUT: TRANSFORMATION

Progress is happening in the library! You could see some of the transformations slowly taking place. I want to change the mindset that the library is a warehouse when it really is a **place of service**. We are here to provide outstanding and innovative information services. If you need an answer to a question, we are here to find that answer, whether it is in our immediate collection, we have to borrow it, or find it online. While our print collection is vital, we use many resources beyond what we house in the library.

To that end, we are busy donating and recycling material in preparation for reorganizing portions of the library. Our first step is to discard: multiple copies (in some cases quintet copies) of material; material that is easily obtained online as a PDF (especially from Hein Online); and individual titles that are not used. To date, we have donated to the following nonprofits: Placer County Law Library, San Francisco County Law Library, Court of Appeal libraries at the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Div. 1 and 3, and the 6th District, the CA AGs office, the HCRC, and Hastings Law Library. I will be highlighting more of the reorganization when plans are finalized.

## MULTIPLE COPIES PROJECT

The Multiple Copies project is proceeding nicely. To date we have met with Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and her staff; cleaned up Justice Werdegarr's chambers and conference room after meeting with Greg, Keith & Pauline; met with Justice Chin and his entire staff; and in the 1st DCA we have met with Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. With the project not quite complete, we have rearranged all satellite libraries, conference rooms, justice's chambers and attorney offices as needed. I plan to be finished with this project by April, in time for our contract negotiations with Thomson Reuters West for our print contract. Since we are in the 10th year of the extended contract, I'm looking forward to major changes in the contract.

## STAFF HIGHLIGHT: MARTHA NOBLE

We are extremely lucky to have Martha Noble as our Certified Archivist. Martha has been on staff since 2002, first starting out as a Law Library Technician, then Assistant Law Librarian, and finally, Archivist & Law Librarian working in Special Collections & Archives. Martha received her Master's Degree in Library & Information Science and went on to earn her archival certification from the [Academy of Certified Archivists](#) in 2009. Martha specializes in ensuring the information we keep will retain its connection to the context and provenance that provides its meaning. She knows how to make information useful to people, and she knows how to help find information needed using established research techniques and descriptive standards.

While she works in Special Collections & Archives, she also staffs the research desk where she has been invaluable. Her understanding of the history of the judicial branch is outstanding while her calm demeanor make her the perfect person to work with. If you are interested in learning more about the Special Collections & Archives please contact her. She will give you an amazing tour!

Martha lives in Fairfax and enjoys hiking, baking and gardening.



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## CJCL STAFF

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- Jessica Brasch, Law Librarian, RRS
- Judith Mitchell, Law Librarian
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## Research & Reference Services

### JCC EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

- Court News Update

Court News Update (CNU) is a weekly newsletter created by the Judicial Council and emailed to court officers and other professionals throughout the branch. Delivered on Tuesdays, CNU contains announcements on appointments & retirements, invitations to comment on proposed rules, branch educational events, new benchguides, and other information that may be of interest to those who work in the courts. Back issues and subscription information can be found on JRN (Judicial Resources Network, fka Serranus): [jrn.courts.ca.gov/cnu/](http://jrn.courts.ca.gov/cnu/). You'll need your JRN login & password to access this site.

- California Courts NewsLinks

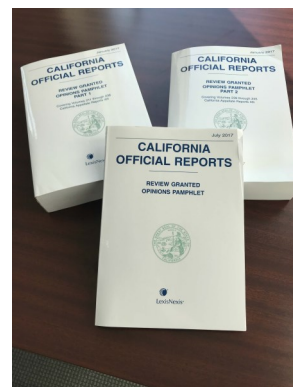
The Judicial Council also has a subscription service called California Courts NewsLinks. This curated daily alert highlights stories about the judicial branch that were published in newspapers across the state. Subscription information and recent stories are linked from the California Court Newsroom at: [newsroom.courts.ca.gov/newslinks](http://newsroom.courts.ca.gov/newslinks). Links include subscription-based news sources such as the Daily Journal; if you are unable to access a linked-to article please email us at [reference@jud.ca.gov](mailto:reference@jud.ca.gov) and we will get you a copy.

- Judicial Toolkits & Duly Noted

Another resource available on JRN are CJER's [Judicial Toolkits](#). Toolkits provide access to bench practice resources for each assignment. In December, CJER introduced a [Technology Toolkit](#) to assist new and experienced judges with software, processes and tools used in the day-to-day role of judicial officers, and to provide information on judicial use of social media and other technology. Duly Noted is an email subscription service for judges, and is the best way to keep track of new content published in the CJER Toolkits. Judges can sign up for [Duly Noted](#) on JRN, or by sending an email to [CJERDulyNoted@jud.ca.gov](mailto:CJERDulyNoted@jud.ca.gov)

### In case you missed it ....

A patron brought to our attention that the July 2017 *California Official Reports Review Granted Opinions Pamphlet* was noticeably thin compared to prior versions. According to a Notice to Subscribers put out by the publisher: "Because a grant of review by the California Supreme Court no longer automatically affects the publications status of a Court of Appeal opinion (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 8.1105, 8.1115) future supplemental pamphlets may not contain new opinions." So it looks like we should expect more thin pamphlets in the future due to the rule change.



***A familiar face will be back in Research & Reference Services.***



***While Jan is recuperating from ankle surgery #2, Judy Mitchell will fill-in as a retired annuitant. Please come by and say hello!***



Slender volumes of the self-published second, third, and fourth editions of Bernard E. Witkin's *Summary of California Law* are displayed atop the author's desk in Special Collections & Archives.

