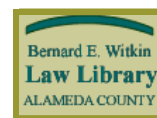


**The Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library  
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Proudly Announce the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

**BERNARD E. WITKIN MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM  
California's Civil Justice Crisis**

**Speaker:** James Brosnahan, Senior Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP  
Chair of the November 30, 2011 Hearings on California's Civil Justice Crisis



Mr. Brosnahan will discuss the nature and extent of California's civil justice crisis, the efforts to address that crisis and the responsibility of lawyers to work towards a solution.

*"Where should our focus be on the question of the unrepresented? . . . [P]rimarily, fundamentally and importantly our focus needs to be on the unrepresented who wander the halls trying to establish their rights concerning their relations to their children, the existence of spousal and child abuse, their housing and matters of credit, among others"* from the testimony of James J. Brosnahan at the November 30, 2011 Hearings on California's Civil Justice Crisis.

**About the Speaker:**

James J. Brosnahan is one of the most respected and recognized trial lawyers in the United States. Mr. Brosnahan has 50 years of expertise in both civil and criminal trial work. He has tried more than 140 cases to verdict, including many high-profile cases.

Mr. Brosnahan is active in professional activities and is a past president of the Bar Association of San Francisco, whose Volunteer Lawyers Service Program he founded. He has received numerous awards and recognition throughout his distinguished career: inducted into the State Bar of California's "Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame" in 1996; awarded the Samuel E. Gates Award by the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2000; named "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the American Board of Trial Advocates; the San Francisco Lawyers' Club "Legend of the Law" award in 2002; named one of America's most influential trial lawyers by the *National Law Journal* in 2006; received the American Inns of Court Lewis F. Powell Award for Professionalism and Ethics in 2007; *The Best Lawyers in America* 2012 (for the past 27 years); and the top 10 in *Northern California Super Lawyers* since its launch in 2004.

**About the Institute:**

The Witkin Legal Institute is named for Bernard E. Witkin, California's preeminent legal scholar. It was established by Bancroft-Whitney (now part of Thomson Reuters Westlaw) and the Witkin Estate in 1996. It is comprised of a highly-qualified staff of research attorneys and editors who write and revise the Witkin treatises. The Institute continues Bernard E. Witkin's legacy of public service to the bench and bar by sponsoring continuing education programs for lawyers, judges, and law students statewide. Information about the Institute and its programs is available at [www.witkin.com](http://www.witkin.com).

**Tuesday May 15, 2012**

Registration & Lunch: 11:30 A.M. – Noon (Lunch Provided) Program: Noon – 1:00 PM

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Hayward-Union City Room  
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