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## President's Message by Teresa Baird Gordon, R.P.

Dear SVPA Members:

Enclosed in this issue is the SVPA Election Committee's solicitation of candidates for the 2010 Board of Directors. I will be serving as Chair of the Elections Committee as I will not be returning in 2010 as an officer of the Board. If you are interested in becoming more active in SVPA, please contact me at 916-567-8006 or [tgordon@angius-terry.com](mailto:tgordon@angius-terry.com) and notify me of your intent to either become a candidate or serve on a committee. We can put your talent to work to make this organization even stronger in 2010!

On October 17, 2009 we will be holding the SVPA Educational Seminar entitled "*What You Don't Know About E-Discovery Can Hurt You!*" Ann Birkhaus and Jenna Trojanowski have lined up some excellent speakers on the subject. Program sponsors include **Esquire Solutions**, **Mirror Imaging**, and **Legislative Research, Inc.** Our first presentation is "*Examining the Digital Footprints: Preserve and Search that Hard Drive*" by **W. Scott Ardisson, C.C.E.** of **bit-x-bit**. Mr. Ardisson has provided lectures in the past for NFPA and is flying out from Pennsylvania for our program. Our first afternoon program will be "*Avoiding Relationship Remorse – Effective Vendor Selection and Management*" as presented by **Heidi J.K. Fessler, Esq.**— Director of Research and Education, **Merrill Legal Solutions**. Finally, our afternoon presentation will be "*E-Discovery: Ethical Issues and Considerations*" presented by **Grace Bergen, Esq.** – **Greenberg Traurig, LLP**, Sacramento, CA. In total, this program will provide 6.0 hours of CLE, one of which is in ethics. The fees include breakfast and lunch. Register now to reserve your spot!

Our luncheon on October 28, 2009 at the Casa Garden Restaurant will be "*Proceeding Smoothly Through the Third District Court of Appeal*" presented by Darlene Warnock, Supervising Clerk for the Third District Court of Appeal. This program will be 1 hour of CLE. We hope to see you there!

Finally, this month was the deadline to submit proof of my MCLE to NFPA for the biannual renewal of my R.P. designation. As an R.P. you are required to have 12 hours of MCLE, one of which must be in ethics. Fortunately, SVPA provides us with ample opportunity for free and low-cost CLE. As a result, I was able to reach my 12 hours effortlessly. My challenge however, was keeping them properly organized. After each event I would simply file away the activity forms in a folder in my desk. When I went through them recently, I found I didn't retain copies of the informational flyers to keep with the activity logs that shows the content of the programs. I had retained a few of the handouts but overall, it wasn't well organized at all! I therefore encourage each of you to take a few minutes to review your CLE compliance logs to make sure you are on track for meeting the CLE requirements as set forth in B&P Code §6450 and that your materials are well organized!

## About SVPA

The Sacramento Valley Paralegal Association was founded in 1978 as a professional and educational organization for paralegals, and was incorporated in 1981 under the California Non Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation laws. SVPA's purpose is to foster and promote standards to the paralegal profession; to cooperate in and offer education for paralegals; to increase attorney and public awareness of the role of the paralegal in the delivery of legal services; to gather, receive, study, and disseminate information concerning paralegals. Benefits of SVPA membership are: SVPA The Journal subscription (monthly), CAPA ReCap subscription (three times yearly), NFPA The Paralegal Reporter (six times yearly), SVPA listserv postings, free attendance to Brown Bag luncheons (CLE also available), reduced cost to attend meeting/ luncheons provided at Casa Garden, and affiliation membership to the 13 other California paralegal associations. Networking, education, and professional resources are also a benefit to SVPA members.

### Message from the Editor

**CORRECTION:** In last month's issue, we forgot to include the link/ website in the box regarding George Washington University's Masters Degree program. Here it is: <http://paralegal.onlinegwu.com/pgw8/>

Please check our website ([www.svpa.org](http://www.svpa.org)) for any updates on SVPA events. We are making plans for next year already! If you want to suggest a program topic for a luncheon or brown bag, now's a great time to tell one of us on the SVPA Board.

