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COUNTY PUBLIC LAW CELEBRATES “THE LAW & COMICS II”

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego County Public Law Library and the San Diego Public Library will celebrate the second year of its popular *Law and Comics* event on Monday, July 18, 2011 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

This year the theme is **Friend or Foe: The Digital Revolution and Comics**. This FREE interactive panel discussion will feature guest artists and intellectual property attorneys, a raffle drawing, and more. Seating is limited so RSVP early to: 619 531-3900 or http://www.sdcll.org/news_events/law_and_comics/ to ensure your attendance and for complete details.

Guest panelists, attorney Stu Rees, artist Batton Lash, artist-developer Mark Irwin, and moderator George Brewster, will discuss how the digital revolution impacts the art, business, and law of comics. If you're an artist, designer, author, or student our panelists will inform you about legal issues important to you and your craft. Attorneys will gain valuable intellectual property legal knowledge and will earn one (1) hour of participatory MCLE credit.

All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three prizes: 1) the collector's edition book: *Comic-Con, 40 Years of Artists, Writers, Fans and Friends*, produced by Comic-Con and designed and published by Chronicle Books; 2) a Mophie.com Juice Pack Powerstation; 3) a Mophie.com Pulse.



Stu Rees is a local entertainment lawyer who represents mostly visual arts creators, specializing in cartoon syndication contracts. He graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1997 and opened his San Diego based solo practice in 2000. His own cartoons, *Stu's Views*, www.stus.com, have been published in several hundred print and electronic forums throughout the world.



Batton Lash is the creator of the humor/horror series *Supernatural Law* (aka *Wolff & Byrd, Counselors of the Macabre*). He studied cartooning and graphic arts at the School of Visual Arts in New York. Since May 1994, Wolff & Byrd have held court in their own comic book series from Exhibit A Press, which Lash established with his wife, Jackie Estrada. Exhibit A,

www.exhibitapress.com, has published several trade paperback collections of the comic book issues and two collections of the weekly comic strips, as well as

five specials featuring Mavis, W&B's intrepid secretary. Lash's non-W&B work has included writing *Archie Meets The Punisher*, the 1994 crossover between Archie Comics and Marvel Comics; the 2008 "Archie: Freshman Year" miniseries; and the *Radioactive Man* series and stories for Bongo Comics.



Mark Irwin has worked with many of the world's largest entertainment properties, as an artist, art director, brand manager, and in business development. From Marvel to Disney to Capcom to Nickelodeon to Konami, Mark has over twenty years experience in the field contributing to the growth of legendary brands. Along with his leadership on development of IP's, Mark still works with many comic publishers, chiefly Marvel and DC. Mark's creation, 'Jack Secret' www.jack-secret.com, has been percolating in his brain for over 5 years, slowly taking shape and gaining steam. Check out more of

his work at <http://geddlee.deviantart.com/>



Moderator George Brewster is a Senior Deputy County Counsel, County of San Diego, and has been in practice for 28 years (primarily personal injury litigation). He is a local bar historian and writes a legal history column for SD Lawyer magazine. He wrote and drew the cartoon strip, "Cheetum & Howe," published in the SD Daily Transcript for 10 years. He attends Comic-Con almost every year, and is a member of the Southern California Cartoonist Society.

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