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AN UPDATE FROM CASEY GERRY REED & SCHENK

Firm unveils new North County office

Expanding its resources northward, Casey Gerry Reed & Schenk has opened a new Carmel Valley office.

According to Casey Gerry partner Thomas Penfield, the 2,000-square-foot office — at 12544 High Bluff Drive — enables the firm to be accessible to clients throughout San Diego County.

“This space complements our long-time Banker’s Hill office, allowing us to accommodate both North County-based clients and referring attorneys,” he said. Penfield said the office will be staffed with four full-time employees. All of the partners — David Casey Jr., Frederick Schenk, Gayle Blatt, Penfield and Robert Francavilla — will divide their time between the offices.

Penfield notes that the move north is part of a growing trend. “The area has been booming for the last five years,” he says. “As the County continues to grow and commute-times increase, downtown law firms are opening second offices in North County.” he said.



Firm partners Fred Schenk, David Casey Jr., Gayle Blatt, Robert Francavilla and Thomas Penfield are pictured with members of the Del Mar Regional Chamber of Commerce at the grand opening event for Casey Gerry Reed & Schenk’s North County office.

Frederick Schenk receives top JCC honors

The outgoing president of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (JCC), Frederick Schenk was recently honored with the JCC’s prestigious David K. Kroll Leadership Award.

According to the JCC’s executive director Michael Cohen, the award is given annually in recognition of exemplary service, education and commitment to the JCC, a 6,000-member community center situated in San Diego’s Golden Triangle neighborhood.

“As president of the JCC’s board of directors, Fred has deftly taken on the challenge of leading our agency with tremendous vision, focus and commitment,” says Cohen.

Schenk’s involvement with the JCC began more than ten years ago. An active member of the board of directors since 1994, he was president from 2000-2002, previously serving as treasurer and chairing the budget & finance committee.

An attorney with San Diego-based Casey Gerry since 1983, Schenk has extensive experience in products liability, personal injury, asbestos law and drug litigation.



Firm partner David Casey Jr. takes helm as ATLA President-elect

Further raising the firm’s profile, David Casey, Jr. was named president-elect of the prestigious Association of Trial Lawyers of America’s (ATLA) at the organization’s annual convention in Atlanta.



According to Thomas Henderson, executive director of ATLA, Casey is slated to take over as president of this 60,000 member organization — the nation’s largest trial bar — in August of 2003.

A member of the ATLA board since 1984, Casey was especially instrumental during his tenure as vice president last year. During this time, Casey played a key role in organizing a moratorium on civil lawsuits related to Sept. 11 and helped develop a Victims’ Fund — ensuring that the victims’ families receive financial relief.

In addition, the Consumer Attorneys of California recently gave Casey it’s highest honor, the Marvin E. Lewis award for Outstanding Leadership.

Casey Gerry partner to serve on Del Mar Fair Board

Governor Gray Davis has appointed Frederick Schenk to serve on the board of the 22nd District Agriculture Association, which oversees the San Diego County Fair. The District Association holds fairs, expositions and exhibitions, with a goal of enhancing and stimulating County revenues.

