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A Monday Miscellany

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San Diego Securities Law Conference

Apparently, the Business/Corporate Law Section of the [San Diego County Bar Association](#) does not suffer from triskaidekaphobia, friggatriskaidekaphobia, or even paraskevidekatriaphobia because it has scheduled a very exciting program on Friday, May 13, 2011. This [Program](#) will feature speakers with a wide range of backgrounds, including Commissioner [Byron Georgiou](#) of the [Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission](#). I'll be speaking with [Jim Moloney](#) on the Dodd-Frank Act.

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall" – Good Fences Don't Necessarily Make Good Neighbors

Much of legal analysis is about classification. We all know what a fence is and we all know what a tree is. What we don't know, until now, is whether a row of trees could be a fence. The California Court of Appeal has now answered that question in [Vanderpol v. Starr](#) holding that a row of trees may constitute a fence for purposes of California's "spite fence" statute, Civil Code Section 841.4, which provides in relevant part:

Any fence or other structure in the nature of a fence unnecessarily exceeding 10 feet in height maliciously erected or maintained for the purpose of annoying the owner or occupant of adjoining property is a private nuisance.

Perhaps the parties should read Robert Frost's poem, "[Mending Wall](#)".

What if Moses had Google and Facebook?

Passover starts tomorrow. This fun [video](#) illustrates what might have happened if Google and Facebook had been available to Moses.

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