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Dear Patrick:


I would like to thank you and the Association inviting me to your Tenth Anniversary Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Millenium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California. I can only imagine the time and effort that went into organizing such a tremendous event. It was a smashing success. I can assure you that I do not take your efforts for granted or consider your invitation as merely a standard entitlement. The Honoree was well chosen. The guest list was first class. The food was delicious. The conversation was stimulating. All in all a good time was had by all.

I was flattered to be in such distinguished company. I was seated with John Van de Kamp, former State Attorney General and now President of the California State Bar; Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County District Attorney; Gregory D. Totten, Ventura County District Attorney; and Ronald Wakabayashi, Community Relations Service Director for the U.S. Department of Justice. During the cocktail hour I was delighted to chat with Supervisory Special Agent, Matthew McLaughlin, from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and several magistrate judges from the U.S. District Court.

All of the speakers were impressive and had thought provoking messages. Parisa Khosravi, senior V.P. for the CNN News Group, performed a minor miracle by just being there. The Honorable Bruce J Einhorn, for the DOJ Immigration Court, struck a similar theme to that of the Key Note Speaker, John Van de Kamp. That was the availability of legal services to every segment of the American population. The common theme appeared to be equal justice under the law for all. I should have anticipated as much from an Association whose goal is to strive to be multi-cultural in planning and implementing all of its future plans.

As President of the Association, I commend you for a successful Gala Event, and I thank you for allowing me to participate. I would like to reiterate my strong interest in your Association and the concept of equal access to justice. I look forward to our next meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Judge London Steverson  
United States Administrative Law Judge