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Conference Resolution to Law

SFVBA PAST PRESIDENT TAMILA JENSEN has reported that long-time member Roger Franklin was recognized by the Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA) at its annual meeting in Monterey in October.

Each year, in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting, the Conference meets to review resolutions submitted by local bar associations which address legal issues of concern to lawyers. Successful resolutions are then brought to the State Legislature. Over the years, many conference resolutions have become law.

Franklin was honored for his resolution modifying the procedure which landlords use to deal with the personal property tenants leave behind when they vacate a residential rental unit. The resolution, which was introduced in the Assembly as AB 2521 by San Fernando Valley Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield, was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown and chaptered on September 25, 2012 as Chapter 560, Statutes 2012.

AB 2521 amends various Civil Code sections to provide that a landlord may give notice of a tenant's right to reclaim personal property left in the premises and that where such property is worth less than \$700, it can be kept, sold or used by the landlord without further notice to the tenant.

This simplifies the procedure where a tenant abandons personal property and increases the value limit for the simplified procedure from \$300 to \$700.

Franklin testified in front of the Senate Judicial Committee in support of AB 2521. His testimony drew the attention of the Apartment Owners Association, which came forward to support the bill.

Franklin's resolution was among 14 bills sponsored by CCBA which became law in 2012, making CCBA the single most successful organization in the California for moving its bills through the legislature. Other CCVA bills passed include AB 1164, 1707, 1727, 1865, 1927, 1985, 2106, 2273, 2521, 2674, 2675 and 2025 (corrections included in the omnibus bill). 2012 was the Conference's most successful year ever and it is recognized as a major and respected source of meaningful legislation advancing the administration of justice in California.

The SFVBA is proud of Franklin and his accomplishments and thank him for his many years of service to our delegation. He will be recognized at the SFVBA Holiday Party on December 11.

The SFVBA has eleven seats at the Conference and eleven more alternates. Members interested in joining the delegation should contact Executive Director Liz Post. ✉