

Installation and Awards Dinner to Honor Incoming Presidents

Lawrence H. Jacobson, BHBA President
Jaison Benjamin, Barristers President
Uzzi O. Raanan, Foundation President

Beverly Hills Real Estate attorney Lawrence H. Jacobson, of the Law Offices of Lawrence H. Jacobson, will be installed as the 80th President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association at the 2011-2012 Annual Installation and Awards Dinner on Tuesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel. Other officers being installed include John K. Rubiner, President-Elect; Diane L. Karpman, First Vice President; Linda E. Spiegel, Second Vice President; Howard S. Fredman, Secretary/Treasurer; and Stephen L. Raucher, Immediate Past President.

Jaison Benjamin becomes Barristers President. Other Barristers officers to be installed include Jeanine Percival Wright, President-Elect; Jonathan Dennis, Treasurer; Amanda Hill, Secretary; and Leigh Leshner, Immediate Past President.

Officers of the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation being installed are Uzzi O. Raanan, President; Dawn M. Coulsen, President-Elect; Stephen P. Webb, Vice President Development; Bonita Moore, Treasurer; Nancy Knupfer, Vice President Scholarships; Robert Aronoff, Assistant Vice President Scholarships; Linda Blank, Vice President Grants; Michelle Correll, Secretary; and Paul L. Basile, Jr., Immediate Past President.



Lawrence H. Jacobson

The BHBA's members of the Board of Governors, Board of Governors of the Barristers, and the Board of Governors of the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation will also be installed.

L. A. Superior Court Judge Louis M. Meisinger will be the Installing Officer. He was appointed to the Court in January, 2008 and currently serves in the Northwest District Court in Van Nuys. Judge Meisinger will administer the oath of office to the new and returning officers of the Association, Barristers, and the Foundation.

Awards for Outstanding Service

The BHBA is pleased to honor outstanding members and leaders for their stellar service during the year. Awards for 2010-2011 include the *President's Award* to Jonathan Stein, the *Board of Governors Award* to Elizabeth Moreno, the *Executive Director's Award* to Gary Weyman and the *Barristers' Lawrence J. Blake Award* to Deborah Fontaine. The *Louis B. Fox Award*, which was established to acknowledge long-standing and exemplary service to the BHBA, will be given to Kenneth G. Petrusis.

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President Lawrence H. Jacobson

With over 40 years in the practice of real estate law, Lawrence Jacobson has extensive expertise in real estate and business matters, and specializes in housing and construction defects, landlord/tenant, legal malpractice, professional and broker malpractice law, and more. Mr. Jacobson testifies often as an expert witness in real estate matters.

He has written and lectured extensively on business, real estate and ethics, taught for the U.S.C. Broker Development Program and Graduate Realtors Institute of the CAR, and has lectured for the California CEB. His article "Brokers Liability for Sale of Defective Homes" was cited with approval by the Appellate Court in the seminal decision of *Easton v. Strassburger*. He is a contributing author to the California CEB's "California Real Estate Brokers: Law and Litigation."

Mr. Jacobson, past Chair of the BHBA Real Estate Section, is the recipient of the California CEB's 2011 "Spirit of CEB" Award. He is former Vice President of Legal Affairs of CAR, Legal Counsel to the Beverly Hills Board of Realtors, the San Fernando Valley Board of Realtors, and California counsel to an international real estate brokerage firm. He is currently legal counsel to the Newport Beach Association of Realtors and a member of the California State Bar Real Estate Sales and Brokerage Steering Committee.

Mr. Jacobson received his Bachelor's degree in political science from U.C.L.A. and his Juris Doctorate from the U.C.L.A. School of Law, where he was a senior editor of the *U.C.L.A. Law Review* and graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif.

BOARD DIGEST

On June 14, 2011, the Board passed a motion to send a letter to the State Judiciary Committee expressing our support for a super-majority of attorneys on the State Bar Board and supporting the requirement to consider diversity in making Board appointments.

Barristers President Jaison T. Benjamin

Jaison Benjamin currently practices law at Clinton & Clinton in Long Beach handling cases in the areas of premises liability, products liability, general negligence, and breach of contract claims. Prior to joining the firm, she was an attorney in the Business & Legal Affairs department at Sony Connect, Inc., a subsidiary of Sony Corporation of America.



Jaison T. Benjamin



Uzzi O. Raanan

As President-Elect for the Barristers Board of Governors, she chaired the American Bar Association's Law Day Committee featuring Erwin Chemerinsky, Founding Dean of the U.C.I. School of Law and noted expert on the Constitution. She also has Co-Chaired the Committee for the Arts, served as a member of the Barristers Community Outreach Program, and participates in planning MCLE programs.

Jaison T. Benjamin graduated Cum Laude from Hunter College in New York City. She then earned her JD degree at Southwestern University School of Law where she received an Excellence in Achievement award for outstanding scholastic achievement, and Moot Court Honors for outstanding performance as a Finalist Writer.

Foundation President Uzzi O. Raanan

Uzzi O. Raanan practices bankruptcy law with the firm of Danning, Gill, Diamond & Kollitz LLP in Century City specializing in litigation and appeals. He represents receivers in state and federal receiverships, Chapters 7 and 11 bankruptcy trustees, and creditors and debtors in federal and state litigation matters, including breach of contract,

breach of guaranty, avoidance actions, negotiation and sale of property, non-dischargeability/non-discharge actions, fraud actions, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and other bankruptcy issues. Mr. Raanan regularly appears in both state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Mr. Raanan is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association, California State Bar Insolvency Law Committee (Assistant Editor of the *ILC Bulletin*), Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, and Financial Lawyers Conference, plus served on the Executive Committee of the BHBA Bankruptcy Section.

His published writings include "The BAPCPA's Contribution to the Way Domestic Support Obligations Are Handled in Bankruptcy - A Noble But Flawed Effort?" plus, "Understanding Chapter 11 Trustee Elections," and "How Landlords Benefit from Recent Bankruptcy Amendments," among others.

Uzzi Raanan is a graduate of San Diego State University in San Diego, California, and the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific. He wrote for the *Pacific Law Journal* and the *Transnational Law Review*.

80th Anniversary Celebration

The Installation Dinner will also feature the premiere of the Beverly Hills Bar Association's 80th Anniversary video presentation "Moving Forward." It will look back at the active and activist history of our founding, and our many achievements over the years, and will look forward to our "next chapter."

Installation Dinner Sponsors

The 2011 Annual Installation and Awards Dinner is sponsored by **West LegalEdcenter**, providers of online MCLE; **First Republic Bank, Beverly Hills**; and **Matloff Life & Health Insurance**.

Installation Dinner tickets are \$185 per person and \$1,800 per table until September 19 and \$200 per person or \$1,950 per table thereafter. The Four Seasons Hotel is located at 300 South Doheny Drive, Los Angeles. For tickets and information call 310 601 BHBA or go to www.bhba.org. **BB**