

Heard in the Halls

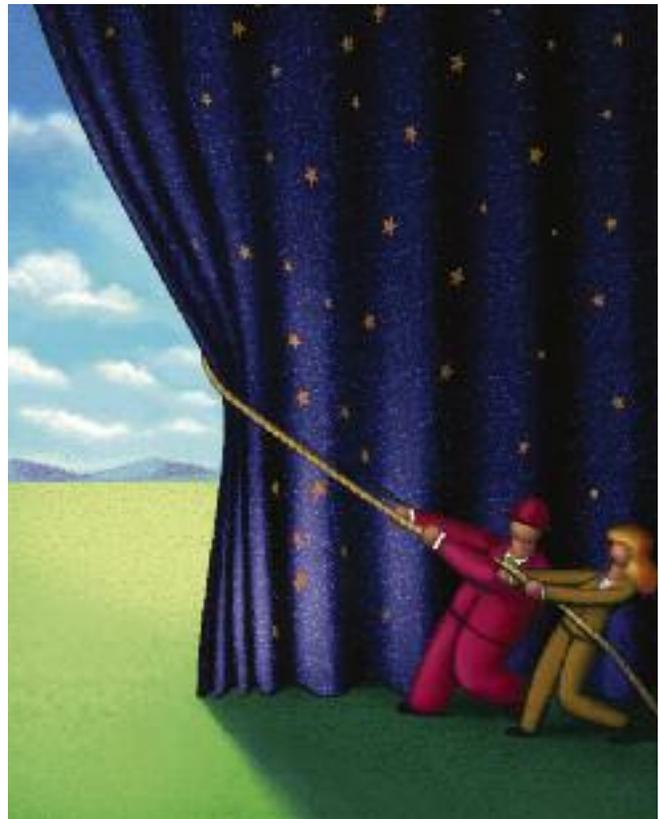
NOTES, OBSERVATIONS, AND GOSSIP

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Welcome to the latest edition of *Heard in the Halls*. Please provide your snippets of news, questions or comments about receivership issues or the professional community by telephone, mail, fax, or email to: Alan M. Mirman, Mirman, Bubman & Nahmias, LLP, 21860 Burbank Blvd, Suite 360, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Phone: (818) 451-4600; Fax: (888) 451-7624; email: amirman@mbnlawyers.com

Here is what we have Heard in the Halls ...

- Quiet years (some say downright slow) in the receivership world have given way, thanks to our troubled economy, with banner years for receivers and the professionals who serve them. There are numerous measures of this increase in activity, and one of them is the reaching of a milestone for California Receivers Forum — for this first time, the Forum’s membership tops the 1000 number statewide. Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter leads with way with more than 600 members.
- Late 2010 brought another shake-up in the lineup of judicial officers hearing receivership matters in downtown Los Angeles. After a long and distinguished career on the bench, Judge David Yaffe has retired, and was replaced in early October by Judge Ann Jones. The current status is: Department 85 (Retired Judge Robert O’Brien, sitting in for Judge Chalfant who is on leave) and Department 86 (Judge Ann Jones) handle all equity receiverships, as well as some receiverships that involve build-out of construction projects. Department 12 (Judge Barbara Meiers, who was profiled in a prior column) handles rents and profits receiverships, along with other provisional remedies such as Writ of Attachment and Writ of Possession.
- From our Sacramento Chapter: FMT principal, Scott Sackett, was featured on the front page of the Sacramento Business Journal as a leading receiver in the Sacramento Valley. In the article, Sackett and CRF board member Nancy Hotchkiss espoused the importance and increasing frequency of receivership appointments as an effective insolvency remedy during these difficult economic times.
- As a result of collaboration between Center for Judicial Education & Research (CJER) and the Daily Journal, an article on receiverships written by Edythe Bronston and David Pasternak (of the LA/OC Chapter), appeared in the Daily Journal in October, for both lawyers and judicial officers to obtain MCLE credit. I’m informed it was printed in the San Francisco and Los Angeles papers. The Los Angeles editors seemed to like it so much that they printed it twice, on almost consecutive pages, on the same day!
- The Central Valley Chapter reports that after a three year renovation process, the Historic B. F. Sisk Building, previously in use as a Federal Court, has been “repurposed” for use by the Fresno County Superior Court. As of November 15th it officially became the new home of the Fresno County Superior Court Civil Division (limited and unlimited cases).



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