

SHANNON B. JONES LAW GROUP

January 2010

A quick note to keep you current regarding events in our office, law and issues...

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Thank you to everyone who participated in our food drive before the Thanksgiving holiday. Together, we raised 320 pounds of food on behalf of the Food Bank of Contra Costa.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our drive for the Bay Area Crisis Center. There were generous donations and we were able to collect multiple barrels of toys and other needed items for the Center.

Shannon B. Jones Law Group is pleased to welcome Vern Hansen as a consultant to our office. Mr. Hansen has been a licensed real estate broker for over thirty-five (35) years and served as the Risk Manager to Pacific Union for nine (9) years. Mr. Hansen will be consulting with our office and providing assistance to clients.

The Law Group wishes to welcome Marie Coufal, our new Controller. She can be reached at (925) 837-5577 x 313 or by email at mc@sbj-law.com.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Shannon B. Jones will be providing a Risk Management Seminar for the Contra Costa Association of Realtors entitled Current Issues Affecting Real Estate Agents. The Seminar will take place at Shadelands Civic Arts Center located at 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, California. All clients are welcome to attend.

Shannon B. Jones will be speaking on the topic of current issues affecting real estate professionals at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at Knudsens Creamery, 3323 Castro Valley Boulevard in Castro Valley. All clients are welcome to attend.

Shannon B. Jones will be providing the Legal Updates for the February 2010 CAR Meetings to the Legal Affairs Forum.

Shannon B. Jones Law Group is on Facebook. Check us out for updates on seminars, information about our office and more!

LEGAL UPDATES – Our website was recently updated to include the following:

- An article wherein an appellate court holds that a contractual arbitration award should be vacated where material evidence substantially prejudicing a party was excluded.

- An article regarding demystifying agency disclosures.
- Question and Answer regarding short sales.
- An article wherein the Third Appellate District of California affirmed the dismissal of an institutional lender and held that the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (“HOEPA”), which imposes enhanced disclosure requirements for “high fee” loans.

A complete discussion of these matters can be found on our website, www.calrealestatelaw.com, under Legal Updates.

HOLIDAYS – Our office will be closed for the New Year Holiday on January 1, 2010.

Shannon B. Jones will be out of the office through January 11, 2010. In her absence, please contact the main number at (925) 837-2317.