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JANUARY 2007 LUNCHEON

Please join us at our next lunch meeting on Wednesday, **January 24**, when we are pleased to present Brent J. North of North & Nash LLP, who will speak on "How to Recognize and Prevent Harassment and Discrimination in the Legal Profession". Please note that this presentation will provide those difficult to obtain MCLE Elimination of Bias Credits.

The lunch meeting will be held at noon at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.

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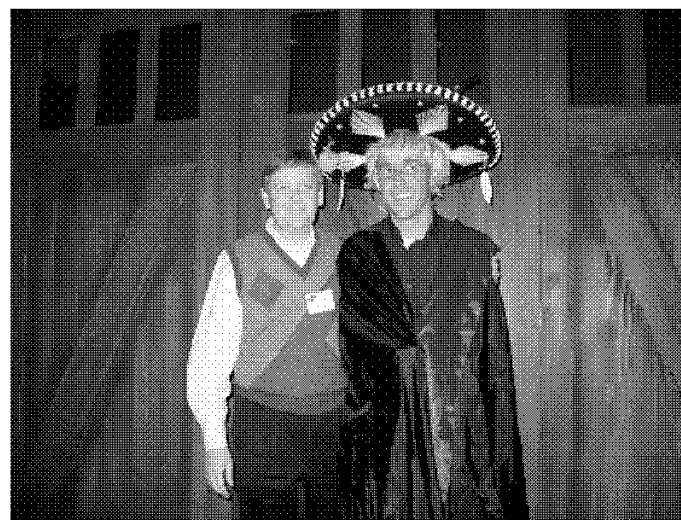
The Board of Directors is currently arranging speakers and topics for the OCPLA 2007 monthly luncheon meetings. As usual, the topics can be directed at any aspect of intellectual property law. If you are interested in speaking, or know someone who may be interested in speaking, at one of the monthly meetings, please contact Greg Hollrigel at ghollrigel@coopervision.com or at 949-597-4700 x3341.

**GOODBYE 2006...
HELLO 2007**
BY MARLENE KLEIN

Goodbye 2006 - As is OCPLA tradition, the year ended with a holiday party including the passing of the Fez. The holiday party was a great success. Many people were able to

enjoy some time at either Disneyland and/or California Adventure followed by a fabulous dinner at the Golden Vine Winery.

Dinner was followed by a brief presentation by current OCPLA President John King recapping contributions of various OCPLA Directors. In particular, John highlighted contributions of the 2007 OCPLA President, Greg Hollrigel. John then presented the Fez to Greg. John added some surfing adornments to the Fez, because in addition to all his efforts working on the OCPLA Board, Greg tries to surf when he can find some spare time. In addition, as shown in the photo, John did not think that Greg had enough hair to qualify as a surfer, so John required Greg to wear a wig before donning the Fez. It was a great event to cap off a great year. John as President was able to obtain a variety of interesting speeches throughout 2006 and the attendance of the OCPLA lunches has been outstanding.



John King should be congratulated for all of his efforts this year including the coordinating and hosting of the 2006 holiday party. Thank you, John.

Hello 2007 – The OCPLA Board of directors is already busy planning for 2007. We look forward to seeing you in 2007. If you have not already done so, please go to www.ocpla.org to become an OCPLA member or to renew your OCPLA membership for 2007.

We will continue to hold our lunch meetings the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of months having other OCPLA events, such as the holiday party). The meetings will continue to be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Like all venues, the Wyndham is raising their prices. Additionally, they are going to start charging for parking. The OCPLA is going to absorb these costs in 2007 and will keep the prices of the lunches at the 2006 rate. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces as well as new faces at these events.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The January Board meeting will be held on January 11, 2007 at noon at the offices of Mr. Dao at Christie, Parker & Hale. Members who wish to present items for the Board's consideration should contact our president, John King, to have their item placed on the agenda, and to verify the time and location of the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new member(s) to the OCPLA:

Michelle Glasky of Preston, Gates & Ellis, LLP
Georgiy Khayet at Whittier Law School
Robert Copeland of The Boeing Company

Please encourage your colleagues to renew their OCPLA membership or to join as new members!

PLEASE RSVP ON TIME FOR MONTHLY LUNCHES

To reduce the likelihood of additional rate increases associated with last minute reservations, please RSVP early, i.e., no later than noon on the Friday preceding the meeting, so that we can provide more accurate numbers of luncheon attendees to the hotel. Your effort to register at least five days in advance of the lunches is greatly appreciated by the hotel and the OCPLA Board. The cost for the monthly luncheon meetings for student members is \$15.

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Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Time: 12:00 Noon; Lunch will be served promptly at 12:15 p.m.

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, California

Topic: How to Recognize and Prevent Harassment and Discrimination in the Legal Profession

Speakers: Brent J. North of North & Nash LLP

Cost: \$30 for members, \$15 for students (proof of student status required), and \$35 for non-members

Reservations: Please make reservations by using our online system at www.ocpla.org or by filling out the form below and mailing it with a check to Marlene Klein at her office address given below. If time is short, please also email Marlene at Marlene.Klein@cda.canon.com or call in your reservation to her at (949) - 932-3132.

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2007 OCPLA EVENTS SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 24, 2007	Wyndham Garden Hotel	Brent J. North of North & Nash LLP	How to Recognize and Prevent Harassment and Discrimination in the Legal Profession *MCLE Elimination of Bias Credits*
February 21, 2007	Wyndham Garden Hotel	TBD	TBD
March 28, 2007	Wyndham Garden Hotel	TBD	TBD



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