

Roster of Charter Members in 1888

The Los Angeles Bar association, with fifty charter members, was organized in the rooms of the old law library in the Stephens block, near Temple street, in 1888, seventeen years ago.

Charter Members

- Albert M. Stephens, Jr. W. O'Melveny, W. P. Fitzgerald, J. Broussard, Lucien Shaw, J. S. Chapman, Geo. S. Patton, J. W. Hendrick, George H. Smith, J. H. F. Varie, F. H. Howard, Wm. P. Wade, Samuel Minor, Wm. Van Dyke, Wm. D. Stephens, N. P. Conroy, Richard Dunnington, W. H. Clark, M. E. Harrison, J. W. Swanwick, Frank Finlayson, Alex. Campbell, James R. Finlayson, Percy R. Wilson, R. F. Del Valle, M. J. Wickes, J. H. Hays, H. A. Barclay, G. Wiley Wells, Robert N. Bulla, Walter Van Dyke, John D. Bicknell, A. Brunson, Chas. L. Batcherell, Max Lowenthal, Edwin Baxter, J. P. White, J. M. Dameron, J. R. Scott, J. A. Graves

The first officers were:

- President, Albert M. Stephens; senior vice-president, John D. Bicknell; junior vice-president, Anson Brunson; treasurer, Robt. N. Bulla; recording secretary, James A. Anderson, Jr.; corresponding secretary, J. W. Swanwick; trustees, Walter M. Van Dyke, H. T. Lee, Geo. H. Smith, John S. Chapman, Stev. M. White.

The association was established to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law, to increase its usefulness in promoting the due administration of justice and to cultivate social intercourse among the members.

Present Officers

- James A. Gibson, president; John D. Pope, senior vice-president; Thos. L. Winder, junior vice-president; T. W. Robinson, treasurer. Trustees, J. H. Shankland, Russ Avery, J. Wiseman MacDonald, E. W. Freeman, Jesse F. Waterman. Committee on admission: M. T. Allen, E. C. Bailey, Walter Bordwell, Joseph Scott, H. A. Barclay, F. W. Burnett, Carroll Allen. Grievance committee: Sheldon Borden, Frank G. Finlayson, Edw. F. Wehrle, Walter Haas, E. C. Bailey.

Supreme Court of California

- Chief Justice, W. H. Beatty; associate justices, department one, Walter H. Van Dyke, Lucien Shaw, F. M. Angellotti; department two, T. B. McFarland, F. W. Henshaw, W. G. Lorrigan. Attorney general, Ulysses S. Webb. Superior Court of Los Angeles County: Department one—Benj. N. Smith, Judge; Henry E. Sherer, clerk. Department two—Curtis D. Wilbur, Judge; Wm. L. Warren, clerk. Department three—Waldo M. York, Judge; A. W. Francisco, clerk. Department four—Dummar K. Trask, Judge; J. H. Wright, clerk. Department five—Nathaniel P. Conroy, Judge; H. B. Blakely, clerk. Department six—Charles Monroe, Judge; H. W. Meserve, clerk. Department seven—Wm. P. James, Judge; A. J. Wheeler, clerk. Department eight—G. A. Gibbs, Judge; Samuel Kutz, clerk. Department nine—Walter Bordwell, Judge; O. L. Livesey, clerk. Court commissioner—Henry S. Rollins.

The Federal Courts

- U. S. circuit court—W. M. Morrow, Wm. B. Gilbert and Erskine M. Ross, judges; William Van Dyke, clerk. U. S. district court—Olin Wellborn, Judge; Edward H. Owen, clerk; attorney, L. H. Valentine; assistant, George L. McKeeby; marshal, Henry Z. Osborne. U. S. commissioners—Wm. H. Van Dyke, Edward H. Owen and Charles N. Williams.

County Officers

- County clerk and ex-officio clerk of the superior court—Charles G. Keyes. Recorder—Calvin Hartwell. Auditor—Herbert G. Dow. Treasurer—Mark G. Jones. Assessor—Ben E. Ward. Sheriff—William A. White. District attorney—John D. Fredericks. Surveyor—Leo V. Youngworth. Coroner—John H. Trout. Tax and license collector—William O. Welch. Public administrator—Donne C. McGarvin.