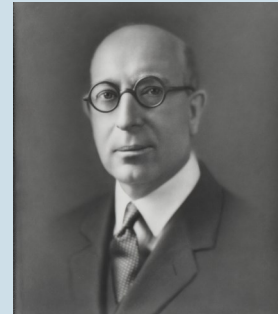
## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES: THE BERNARD E. WITKIN PAPERS

First time visitors to Special Collections & Archives are often brought to stand before an old oak desk and manual typewriter in the library's West Atrium. While space limitations make it impossible for the library to continue to accept the donation of large, three-dimensional objects, these humble writing tools are treasured for the indispensable role they once played in the daily work of a legendary author. In 2000, celebrated philanthropist Alba Witkin transferred her late husband's desk, typewriter, books, and memorabilia to the California Judicial Center Library. The papers of the preeminent legal scholar and former Reporter of Decisions were added to the library's manuscript collections in subsequent years and, in 2008, the entire donation was formalized. At over 60 cubic feet in size, the *Bernard E. Witkin Papers* span the full length of the author's life, documenting some of his earliest achievements as well as many of the awards and honors he received during the final years of his career.

*Announcing*  
The Twenty-Eighth  
**REVIEW COURSE FOR THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION**  
Given by  
**B. E. WITKIN**  
of the San Francisco Bar  
Author of *Summary of California Law*  
For students preparing for the Bar Examination in October, 1946

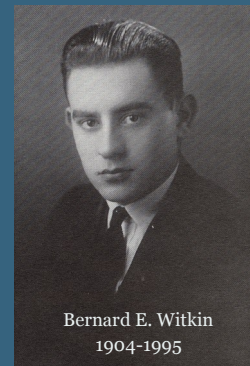
24 Lectures: Commencing Monday, July 8, 1946. The class will meet at Classroom B, HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW, 515 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. Time: 7:15 to 9:30 P.M.  
Schedule of meetings: Monday and Wednesday nights through July 24; Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights through August 9; intermission: week of August 11; Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights through September 13.

Reporter of Decisions for the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal from 1940 through 1949, Bernard E. Witkin was also building a reputation as a highly regarded instructor and author during the 1940s. His *Summary of California Law*, initially developed as a guide for students preparing for the bar examination, was in its sixth edition by the end of 1946.



Hon. William H. Langdon  
Associate Justice  
California Supreme Court, 1927-1939

Bernard E. Witkin's unique and enduring association with the California Supreme Court began shortly after his admission to the bar in 1927. Following a brief stint in private practice, Witkin joined the staff of Justice William H. Langdon in 1930. After the death of Justice Langdon, Witkin became a clerk for then-Associate Justice Phil Gibson. In 1940, upon the retirement of Randolph Whiting, Reporter of Decisions, Witkin was appointed to the position. While serving in this capacity, Witkin was also draftsman for the *Judicial Council Rules on Appeal* (1941-1943).



A special [memorial session](#) of the Supreme Court of California was held on December 3, 1996 in honor of Witkin's life and work. Transcripts of the proceedings were published in the *California Official Reports*.

## POCKET PARTS & NEW CODES

### Pocket parts

The CMS department is nearly finished updating West's Annotated Codes with the 2018 pocket parts and new indexes. The sets for the First District have been completed as have many of the sets for the Supreme Court. If you're visiting us at the library, all three of our sets of codes are up to date.

### New California Codes

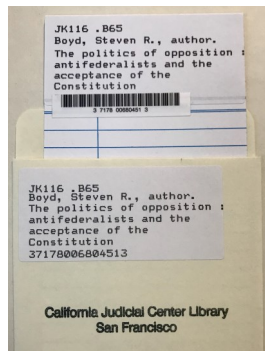
The Standard California codes, 6-in-2 and the Standard Penal Code with Evidence Code and Selected Penal Provisions of the state of California from Lexis and West are being distributed. Some titles have not yet arrived, so expect to see them in your mailboxes soon.



*A peek at our diminishing boxes of pocket parts*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

### Checkout cards



Some books have been re-turned to the library still containing their checkout cards. Circulation information is

valuable data for the library, allowing us to keep track of where our items are located and what titles are popular. If a title has never been checked out, it may be cut from our collection. If you checkout a book, please fill out the checkout card and place it in one of the collection baskets located around the library.

### Division libraries

Just a reminder—Some of the titles you might be looking for may also be available in your division library.

### Book return

For your convenience, all of the courts have book-return carts maintained daily. Feel free to return items to the carts instead of the library.

## NEW TITLES

### A selection of titles recently added to the library:

[Witkin's Summary of California Law, 2017](#)

[Substantive criminal law by Wayne R. LaFave](#)

[California construction law manual by James Acret](#)

[The developing labor law : the Board, the courts, and the National Labor Relations Act— editor-in-chief, John E. Higgins, Jr. ; editors, Patrick E. Deady, Joseph J. Torres, Barry J. Kearney, Anna Wermuth.](#)

[Rights of prisoners by Michael B. Mushlin](#)

[California evidentiary founda-](#)

[tions by Edward J. Imwinkelried & Thomas J. Leach](#)

[The Case of Rose Bird: Gender, politics and the California Courts by Kathleen A. Cairns](#)

