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Mid-Winter Civil Law Conference 1963

On January 31 and February 1, 1963, the Mid-Winter Civil Law Conference for the District Attorneys and County Counsels of California was held on the campus of the University of Santa Clara. The Conference was co-sponsored by the District Attorneys' Association, the County Supervisors' Association, the Office of the Attorney General, and the University of Santa Clara School of Law. In attendance were delegates from District Attorney and County Counsel offices throughout California along with representatives of the Attorney General's office and the University of Santa Clara Law School. Under the chairmanship of Spencer M. Williams, County Counsel of Santa Clara County, the Conference Committee presented a series of panel discussions and speakers on topics of current significance to the members of the sponsoring organizations. The Conference also heard a report by Attorney General Stanley Mosk and the Conference dinner speaker was Professor William L. Prosser, Dean Emeritus, of the University of California School of Jurisprudence (Boalt Hall).

The discussion at the Civil Law Conference covered a wide range of subjects and a variety of topics, from the legal aspects of the Cuban crisis to current state legislation affecting county civil attorneys. Because of the importance of these problems and the quality of the discussions emanating from the Conference, the Institute of Contemporary Law and the *Santa Clara Lawyer* arranged to publish a portion of the material presented to the delegates. The following articles offer a representative cross-section of that material and have been edited by the editors and staff of the *Santa Clara Lawyer* from prepared addresses given by some of the Conference speakers and panelists. Author credits are given at the end of each article.