Superintendent of schools—Mark Keppel.

GENERAL JOHNSTONE JONES

The lawyers of Los Angeles form a most representative body of men, both as public men and private citizens. As a rule they represent the highest degree of learning, professional ability, and it may be observed, they have gifts differing one from another which gives to the fraternity versatility of genius and greater usefulness in practice. Hence in making special mention of General Johnstone Jones of this city it is pertinent to state that while an attorney versatile abilities in general practice he is especially distinguished as an effective and successful criminal lawyer, who has made a leading specialty of corporation law. Owing to this predominant faculty, he has acquired by practice, and in great part due to his genius, General Jones served as district attorney at San Diego, Cal., from 1881 to 1884, and in Los Angeles eleven years ago he engaged in the general practice of the law until 1890, when he was called to the bar as attorney in connection with criminal practice, he was again called to public service and was assistant district attorney in 1891. His services have been rendered in the law. He is a gentleman of fine attainments and of personal popularity among the profession, and is usually successful in the prosecution of crime or defense. General Jones is especially esteemed as an influential, progressive, public spirited citizen.

BARSTOW & VARIEL

The firm of Barstow & Variel, with offices 303-304 Tajo building, constitute one of the strongest legal firms in the South of California. The partnership between the two was formed about two years ago, and has since that time been a combination of legal talent, executive ability and reliability as is to be found in any firm in this city. Mr. H. M. Barstow is a native of New York, and has practiced law in California for more than twenty years, residing for sixteen years in the city of San Diego, and for a time he was district attorney, and for many years well and favorably known. Since first coming to Los Angeles, the reputation of the Southern lawyer, and country, he has won to the front rank among the many strong and brilliant men who make up the legal fraternity. Mr. Variel is a younger brother of Hon. R. H. F. Varie, who for many years was a leader at this bar, and who at the time of his death was in partnership with his brother and Mr. Barstow. The two last named, upon the death of Mr. F. Varie, assumed the care of the large and valuable interests of which he had long had charge, and have closed the same up with the highest credit. Mr. Variel is a native of New York, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

R. L. HORTON

No city can claim a higher degree of learning and professional ability among its lawyers than Los Angeles. These gentlemen, attracted by the many delights of living in this section of the country, as well as its superior business advantages, come from the universities and colleges of all parts of the world, and begin their respective careers or continue their practice here. Prominent among the attorneys who have been well established in this city is Mr. R. L. Horton, who was admitted to the bar in this city in 1882, and has since that time been a notable attorney of Southern California. Mr. Horton is a gentleman of culture and refinement, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

ELMER E. GARDNER

Prominent among the professional men of this city is Elmer E. Gardner, who has been well known in Los Angeles and other parts of California for years. Mr. Gardner is a graduate of the University of Michigan, with the degree of law, and he is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

