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Letter from LIC President Julie O'Loughlin

Hello members! Our Membership Chair, Cynthia Dvorak, recently informed us that our membership growth was 3.2% and, after checking with IFMA headquarters, we learned that this was the highest growth for any IFMA council in July! So, let me take this opportunity to congratulate all of you and to welcome our new members.

Thank you to all who participated in our last World Workplace survey. We've included the results of the survey in this edition of the newsletter. Please check it out!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/Report.asp?U=223864381667>



For those of you who cannot attend World Workplace for various reasons (see survey results), your Legal Industry Council will continue to offer educational webinars. We are pleased that so many of you joined our July 26th webinar on Lease Auditing. For those of you who weren't able to join us live, you may contact Craig Rosen (crosen@vedderprice.com) to receive a copy of the recorded presentation. In the future, our goal is to record the webinars without a video feed so that smaller, archived files can be posted on the IFMA-LIC website. Don't forget to join us for our next webinar, "Trends in Law Firms Space Planning and Design", on September 13th featuring Christopher Murray from Gensler. Please see our website for further details.

And, just another reminder that World Workplace is a great opportunity to network, especially with the excitement that our theme "Swimming with the Sharks" is sure to generate. We have organized several exciting events specifically for the Legal Industry Council:

- LIC Meeting at DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary on Friday, Oct. 6 at 3 P.M PST, with tour following.
- Legal-specific program on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 10 A.M. PST (with breakfast starting at 8:30A.M.)
- Welcome Reception (Beware! The shark attack punch is sure to sneak up on some unsuspecting souls so we'll have some "chum" to soak up the bite) on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 5 P.M. PST
- Networking lunches at the Expo lunch pavilion on Monday, Oct. 9 and Tuesday, Oct. 10.

I'll be sending out more information on the first ever State of the Council meeting currently scheduled for September 5th. Stay tuned to future newsletters and website postings for more information.



Legal Council Happenings at [World Workplace](#) **Oct. 8—10, 2006, San Diego, Calif.**

Friday, Oct. 6

LIC Meeting 3:00 pm PST

Tour of Firm 4:00 pm PST



DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary
401 B Street, Suite 1700
San Diego, California

DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary is a business law firm with 3,100 lawyers in 59 offices in 22 countries across the U.S., the U.K., Europe, and Asia. The firm has established practices in commercial, corporate and finance, human resources, litigation, real estate, regulatory and legislative, and technology, media and communications. DLA Piper's clients range from multi-national, Global 1000 and Fortune 500 enterprises to emerging companies developing industry-leading technologies.

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Friday, Oct. 6

Dinner and Networking 6:30 P.M. PST

Restaurant to be determined

Sunday, Oct. 8

"Swimming with the Sharks"

IFMA Industry and Interest Day LIC Events

Convention Center, Room 25A

8:30 A.M. PST Continental Breakfast

10 A.M. PST Presentation by Chris Murray with Gensler.

How important the workplace environment is, and how design affects the bottom line.

Convention Center, Room 28E

5 P.M. PST Meet and Greet Reception



Save the Date

September 5, 10 A.M. PST

State of the Council Live Meeting & Conference Call

Speakers: Your Legal Council Board

Look for an invitation to this Live Meeting in your e-mail inbox within the next week. If you do not receive the invitation or cannot find it, please e-mail: melissa.hyde@ifma.org.



Upcoming Webinars

September 13, 2006 - 1 P.M. EST - Trends in Law Firm Space Planning and Design

Speaker: Christopher C. Murray III, AIA/ Principal - Gensler

www.gensler.com

Source of the topics that will be covered in detail include:

- Branding the space- creating an image for the Firm
- Conference rooms- Conference Center Vs. Decentralized
- Client support- Amenities to allow clients to be supported in their needs
- Security- Allow mobility of clients while restricting their access to practice areas
- Flexibility- Meeting rooms, adjustable room sizes and functionality
- Practice suites- Adaptable workrooms adjacent to attorneys tailored to the practice area's needs
- Library- Evolution of the library from a reference center for lawyers to a research area with professional librarians
- Litigation centers- Usually located off typical floors, even in another building to house large documents, contract attorneys and space for coding and imaging
- Support departments- Central Vs. Disbursed
- Off- site facilities- Firm wide support groups for multi-location firms

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Very Interesting...

