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THE ADAMS FAMILY

By John Patrick Quigley

We're referring to an extraordinary colonial family that was instrumental in early American History. This was suggested by ABA's topic for this year's Law Day on May 1st.

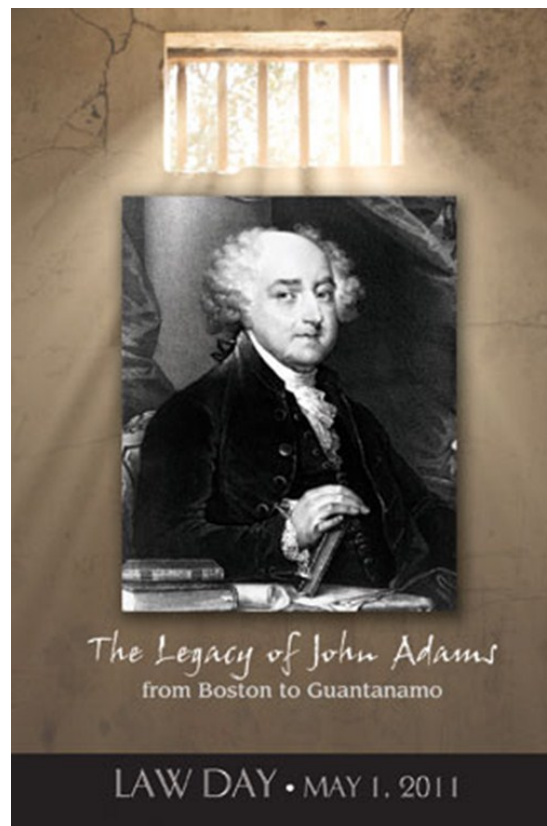
John Adams, Second President of the United States

In 1770, John Adams defended British soldiers against charges of murder, for killing protesting colonists in what came to be known as the "Boston Massacre." The ABA used this as a prime example of a lawyer's duty to aid defendants, even though they be unpopular and supporting a king who ruled against Adams's convictions. He argued that the soldiers acted in self-defense, against an unruly mob. All were found innocent, except for two soldiers who had fired their guns. They were found guilty of manslaughter and had their thumbs branded.

John Adams, our two volume biography on Floor A, E322.S64 (1962), includes extensive information on relations with Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Washington and others.

John Quincy Adams, Sixth President of the United States

Like his father, John Q. had been trained as a lawyer, but he was more



successful as a diplomat. He started at age 14 as a secretary to a diplomat in Russia, and learned five languages. He declined appointment to the Supreme Court, claiming to be "...too much of a political partisan to be a judge." He brilliantly argued the famous Amistad Case before the Court in 1841 (40 U.S. 518, Floor A KF101.A2U5). This was a cause that he strongly believed in, and his argument resulted in the freeing of Africans who had revolted aboard the Amistad slave ship.

Biographies of John Quincy Adams and his father, John Adams, are in America's Lawyer-Presidents, in our Library on Floor 4, KF353.A46 2004.

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The Adams Family
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Samuel Adams, Second Cousin and fellow revolutionary of John Adams

Samuel Adams may be unknown to Americans today, except as namesake for a popular beer. In fact, Samuel had inherited a brewery, but drove it into insolvency, and also lost a thousand pounds in business. Like John, he studied law, but quit the bar. He studied theology, then quit the ministry. But he supplemented John's wisdom with action and added zeal to John's philosophy. Together, they participated in the Continental Congress and signed the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson referred to him as the "Patriarch of liberty."

See "... This Brace of Adams's – John and Samuel Adams . . .," pp. 146 – 154, in '76 The World Turned Upside Down, in our Library on Floor A, E208.M79 (1975).

Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams and mother of John Quincy Adams

Abigail morally supported the careers of her husband and son, and also managed the family farm during her husband's long absences in Europe. "You are so valorous and noble a farmer that I feel little anxious about agriculture," he once wrote. We know of Abigail chiefly through her correspondence with her husband and others.

Her letters reveal a highly intelligent and strong-willed wife who once wrote: "[N]otwithstanding all your wise Laws and Maxims, we have it within our power not only to free ourselves, but to subdue our Masters, and without violence throw your natural and legal authority at our feet."

For detailed notes on Abigail Adams, see the index in John Adams, cited above.



ask a
librarian

How can I get a copy of my divorce record?

California birth, death, marriage and divorce records are maintained by the California Department of Public Health Vital Records.

www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/Pages/default.aspx

Looking at the Web



Visit the Library's current Book Display on **Marketing Your Law Firm**. There are informative handouts as well as a bibliography of books available in the Library. Here are some websites with information on marketing you might like to visit:

American Bar Association Career Center:

www2.americanbar.org/careercenter/pages/firm.aspx

California State Bar Law Office Management:

www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/LawOfficeManagement.aspx