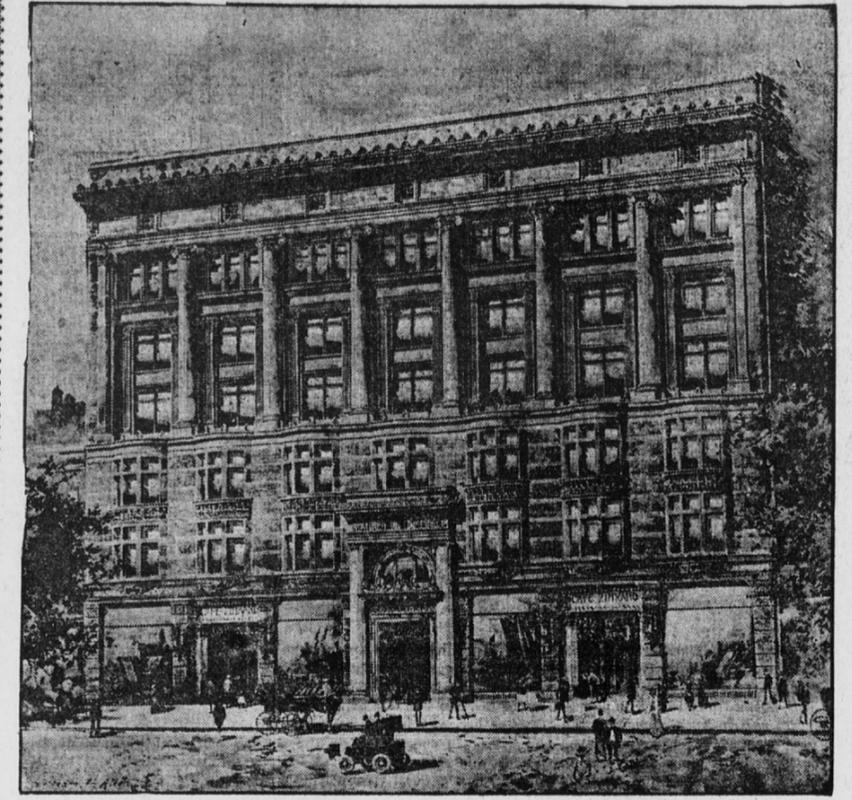
HENRY C. DILLON

The local bar of Los Angeles has no more worthy representative than Henry C. Dillon. A member of the California bar, and a citizen of this city, he is one of its strongest members, and the city at large counts him as one of its most prominent attorneys. Mr. Dillon has for seventeen years been actively engaged in the practice of law, and has made a record of which any man might well be proud. Yet, with the inherent modesty of a well balanced mind he quietly pursues his work and rejoices

H. C. Dillon

In the success of his friends more than in his own. He is a graduate of Racine college, Wisconsin, graduating from that institution as "head of the college" in 1872, and soon after removing to Denver, Colorado, where he practiced law until he removed to Los Angeles in 1888. His industry and talent brought him rapidly to the front, and he has since that time been one of the most prominent attorneys in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

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with great honor and credit.

This well known attorney has his offices in the Currier building, suite 415, and conducts a general law practice, giving a great deal of time to the prosecution of crime and the management of cases for mining and other corporations, and in the administration of estates. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

E. E. SELPH

A man of dignified and attractive personality, distinguished for his intellectual force and for his general versatility, E. E. Selph may be ranked among the foremost professional men of the city. Mr. Selph is not a graduate of any of our universities, but he has made a complete and exhaustive study of all branches of law. He established an office in the city in 1882, and has since that time been a successful both as a pleader and as an advisory counsel. His specialty is corporate law, and he has been successful in many of his cases. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

DANIEL M. HAMMACK

Although Mr. Hammack has only recently been admitted to the bar, he has been a resident of the state for more than fifteen years, having come here from San Diego, where he had already built up an excellent reputation. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

HUNSAKER & BRITT

The membership of the Los Angeles county bar embraces a number of gentlemen who have won distinction and honors in public life, and among these some of the strongest and most influential. Notable among the partnership associations of this city is the firm of Messrs. William H. Hunsaker and John H. Britt. These gentlemen are widely known and distinguished for their respective abilities. Mr. Hunsaker was admitted to practice by the supreme court of California in 1882, and has since that time been a prominent attorney in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

GRANT R. BENNETT

An important and powerful element in the membership of the Los Angeles county bar is that of Grant R. Bennett. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he has been practicing law in Los Angeles for many years. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

Princeton college. He teaches equity in the University of Southern California Law school.

He was for many years a prominent lawyer in the eastern states, and was formerly resident of New York. As a special distinction he was a captain in the Cuban war and served in the United States army. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

ERNEST P. WELLMAN

Among other commendable things for which the bar of this city is noted is the number of lawyers of ability here who have removed to Los Angeles from other states. In this list we note the name of Ernest P. Wellman, who is a native of the state of Kansas, and also a graduate of the law department of the university of that state in the class of 1894. After removing to this state he took a post graduate course in the law department at the University of California. He opened his office here some three years since, and from the first has shown himself to be a man of exceptional ability. He is especially esteemed as a reliable and able legal adviser, and has already built up a substantial and growing office business in civil cases, serving as a notary public in connection therewith. Indeed, Mr. Wellman gives most of his attention to common law and probate work. His office and law library are located in room 207 Tajo building.

