

Note from the Chief Legislation Editor

The University of the Pacific Law Review's (UPLR) annual Greensheets edition, known formally as the Review of Selected California Legislation, is an academic tradition that dates back to UPLR Volume 1. Indeed, authoring the Introduction to UPLR's first volume (then known as the Pacific Law Journal), Earl Warren, then Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and former Governor of California, captured the enduring vision that still guides our work today, saying in part:

Without detailed information on the legislative history of a given bill, the courts, of necessity, are left to their own resources to determine the rationale underlying a particular statute. It is such information, together with a critical analysis of newly enacted legislation, which the Pacific Law Journal intends to provide. For that reason, I believe it to be a welcome addition to the field of jurisprudence, and I extend to the staff of the Journal my best wishes for a successful endeavor.

Consistent with that charge, the purpose of Greensheets remains to provide timely and accurate analysis of recent legislation to the capital community. To that end, UPLR launched a podcast this year as an audible companion to the printed issue of Greensheets. The podcast is titled "In Session" and can be found on iTunes. In each episode I sit down with a staff writer to discuss the ins and outs of the bills they each wrote about. While our focus will always be on written analysis, I hope the launch of *In Session* will serve as a foundation for future generations of staff writers to continue to pursue the goals of Greensheets and further the vision of Justice Warren through new formats and mediums.

In this edition, Greensheets authors review a wide range of bills. Some of the articles reviewed legislation addressing issues that garnered significant media attention, like completely overhauling California's bail system, and protecting bank customers from big-bank fraud. Others addressed state and local law enforcement agency interaction relating to conflicting state and federal law, one prohibiting local law enforcement agencies from cooperating with federal authorities on immigration, and another prohibiting the same with respect to marijuana. Others address product labeling regulations for both cleaning products and food. Many other interesting and important matters are addressed, including extending ban-the-box-laws to private employers and criminalizing bestiality in Nevada.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the staff writers for their relentless diligence and consistent effort, the Primary Editors for their scrupulous attention to detail as they meticulously reviewed seemingly countless drafts of the articles, and the UPLR Board of Editors of Volume 49 for their continuous support.

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