



## ECG Law Clerks Prevail over the California Bar Exam!

By Jeffrey Lewis

ECG is proud to announce the admission of its law clerks to the California Bar. New associates Emily Frank and Geoffrey Lee received the happy news on November 19, 2004 after three long months of anticipation.

The California bar exam is universally regarded as the most difficult exam among the fifty states. Last summer, a total of 8,062 applicants took the test and 3,887, or 48.2 percent, passed, the lowest rate for the summer examination in at least 18 years. The rate is down from last year's 49.4 percent, which was down from 50.5 percent the year before. But when the bar exam gets tough – ECG's law clerks just get tougher.

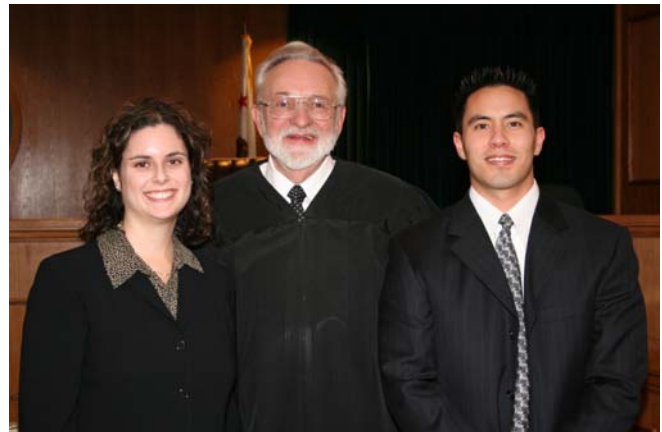
Ms. Frank and Mr. Lee were classmates at the University of California, Davis Law School, which has maintained one of the highest first-time bar passage rates among law schools in California. "Davis is a top law school but is still underrated because of its location and size. I think students there develop an uncanny competitive spirit, which shows in our work and even in the bar results," Mr. Lee comments.

Ms. Frank is excited to join her colleagues at Enterprise Counsel Group as an attorney. She looks forward to working on matters ranging from business to health care at the firm. She anticipates combining her skills in legal research and writing with her

interest in working directly with clients to meet their legal needs.

With a transferable score on the California exam, Mr. Lee intends to seek admission into the Nevada and Washington, D.C. bar. Mr. Lee also plans to obtain a California broker's license to better serve clients in real estate matters.

On December 3, 2004, family and friends gathered for a special swearing in ceremony at the California Court of Appeal in Santa Ana. The Honorable Justice William F. Rylaarsdam administered the attorney's oath, ushering our new associates into what should be productive and rewarding careers.



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