I would like to thank Carolina Rose for offering several articles which we can publish in The Journal. Inside find an article which provides valuable tips worth sharing when looking up those older code or statute references. I found it handy just recently when I was trying to locate a California code no longer published.

And last, but not least, check out our sustaining members' websites provided on [www.svpa.org](http://www.svpa.org) (Click on "Links"). Where would we be without their generous support? Thank you to Atkinson-Baker, The Endres Law Firm, MTI College and Parasec for your generous support in 2008.

## The 2009 Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for SVPA's 2010 Board of Directors.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

President, Vice-President Membership, Vice-President Education, Secretary, Treasurer, & Director at Large (3 positions)

### NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTORS:

The minimum authorized number of directors shall be eight (8). The board shall include three (3) directors at large and the following officers of SVPA: the president, the vice president of membership, the vice president of education, the secretary, and the treasurer. Only voting members of SVPA in good standing shall be eligible to serve as members of the board.

### ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE:

The three (3) directors at large and the five (5) officers comprising the board shall be elected at an annual meeting of members by a quorum of those eligible voting members in attendance, to hold office from January 1 through December 31 of each year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Each director, including a director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office until expiration of the term of which elected and until a successor has been elected and qualified.

### GENERAL BOARD DUTIES:

- The calendar for the Board of Director meetings shall be determined by the members of the incoming Board at the transitional meeting in January.
- Attend all monthly Board of Directors meetings.
- Attend general meetings and the annual meeting.
- Act as liaison to the standing or ad hoc committees.
- Attend SVPA functions.
- Send copies of all general correspondence to the Secretary.
- Be familiar with the Treasurer's procedures for income and expenses.
- Be familiar with the Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Notify either the President or the Secretary if unable to attend a monthly Board of Directors meeting.

### NOMINATIONS BY MEMBERS:

Pursuant to the Bylaws of SVPA, Section 6.02 Nominations by Members, any voting member may nominate candidates for directors and officers. The nominating committee shall cause the names of the candidates to be placed on the ballot along with the names of those candidates selected by the nominating committee. **The deadline for submission of nominations to the Nominating Committee is December 13, 2009.** Nominations and inquires regarding position responsibilities may be submitted to the Nominations Committee Chair, [tgordon@angius-terry.com](mailto:tgordon@angius-terry.com).

The election of the board will be held at the SVPA Annual Meeting, held the fourth Wednesday in the month of January, on 1/27/2010 at the Casa Garden Restaurant at 11:45 a.m. Ballots will be distributed electronically 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

## QUICK TIPS: California Statutory Records by Carolina Rose<sup>1</sup>, J.D., Legislative Research, Inc.

### How to answer the question : “I wonder what the heck happened to that code section...? Reconstructing legislative annotations from 1850-1996.

Has this ever happened to you – you run across an old code or statutory citation that no longer exists, and you have to find out what the heck happened to it? Normally you’d expect to find the answer in a *West* or *Deering’s* annotated code book (or Westlaw or Lexis-Nexis): Just hunt up the code section, and even if it doesn’t exist anymore, the kindly code editors generally keep track of the legislative history notes – you know, citing to any prior law, the acts that added and amended it, any repeal or codification, etc. But sometimes the kindly code annotators were asleep at the wheel and missed key legislative cites.<sup>2</sup> (It is not uncommon for *West’s* to have cites that *Deering’s* misses and vice-versa. That’s why I always check both sets of codes.) When that happens, the following resources available for free on the internet at <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/> covering 1850-1996 have helped me reconstruct an accurate set of legislative citations.<sup>3</sup> I can find out if and when the laws of interest was amended, repealed or recodified. I can even find the referenced chaptered laws in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* (also available for free at that same website).