Attached is a link to an article from the April/May 2005 issue of Law Practice. The article "Strategic Space Planning 10 Steps to Make Your Real Estate Strategies Support Your Business Plan" is written by Chris Murray the presenter of the September 13 LIC webinar "Trends in Law Firm Space Planning and Design" and the LIC Industry Day presentation "Swimming with the Sharks" at World Workplace on Sunday, October 8.

Please click [here](#) to access this article.

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OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

A LIC member will be featured every month in the newsletter.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – ORLANDO GONZALES

Orlando is one of the newest members of the Council, having joined just last month. Originally from San Antonio, he worked there at the firm of Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP and about a year and a half ago was transferred to The Loeffler Group, the government affairs branch of the firm, in Washington, DC. Orlando has been in office services and is currently the Director of Office Services at The Loeffler Group.

What is one work related achievement of which you are particularly proud?

I enjoy taking on new challenges in order to become a greater asset to my firm. With this in mind, I have taken on more responsibilities that will help me advance into the position of Facilities Manager. My goal in the immediate future is to prepare for the IFMA CFM exam.

What is one aspect of your personal life that you'd like people to know about?

My wife and I recently celebrated our 21st anniversary. We have enjoyed our move to DC and all the wonderful things the city has to offer.



THE COMEDY CORNER

Can you top this? Please submit amusing, strange or outrageous Facilities Management stories to debaker@stoel.com, cfischer@cgsh.com, and english@cgsh.com.

Make Way for Ducklings – Contributed by Pennye Perez, Secretarial Manager at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

In late May, Ann Doty our Assistant Library Manager here at Cleary Gottlieb, discovered a clutch of duck eggs in the planter on the 9th floor terrace outside the library. Annie observed Mrs. Mallard coming and going while Evil Crow lurked nearby hoping for a free lunch. This ruffled Avian Annie's feathers. She flew into action doing what she does best—research! She located and contacted the Marlin Perkins of Gaithersburg, the Duck Lady from Second Chance Wildlife Center. Duck Lady advised her that she could do nothing for us until the eggs hatched. Eggsactly! Duck eggs have no equal protection under the law.

Over the ensuing two weeks, Avian Annie kept her vigilant watch—even coming in on weekends to check for hatchings. She enlisted three of our burly building engineers to be on standby. They were



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eagerly awaiting an opportunity to “cut some plywood” to help cordon off the critters once they pecked through their shells.

Everything was just ducky until some time between Monday evening and Tuesday morning when six little ducklings emerged from their shells. Avian Annie once again flew into action keeping Evil Crow at bay while pleading for Duck Lady to run—not waddle—to the rescue. John Magney, our fearless Managing Partner and very own Denny Crane, opined we should use a scarecrow to give Annie a break. In the meantime, Evil Crow kept his vigil while Mrs. Mallard swooped, hissed, and assumed a defensive posture. This worked very well when she put her mind to it, but the trouble was she was easily distracted and took long breaks, probably for a snack or a smoke. Annie, doing double duty as librarian and protector, would then have to take over warding off Evil Crow. Mrs. Mockingbird, helping with overflow, tried to assist in protecting the hatchlings. (Where is Mr. Mallard when you need him?) One of the little ducklings, “Jumpy,” looked ready to lurch off the balcony at any moment.

Times were tense until Tuesday afternoon when Duck Lady came to the rescue. Duck Lady captured the ducklings, and Daniel Williams captured the attached photos. Duck Lady judged Mrs. Mallard, who was nowhere in sight during this whole ordeal, an unfit mother. Duck Lady swept the ducklings off for a stay of six to eight weeks at a rehab center where they will be nurtured and where they will receive therapy for abandonment issues. Once again, birds have a second chance because we care. Oh by the way, there are still two un-hatched eggs left if anyone wants an omelet.

