

Fall is in the Air

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE BUT summer is almost over and the kids are back in school. A short time ago, I was at the mall with my daughter where she saw the perfect backpack. Despite the sale price and the fact that it might have been a good deal, I simply could not bring myself to buy school supplies in the middle of July. It seems that summer has gone much too quickly this year, with barely seven and a half weeks of vacation before heading back to school. I sometimes wonder if there was more fun to be had and where we could have squeezed it in.

This past July I was able to have a little fun of my own and attended an event called Thriller Fest in New York City. Put on by an organization formed by authors of thriller novels, the event celebrates the genre, and sub-genres and honors authors within. I had the opportunity to see Scott Turow interviewed by Douglas Preston about his experience writing, both in the legal genre and in general. My husband, Rob, and I were also lucky enough to meet Mr. Turow at an evening event, and share with him not only that we ourselves are attorneys, but that we still read and enjoy his books.

One panel focused specifically on legal thrillers and featured Steve Martini, John Lescroat, Al Giannini, and several other writers in the genre. The authors shared some interesting anecdotes about correspondence they have received from readers about how closely they stick to the law when writing and about the perceived mistakes they have made. The event made me not only want to come home

and read many more books but also had me looking forward to our annual Dinner with the Author, which is just around the corner.

While there is not a chill in the air just yet, we can be sure that it is on the way. And with our minds now turning to cooler pursuits, we are once again looking forward to the Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association's fall events.

At our annual Dinner with the Author on September 18, 2014, we welcome Rebecca Forster to speak to the general public and members alike. Ms. Forster is a USA Today and Amazon bestselling author of 29 books. Although not an attorney herself, she is married to a Los Angeles Superior Court judge, has been a guest speaker at various legal symposiums, and has taught at the acclaimed UCLA Writers' Program. Her work focuses on legal and political thrillers. Her Witness Series, featuring attorney Josie Bates, has been on the Amazon bestseller lists for over two years in both the United States and the U.K. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Forster to our event.

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Tickets for the event, held at The Tournament Players Club (TPC) Valencia, are \$55 if purchased before September 2 and \$65 after that date. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and includes dinner. For tickets and more information, please contact Emily at info@scvbar.org. Everyone is welcome!

As with our events in the past, table sponsorships are available which include tickets to the event, recognition at the event and in the program and copies of the speaker's books. Business card-sized advertisement space is also available in our program. If you or your firm are interested in sponsorship of this event, please contact Emily at the email above.

On October 16, 2014, SCVBA will once again feature Brian Koegele of Poole & Shaffery who will give his annual CLE seminar on recent updates in employment law. This event is always well attended and provides a wealth of information both for attorneys who have employees and those who have clients with employees. The lunchtime seminar

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will include one hour of continuing education credit and will be held at TPC Valencia. For information or to purchase tickets, please contact info@scvbar.org.

Finally, on November 20, 2014, we will be holding our Annual Installation Dinner at TPC Valencia. This year's event will also feature a celebration of the Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association's Tenth Anniversary, with special

recognition of our past presidents. We will once again be collecting new and unwrapped toys to be donated to local charities for the holidays. Table sponsorships and program ads will be available. Please view our website, scvbar.org, for information.

We hope to see many of you at these upcoming events and hope that you have had a wonderful summer. 

THIRD ANNUAL DINNER WITH THE AUTHOR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

TPC Valencia-26550 Heritage View Lane, Valencia, CA 91355

*The Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association invites
you to an evening with Legal Thriller author,*

REBECCA FORSTER

Writing her first novel on a dare, Ms. Forster is now a USA Today and Amazon bestselling author of 29 books which include *Before Her Eyes*, *Beyond Malice*, *Keeping Counsel* and *The Mentor*. Ms. Forster also authors the *Witness Series*, featuring attorney Josie Bates, has been on the Amazon bestseller lists for over two years in both the U.S. and U.K. Although not herself an attorney, Ms. Forster enjoys her "bird's eye view" of the legal system through her husband, a county Judge, and she will speak about her own writing experiences as well as what makes attorneys so interesting to outside observers.



*Event Open to
Attorneys and the
General Public*

To Purchase Tickets or For More Info call (855) 506-9161 or visit www.scvbar.org!

Ticket Pricing: \$55 before September 2nd, \$65 after September 2nd

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