It makes sense that the Legislature would keep track of all its enactments, especially the adoption, amendment, repeal and recodification of its code sections and statutes.<sup>4</sup> But alas, they did not do so in a uniform manner for all years. The aim of these quick tips is make sense of the hodgepodge for you. The primary tools are the *California Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* indices and tables, as augmented by the Assembly final histories (both available at the above website). The *California Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* publish all of the legislature’s enactments and some handy reference tools, including a few *blessed compilations*<sup>5</sup> of statutory records as listed below in addition to their annual/biennial legislative enactments.<sup>6</sup> Gaps between the missing years/sessions can be filled with the session-by-session *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes* and/or the Assembly final histories. Again, you are mostly looking for the tables entitled “Statutory Record.” But please note: My company, Legislative Research, Inc., also has a collection of separately published Statutory Records as cited below, and we are always happy to email excerpts to you at no charge. You can email your request to me at [carolina.rose@lrihistory.com](mailto:carolina.rose@lrihistory.com).

→ **Statutory Records 1850-1996, Online help at <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>**

**1850-1921:** Topical indices and minimal code charts in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*.<sup>7</sup>

- ◆ Ouch. This bank of years requires a-year-by-year search. However, my company has separately published tables and indices covering 1850-1920 and 1921-1932 which we can email you excerpts from at no charge. I’m all about taking the easiest, most pain free route whenever possible and sharing solutions.
- ◆ For year-by-year research: Beginning in 1873-74 charts were added, but only for the then existing code books: Civil, Code of Civil Procedures, Penal and Political. Statutes other than codes were not charted – so you are stuck using the topical indices which provide cites to relevant chaptered laws. (Best to go for the above “ouch” remedy.)

**1923-1932:** Two biennial sources for comprehensive charts cover codes *and* statutes other than codes (finally!). But see above “ouch” note to avoid year-by-year searches.

- ◆ *Statutes and Amendments to Codes*
- ◆ Assembly final histories

**1933-1939:** *Blessed compilation*,<sup>8</sup> Statutory Record: 1939 volume of Stats. & Amends to Codes

**1933-1941:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1941 volume Stats. & Amends to Codes

**1942-1948:** Same two sources as 1923-1932 above.

**1949-1955:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1955 volume Stats. & Amends to Codes

**1956-1968:** Same two sources as 1923-1932 above.

**1969-1977:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1977, vol. 3 Stats & Amends to Codes

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## UPCOMING CAPA EVENT

**November 6-8, 2009**

CAPA Leadership Conference and Board Meeting  
Mission Bay, San Diego, CA  
Hosted by the San Diego Paralegal Association

## UPCOMING NFPA EVENT

**Oct 29-Nov 1, 2009**

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*“Avoiding Relationship Remorse –Effective Vendor Selection and Management”*

Grace Bergen, Esq. – Greenberg Traurig, LLP  
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***“Examining the Digital Footprints: Preserve and Search that Hard Drive”***

W. Scott Ardisson, C.C.E.

Recovering your client’s trade secrets, enforcing non-competition agreements, proving sexual harassment – these are just a few of the areas where electronic discovery and computer forensic investigation can be the keys to winning your case. The digital footprints left behind can establish unassailable evidence often resulting in a speedy resolution of the case. The program will focus on: (1) the best practices for collecting and preserving critical electronic evidence (2) what kinds of electronic activity to look for in typical forensic examination; (3) and the nature of the evidence that a forensic investigation can uncover, including sample exhibits. *Mr. Ardisson is the president of bit-x-bit, LLC and the lead consultant and forensic investigator for the company. He is a Certified Computer Examiner and a member of the International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners. He holds a B.S. degree from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.*

***“Avoiding Relationship Remorse – Effective Vendor Selection and Management”***

Heidi J.K. Fessler, Esq.– Director of Research and Education, Merrill Legal Solutions

