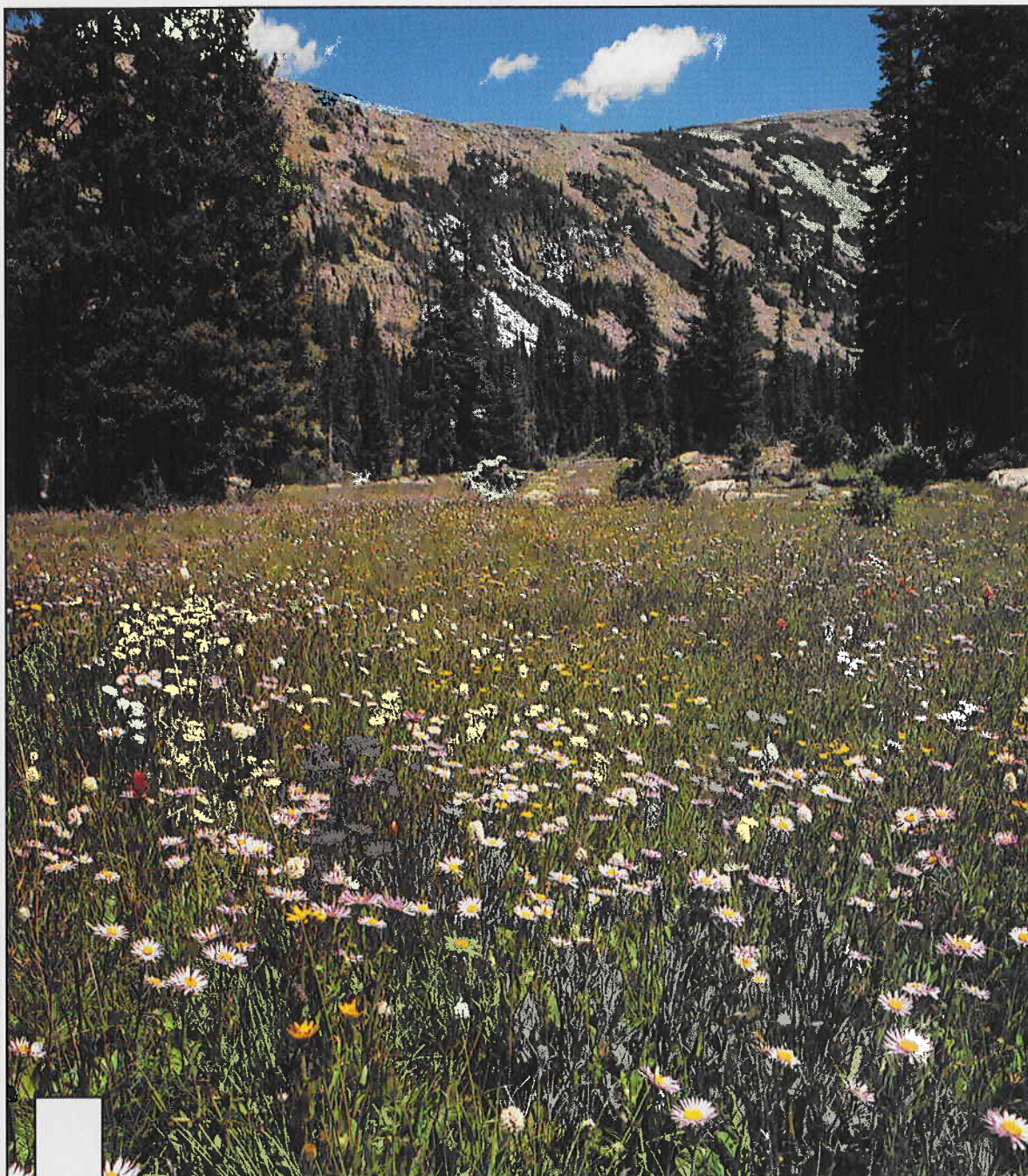


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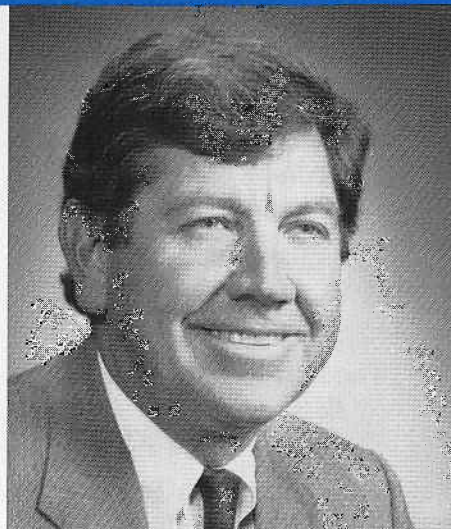
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Meetings, Meetings and More

By H. James Clegg

I know; this goes into the category of the dog eating the homework. But I really did write a Pulitzer Prize winning Bar Journal Article immediately before the hard disc crashed. And real men don't save!