Orange County Bar Association Sections –

Solo Practitioner/Small Firm: www.ocbar.org/Sections.aspx



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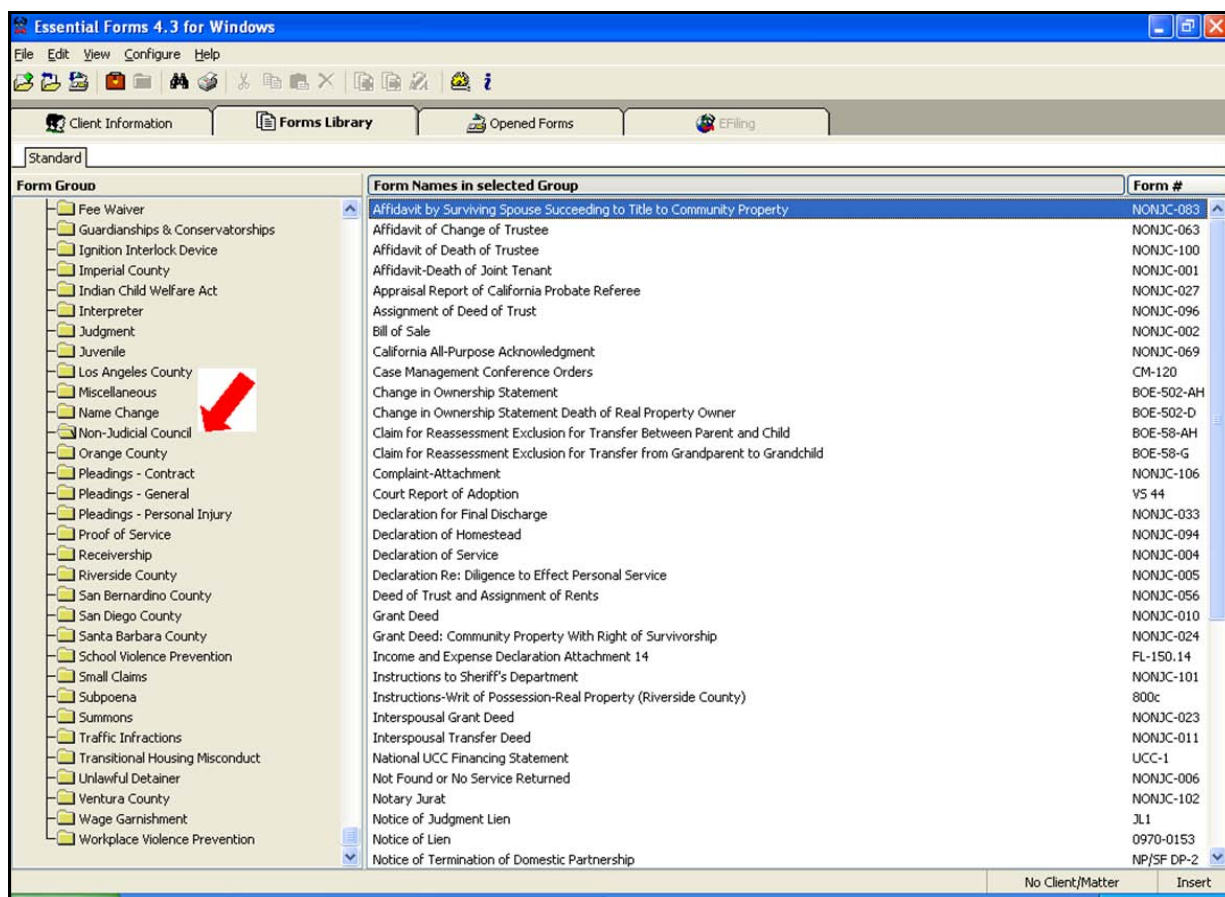
by Molly Solazzo



Available on the Library's Public Computer Terminals, "Martin Dean's Essential Forms" is a database of fillable, PDF, Court and other common legal forms. The database has an easy to use interface of expanding folders arranged by "Form Group" (topic). If you are unsure of which Form Group contains the form you need, Essential Forms contains a Form finder feature. To use it, click on the Forms Library tab. Click the "Find a Form" button on the toolbar or click "File" and then "Find". The Form Finder screen should load.

Containing official Judicial Council forms, the **database also includes Local Court forms from Southern California Counties**: Orange, Imperial, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura.

Many other common forms, such as real property forms, are included in the database and can be found in the "Non-Judicial Council" folder. 





Researching in the Library's vast microfiche/film collections is now easier than ever!

The Library has a new, state-of-the art "Viewscan" computer system. The system uses a Windows desktop application which allows easy searching, and the convenience of viewing digital images on a PC screen before output to print or to flash drive.

The Microforms Room and the new system are available for your use on Floor "A" .

Exciting Changes in Circulation

by Patti Walter

Our Law Library staff and management are always searching for new ways to improve customer service; with that in mind we have initiated some customer friendly circulation changes. The library now accepts Visa and Master Card credit/debit cards as well as American Express & Discover cards for most library financial transactions.

Circulating items can now be checked out for three weeks. Also, a New Book Return has been installed in our west parking lot which is located near the entrance at Sixth and Flower Streets. All of our staff wishes to thank everyone for their patronage of the library throughout the years.

Ongoing Workshops at the Law Library

Clean Up Your Criminal Record

May 10, 24

June 14, 28

July 12, 26

at 2 pm.

You must check-in at 2 pm to be admitted and you must bring your California criminal record(s) from the Court(s) in which convicted, OR, your California Dept. of Justice Rap Sheet; and if necessary your own interpreter.

How to Answer an Unlawful Detainer

Every Thursday at 9 am.

You must check-in at 9 am to be admitted, and you must bring a copy of your Summons & copy of the Complaint, and if necessary your own interpreter, envelopes, stamps.

The Library will be Closed:

Monday May 30, 2011

and

Monday July 4, 2011.

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Monday-Thursday	8 am - 8 pm
Friday	8 am - 5 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

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