The purpose of this presentation is to familiarize law firms, or the offices of the general counsel in corporations, with the key criteria for assessing vendor relationships, considerations for vendor selection, and managing vendors throughout the litigation lifecycle. The program will also focus on and discuss the different categories of electronic discovery vendors, the seven key criteria to consider when selecting an electronic discovery service provider, how to measure the potential of a vendor/provider, the seven pitfalls in vendor management, and the benefits of effective vendor selection and management. *Ms. Fessler is an attorney who specializes in educating those in the legal community on legal technology and its impact on the practice of law. . She is a member of the Minnesota Bar and the Women in eDiscovery Group, and is also licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and within the federal courts system. She graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1987 and graduated from Rutgers School of Law-Newark in 1991.*

***“E-Discovery: Ethical Issues and Considerations”***

Grace Bergen, Esq. – Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Sacramento, CA

Since the passage of the Federal E-Discovery Rules, there have been several high profile cases involving lapses of legal ethics and e-discovery where sanctions against various parties have amounted to millions of dollars. This discussion will focus on the practical and ethical ramifications of the Federal Rules and the newly passed California E-Discovery Rules. *Ms. Bergen is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, LLP, an international law firm with an office in Sacramento. She is a business lawyer with extensive experience as the general counsel of a large, international retailer. At Greenburg Traurig she handles litigation, transactions, and risk management for various clients in the areas of employment, intellectual property, real estate, construction, internet, general business and corporate governance.*

## Schedule of events:

Registration and Continental Breakfast	8:00 to 8:30 a.m.
W. Scott Ardisson, C.C.E. “ <i>Examining the Digital Footprints: Preserve and Search that Hard Drive</i> ”	8:30 to 12:30 p.m.
Lunch	12:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Heidi J.K. Fessler, Esq. “ <i>Avoiding Relationship Remorse-Effective Vendor Selection and Management.</i> ”	1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Break	2:00 to 2:15 p.m.
Grace Bergen, Esq. “ <i>E-Discovery: Ethical Issues and Considerations</i> ”	2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Cost: Early bird rate: \$125.00 for SVPA/CAPA members, non-members \$150.00.  
After October 1, 2009 rates are \$150.00/\$175.00. Fee includes all course materials as well as a continental breakfast and a buffet lunch catered by Hannibal’s Catering. **There will be no refunds for no-shows.**

Register by: Monday, October 12, 2009. Mail checks with reservations to: SVPA P.O. Box 453 Sacramento, CA 95812-0453

Location: Vision Service Plan (VSP) headquarters  
3333 Quality Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

For additional details or questions regarding this program, contact:  
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### **PRESS RELEASE: Paralegals Embrace a New Era: Pioneer Career Comes of Age in Portland**

Portland, September 15 – Paralegals from around the nation will converge at the Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach, in Portland, Oregon, on October 29 through November 1, to celebrate their success in pioneering a new career and prepare for the professional challenges and opportunities that beckon today’s paralegals.

For the second time since its founding in 1979, the Oregon Paralegal Association (OPA) hosts the Annual Convention of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA), and this year the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration as well. NFPA has fifty-three voting member associations representing the paralegal profession in thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia. In addition, it has individual and military sustaining members, corporate sustaining members, and an international association member in the United Kingdom .

Keynoting the event on Thursday is best-selling author, Robert Dugoni, who draws on his legal background in his recent, critically-acclaimed thriller, *Wrongful Death*. Preceding and following the keynote address, legal professionals will address paralegals in sixteen sessions covering diverse areas of law, including trial presentation, client tax issues, expert witnesses, electronic data discovery, lien filings, estate planning for blended and non-blended families, legal writing, examining financial documents, practice management and other topics. Paralegals can earn continuing legal education credits at all of these seminars.

Friday’s activities feature a special free event for paralegal students. A panel of practicing paralegals will address the who, what, why, when and how of successfully transitioning from a student to a working paralegal in the real world. Voting member association delegates will also meet on Friday to discuss the concerns of their local association members. On Friday evening, OPA and NFPA, jointly with the American Association for Paralegal Education, host a fun-filled opportunity to socialize at a Harvest Fair event, featuring corporate comedienne Jan McInnis aka The Work Lady, followed by dancing, game tables, and a costume competition.

