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"First, let's kill all the lawyers."

So said William Shakespeare in Henry VI, Part 2, Act IV. Every first-year law student hears that quote. It is sometimes understood to mean that lawyers are despicable and worthy of scorn.

But what does it really mean?

In Henry VI, killing all the lawyers is the first step in a plot against the crown, a treasonous act, carried out by the worst sort of criminals. Killing all the lawyers is seen as destroying the rule of law which protects the people.

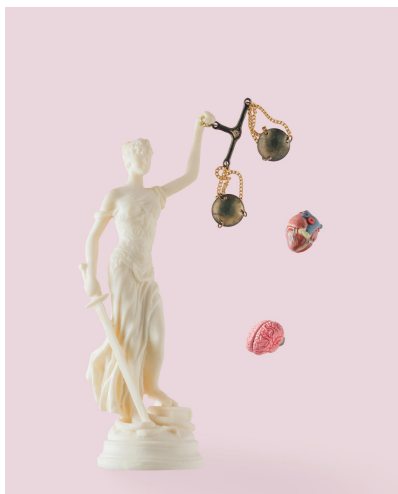
Courts are the last bastion of democracy. Courts enforce the Constitution, preserve our rights, and protect the vulnerable individual against the almighty power of the government. In short, courts enforce the rule of law. Without courts, we would have the rule of men, not of laws.

Lawyers are officers of the court. Lawyers enforce the law. Lawyers keep the courts operating. Lawyers keep the government honest and transparent. Lawyers protect the individual. Without lawyers, we have no courts. Without lawyers, we have no rule of law.

Without lawyers, democracy dies.

APPELLATE UPDATE NOVEMBER 2024

Practice of Law



Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakuaye predicted that California will soon experience a "brain drain" of qualified attorneys. According to the California State Bar, the average age of attorneys statewide is 50. Over the past 10 years, more than 38% of Bar membership has gone into "inactive" status. What does this mean for Californians? Fewer attorneys will be available to serve low-income litigants, and fewer attorneys will be enforcing the rule of law.

Daily Journal, November 11, 2024

Arbitration

Where the arbitrator has specifically reserved jurisdiction over remaining issues, the arbitration decision is not final for the purposes of review by the Superior Court.

Ortiz v. Elmcrest Care Center LLC

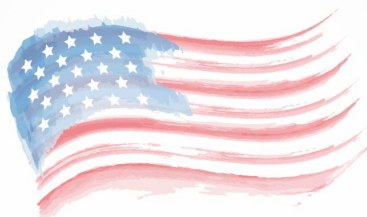


Be kind to yourself and others.



**Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)
was Celebrated November 1-2**

To all who celebrated, Evans Kingsbury LLP hopes you had a beautiful and meaningful Día de los Muertos, filled with love, remembrance, and connection.



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**November 11 was
Veterans Day**

This past Veterans Day, we took a moment to honor and thank all who have served. We're deeply grateful for your courage, dedication, and sacrifice.



However you choose to celebrate, we wish you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving!

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