WILL D. GOULD

The standing and ability of the bar of Los Angeles as compared with that of any city in California, or in the country for that matter, is a subject of just pride among our citizens. Not only is a body of the people proud of the legal fraternity here but of its members. Among these is Mr. Will D. Gould, a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

A. P. THOMPSON

The legal fraternity of Los Angeles, as elsewhere, contains a group of its ranks many young men of varying degrees of talent. Mr. Thompson established his office in Los Angeles in 1882, and has since that time been a successful both as a pleader and as an advisory counsel. His specialty is corporate law, and he has been successful in many of his cases. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

GEORGE S. HUPP

Among those who have risen to prominence in this city through the practice of law, George S. Hupp is a conspicuous example. Though still young in years, Mr. Hupp has that rare quality of intellect which is usually possessed by the man ripe for growth and of wider experience. About eleven years ago he established himself in the city of Los Angeles, and has since that time been a successful both as a pleader and as an advisory counsel. His specialty is corporate law, and he has been successful in many of his cases. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

WILLIAM MATTOON

Southern California is a most attractive field for men of all the professions, and no calling is more numerous represented in this section than that of the law. A large proportion of the membership of the local bar is constituted by men of education and notable ability. Such is the worthy personality of Mr. William Mattoon, one of the ablest lawyers at the bar of Los Angeles. Mr. Mattoon is a graduate of the Western Union college at Fulton City, Illinois, in the class of '71, and after many years of successful practice in that state, went to Minneapolis and was a member of the Minnesota state legislature in 1872, coming to Los Angeles eleven years ago, where he decided to make his home. Mr. Mattoon is a gentleman of culture, talent and experience in the law. He pursues the general practice, and is well known in the city.

In all the courts, but makes a specialty of war claim business, and is now preparing a book of forms that will enable claimants to prosecute their claims without an attorney, and a special list of widows and all pensioners. His office and law library are at 1 and 2, 125 Temple street, law building, opposite the residence of the United States court, Bunker Hill avenue, and has a large and influential clientele. Mr. Mattoon is a veteran of the Civil War, having fought in twenty battles and during which he was wounded thirteen times. He carries five rebel bullets in his body. He served in "F" 39 Illinois Infantry and also in "B" 6 Illinois cavalry.

M. M. MEYERS

The state of Illinois has sent many of her ablest sons to the west, and it is not of disparagement to other states to say that a very large share of the intellectually strong representatives of the business, professional and educational life of the west have been translated from that particular state. Among others we may speak of Mr. M. M. Meyers, who is a native of Illinois, and who was admitted to the bar of that state in 1880 before the supreme court and practiced for a number of years in that state, regarded as a lawyer of more than ordinary talent. He has his office in the law building, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

WILL A. MARTIN

The Los Angeles county bar is in large part composed of talented lawyers of the younger class, who have entered into practice in comparatively recent years, and the education for the most part represent the most celebrated colleges and universities in the United States. Prominent among the class of attorneys referred to is Mr. Will A. Martin, who has been for nearly seven years engaged in the practice of law and is well on the road to a brilliant career. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

EDWARD L. PAYNE

Five years' successful practice at the bar of California has given to Edward L. Payne, a well known attorney at law, the prestige which makes him now one of the leaders of the local bar of Los Angeles, and the many and varied interests entrusted to his care speak eloquently of the high esteem in which he is held by the profession. Mr. Payne is a native of the state of Illinois, and was admitted to the bar of that state in 1882. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

J. B. M'LAUGHLIN

It is an acknowledged fact by those who are cognizant of the ability of the lawyers, that the bench and bar of Los Angeles have but few peers and no superiors in any city of equal size and importance in the Union. Prominent among those who fill an important place in the legal profession here are the men who have made reputations as able and successful practitioners in other states before casting their lots here. To this latter class belongs Mr. J. B. McLaughlin, who was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Ohio in 1882, and settled here about seven years ago. He is thoroughly versed in all the departments of the law and is prepared to do a general practice in all the courts, but makes a specialty of the mechanics lien law, and has a large number of clients among the leading business men of the city and state, and names among his personal references Mr. J. B. McLaughlin, who is a native of the state of Illinois, and was admitted to the bar of that state in 1882. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