Saturday is set aside for the national policy meeting where delegates from voting member associations will discuss, debate and vote on national issues. Paralegals will have a unique opportunity to see their representatives in action and observe the Federation at work.

This event is an outstanding occasion for all paralegals to expand their knowledge, network with others in the same profession, and glimpse the ever-changing future of the paralegal career path. All paralegals are welcome and membership in OPA or NFPA is not required. Paralegals who register before September 30 can save \$20.00 on the registration fee. See complete details and learn more on NFPA’s website under Upcoming Events and register at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org).

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**As a special benefit of the Sacramento Valley Paralegal Association, we are excited to announce that all members are being offered free registration and use of Deadlines On Demand, the first nationwide legal deadline calculation service designed to help protect paralegals from missing critical court dates by providing reliable rules-based deadlines on a pay-per-use basis. With Deadlines On Demand, you can drastically reduce your malpractice exposure while saving countless hours of research time. Critical dates are calculated quickly and inexpensively on a secure site ([www.deadlines.com](http://www.deadlines.com)). This is your opportunity to check three (3) dates for related deadlines – AT NO CHARGE!! Interested members, please contact one of your SVPA board members for the promotional code. Do not enter any credit card information, The calculations are free of charge!**

### **Free Expert Witness Directories**

SEAK, Inc. would like to offer free copies of our *National Directory of Expert Witnesses* to Sacramento Valley Paralegal Association members. The Directory contains over 1,000 expert witnesses in over 6,500 categories. The Directory is both a printed version and a searchable online database. The online database is searchable by Specialty, State and Keyword.

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# Sacramento Valley Paralegal Association

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 30, 2009 **Brown Bag**, “*Best Calendaring Practices*” presented by Charles Peck, Deadlines on Demand, location to be determined (1 hour CLE, approval pending) free to SVPA/CAPA members, non-members \$25.00;
- October 17, 2009 **CLE Seminar**: “*E-Discovery, Computer Forensics, Chain of Custody and Legal Ethics of E-Discovery*” (4 hours of general participatory CLE & 1.5 hours ethics CLE, approval pending) located at Vision Service Plan (VSP) headquarters, 3333 Quality Dr. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Early bird rate: \$125.00 for SVPA/CAPA members, non-members \$150.00, After 10/1/09 rates are \$150.00/\$175.00;
- October 28, 2009 **Casa Garden Restaurant Luncheon**, located at 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, CA 95820, “Proceeding Smoothly Through the Third District Court of Appeal” presented by Darlene Warnock, Supervising Clerk for the Third District Court of Appeal (1 hour CLE, approval pending) \$20.00 for SVPA/CAPA members, non-members \$25.00;
- November 18, 2009 **Brown Bag**, “*Diagnosing Soil Problems*” presented by Jennifer Langenwalter of American Geotechnical, Inc., location to be determined (1 hour CLE) free to SVPA/CAPA members, non-members \$25.00.

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The Sacramento Valley Paralegal Association (SVPA) &  
the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations (CAPA)

**To all Paralegals, Attorneys, and other Legal Professionals**

**October 28, 2009  
Luncheon Meeting  
11:30am – 1:00pm**

Casa Garden Restaurant  
2760 Sutterville Road Sacramento

**"Proceeding Smoothly Through the Third District  
Court of Appeals"**

Presented by

**Darlene Warnock**

Supervising Clerk, Third District Court of Appeals

**1 hour of MCLE**

This activity is being co-sponsored by the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations ("CAPA"). CAPA has been approved for minimum continuing legal education by the State Bar of California in the amount of one (1) hour of general participatory credit. CAPA is a State Bar of California Approved MCLE Provider, #10628

\_\_\_\_\_ Main Entree: Braised Beef and Feta Cheese  
\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: Greek Salad with Shrimp  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: Available upon advance request (24 hour notice)

Dessert will be Belgium Cream Cake. All lunches are served with Casa rolls and beverage. Sodas are non-refillable. **Cost for the luncheon is \$20.00 for SVPA members and \$25.00 for non-members, guests, and attorneys.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SVPA member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make your reservations by **Monday, October 26, 2009** to Janine Orsi at Orsij@surewest.net or (916) 508-1199.

**NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED**

## Statutes, continued from page 4

- 1969-1978:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1978, vol. 4 Stats & Amends to Codes  
**1979-1985:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1985, vol. 4 Stats & Amends to Codes  
**1989-1996:** *Blessed compilation*, Statutory Record: 1996, vol. 6 Stats & Amends to Codes

If at all possible, try and lay your hands on the separately published statutory records (*not* available for free at the above website). For example, the Los Angeles Public Law Library has a great collection if you are in that neck of the woods. They are:

- Index to the Laws of California, 1850-1920*<sup>9</sup>  
*Index to the Laws of California, Supplement, 1921-1925*<sup>10</sup>  
*Statutory Record, Supplement to the Index to the Laws of California, 1850-1932*<sup>11</sup>  
*Statutory Record Supplement, 1933-1948*  
*Statutory Record Supplement, 1949-1958*  
*Statutory Record Supplement, 1959-1968*<sup>12</sup>  
*Statutory Record Supplement, 1969-1978*<sup>13</sup>  
*Statutory Record Supplement, 1979-1988*  
*Statutory Record Supplement, 1989-1998*

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [carolina.rose@lrihistory.com](mailto:carolina.rose@lrihistory.com) – and be brave!

<sup>1</sup> Carolina Rose (1976 J.D., Stanford) is co-founder and President of Legislative Research, Inc. (LRI) and is a new CAPA member. LRI (established in 1983) specializes in the historical research surrounding the adoption of California codes and regulations. Carolina worked for the California Legislature for 7 years where she was responsible for over 200 measures; provides expert witness consulting in the reconstruction of legislative history; and teaches MCLE seminars on legislative history, related ethical advocacy strategies and regulatory history research.

<sup>2</sup> I'll have to do a separate Quick Tips on the mind numbing recodification tables. Until then, here is my favorite help: The 1<sup>st</sup> volume of the various hard bound West Codes are my favorite tool. If there have been massive (sometimes multiple) recodifications (e.g. Education Code), volume 1 of the series will supply the necessary recodification cites.

<sup>3</sup> For 1997 forward I am stuck using the year-by-year tables found the Legislature's *Table of Sections Affected*, published annually online by the Legislature at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/legpubs.html> -- but unfortunately, past issues are not archived online. *West's* hardcopy *California Legislative Service* is the alternative. Each year's volume 10 does the honors. The separately published *Statutory Record Supplement, 1989-1998* is also useful.

<sup>4</sup> The legislature has adopted code sections appearing in named code books (e.g., Civil Code, Penal Code, etc.) as well as *statutes other than code sections*, not appearing in any named code book. E.g., Veh. Code § 35550 as derived from the Statutes of 1915, Chapter 188, § 15, as amended by the Statutes of 1917, Chapter 218, § 12. The 1915 and 1917 acts were not embodied in a separately named code book. They are simply codified acts appearing in the *Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*.

<sup>5</sup> I've named them "blessed compilations" for this article because the alternative – a year-by-year search of the indices and tables – feels like research hell.

<sup>6</sup> Fun facts re: the biennial and annual snapshots in the Statutes and Amendments to the Codes:

(1) They were published biennially from 1850 – 1968. In 1969 the Legislature became a fulltime, annual Legislature so annual publications became necessary. Before 1969, the Legislature met every other year except for the occasional off-year, special sessions.

(2) From 1850 - 1929 the statutory records published for each session were nothing more than a topical index with references to the chaptered laws. Groan. There were no handy charts.

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