So here goes: a belated report of the Western States Bar Conference (WSBC) held February 16-19. And you cynics will complain that my otherwise-objective perspective is clouded by the location, Maui, Hawaii. Be assured that the skies were cloudy each day, and usually dripping, and the Utah contingency was completely homesick and remorseful the whole time.

On that subject, the Utah contingency was out in good force. Considering that we are a small bar, when compared to the West Coast states and Arizona, we had a supportive turnout. They included the Cleggs, the Greenwoods, the Novaks, the Martineaus, Jim Davis, Paul Moxley, the Kipps, the Baldwins and the Wikstroms. Certainly, as a per-capita of bar membership, Utah was the clear winner.

We like the WSBC because the problems of the member bars are similar to our own. Further, they sometimes happen to others first, allowing us to change course and avoid the reefs, as in *State Bar of California v. Keller*. All are integrated (i.e., mandatory, compulsory) bars, except Colorado. The thirteen "western states" are

represented, plus North Dakota. We have a lot in common, with geographic dissimilarities between rural and urban practitioners and hard economic times.

On balance, Utah appeared to be in good shape. At least, with Carman's prodding, we can still laugh at our mistakes and foibles. Washington seems to be going through the confidence and fiscal crisis that we saw 3-4 years ago. Hawaii is still working out the problems of integrating; it was a voluntary bar until a couple of years ago.

Compare the usual haunts of the WSBC (Tucson, Hawaii, Santa Barbara, Monterey, all in February) against those of the ABA (Boston or Chicago in January, New Orleans or New York in August) and wonder why some of us lean to the Western mentality. Perhaps more relevant are the issues of debate: WSBC sticks to the core issues of taste vs. Constitutionality in legal advertising, access to the justice system, peer review (for matters of manners, short of ethical misconduct), law office technology, professional liability coverage and MCLE issues and trade-offs. We didn't once hear of the desperate need for a civil rights code in Hong Kong after 1997 (or in Rwanda today); not that those issues aren't real but what can we do about them? Nor about abortion rights or responsibilities. We did hear from ABA president-elect George

Bushnell about the challenges facing him and the national bar; we also heard from Jack Sweeney, Director of Bar Services, about the support the ABA gives and can give us.

All in all, but for the rain, it was a terrific convention.

On other fronts, the Bar Commission will move up by a month its nominations to the Appellate Court Nominating Commission; we had planned on handling all these nominations in May but the press of matters, and shortage of a judge on the Court of Appeals dictates that deliberations for Justice Russon's replacement commence soon.

On April 13 we had, in my humble opinion, a truly elegant occasion at the Capitol in honor of Law Day. Governor Leavitt signed a proclamation designating May 1 as Law Day, following which we honored Kim Luhn of Green & Luhn for individual efforts and contributions toward Law-Related Education and members of LeBoeuf, Lamb for firm efforts. Kim has "adopted" Rowland Hall/St. Mark's and Woods Cross High. LeBoeuf adopted Bingham High School. Additionally, Ralph Mabey was attorney coach for Milcreek Junior High for five years, as well as mock trial judge for final rounds of state competition. Note that Kim is from a two-

person firm and LeBoeuf is a national firm. They set good examples for the rest of us.

The Liberty Bell Award was presented to Mel Jones, retired from Unisys and now associated as a legal assistant with Parker, McKeown and McConkie. It was especially rewarding because Norma Matheson was there. If there was a Florence Nightingale for this movement, it was Norma (and Kay Greene and Nancy Matthews). Plau-

ditions and bouquets to the Young Lawyers Division for spearheading this outreach program.

Steve Kaufman attended, and made a presentation, at a regional ABA meeting on lawyer advertising in Las Vegas. I look forward to reading his report in these pages.

My days are running short now; if Moxley weren't communing with the Delai and Dryer in Tibet as we speak, he'd now be picking up the mantle. My partners look

forward to July 1, thinking I'll return to full-time practice and pay my share of the overhead. For myself, I'm hearing the sirens: Carman Kipp: "I love lawyers and like to work for them;" Hans Chamberlain: "Awful as it was to be stone-broke, it was the best year of my life;" Joy Clegg: "For the sake of all that's sacred, get a job and a life!"

Don't quit on me; I still have one article left.

Defending Our Voluntary Pro Bono Responsibilities and Opportunities

We encourage all law firms and interested attorneys to attend this Utah State Bar Forum regarding current bar committee recommendations to the Commission on pro bono standards and resources as well as to discuss how the members of the bar might further organize on a voluntary basis to provide increased pro bono services to the public. Interested members of

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Written comments and recommendations of those who have attended the Forum will be welcome after the Forum. The Forum proceedings and attendees' comments will be summarized for a Bar Public Forum Report.

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