HAAS & GARRETT

The Los Angeles bar is largely composed of brilliant and educated lawyers of the younger class, who have within the last few years entered the profession. Among these is the firm of Messrs. Haas & Garrett, with offices in rooms 311-313 Potomac building, the partnership having existed for the last four years. They conduct a general law practice and are building up a fine reputation for general excellence in all branches of the law, and are assisted by four clerks. Mr. Walter F. Haas is not a graduate of any law school, but has an ample education along general law, and is a gentleman of fine attainments. Mr. Frank Garrett, the other member of the firm, was a graduate of the University of Michigan, class 1886. He, too, is a scholarly and able lawyer and one of the most promising of the younger set. Mr. Haas was elected to the position of city attorney, holding this office for two years to the entire satisfaction of the people. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

ELIZABETH L. KENNEY

A woman legal practitioner always occupies a unique position, both at the bar and the community. This need not be so, however, because there is no vocation open to women which she is better qualified to fill, nor one better adapted to the genius of the woman. Mrs. Kenney possesses a keen sense of justice and is especially clever in grasping the meanings of the law with all its nice points of distinction. She has been fully demonstrated since the days of fair Portia, Shakespeare's finest woman character. Mrs. Kenney has been established in her own practice here for more than seven years, and by her tact, her high order of legal talent, her perseverance and her thorough knowledge of all the departments of the law she has built up a large and influential practice. She is a graduate of the Northwestern university of Chicago, class 1887. She is a refined, cultured and womanly woman and possesses all the traits of character and personality which are admirable in her sex. Her office is in suite 316 Bullard block, where she conducts a general practice making a specialty of probate law.

EDWARD L. HUTCHISON

One of the ablest members of the California bar who enjoys an enviable reputation as a lawyer of exceptional ability is Mr. Edward L. Hutchison. He was admitted to the bar of this state in 1882, and has since that time been a successful both as a pleader and as an advisory counsel. His specialty is corporate law, and he has been successful in many of his cases. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

JOHN VON BRETON, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN

With an experience of twenty-two years in handling diamonds, watches, jewelry, and optical goods, John von Breton is entitled to be counted among the best authorities in jewelry matters. He conducts a well-ordered establishment at 86 South Broadway, where he is doing a profitable business. For twenty years Mr. von Breton has been in the jewelry business, and has never failed to trust their beautiful gems to less skillful hands. His assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's watches is very complete and extremely low priced. The Buchanan Transfer Co. operates all the time four large wagons well equipped for moving any sort of furniture, pianos and other household goods. They attend to all the details of storing, packing and shipping where it is desired. Mr. J. M. Buchanan is the manager of the business, during the past year he has been in the city, and has been thoroughly demonstrated the office of his every requirement. The office of the Buchanan Transfer Co. is located at 830 1/2 South Broadway, between Broadway and Home streets. It is an enterprise in progress.

Judges and Attorneys of Great Ability

His efforts being rewarded later by a large majority. He speaks French fluently and is also familiar with Spanish, Italian, Latin and Greek. It was while he was a teacher in the public schools of this city that Mr. Hutchison took up the study of law, and he has since that time been a successful both as a pleader and as an advisory counsel. His specialty is corporate law, and he has been successful in many of his cases. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

FRANK C. COLLIER

The great universities and colleges of the east are re-enforcing the ranks of the legal fraternity and more cultured products, and thus the bar of Los Angeles county is growing in its membership by the addition of the education for the most part represent the most celebrated colleges and universities in the United States. Prominent among the class of attorneys referred to is Mr. Frank C. Collier, who graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in 1881, and has since that time been a successful both as a pleader and as an advisory counsel. His specialty is corporate law, and he has been successful in many of his cases. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

M. W. CONKLING

Among the many lawyers in Los Angeles who are well known in the city is Mr. M. W. Conkling, with an office at 425 Bryson street. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

JAMES R. TOWNSEND

Los Angeles ranks high in the number of valuable inventions produced and patented. As illustrative of the great activity of the creative mind in Southern California it is noteworthy that Los Angeles city contains a number of men of business and special talents as having been engaged in this line in Los Angeles for a greater length of time than any of the others. Mr. James R. Townsend is one of these. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and is well known in the city.

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