



SMUG NEWSLETTER

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government agencies are reviewing admittances.

Meeting Notice (Errata)

The August meeting will be held at the Homewood Public Library.

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Update - Apple v. Samsung

I have frequently commented about about the incredibly sloppy way Samsung's counsel are trying the case. This morning it was revealed that one of the attorneys for Samsung has not filed a appearance with the court in this matter. An appearance is a formal, written introduction to the judge. Counsels and parties have to file one and the judge does not have to listen to you if you have not filed. Fans of Judge Judy will be aware of this because she frequently says: "Who are you?" She's a bit more informal because it is TV and things are looser in small claims.

In this matter, the flourish is that the counsel in question has not been admitted to practice before the District Court for the Northern District of California. To be admitted in Federal Court an attorney must have passed a state bar exam, have been introduced by three present members of the bar in question, and have paid the fee. There are separate bars for trial and appealate courts.

Since I am only abusing electrons I can carry on:
There are additional admittances for the Patent and Trademark Office and the IRS.

Had she filed an appearance the person typing the document would have asked for her bar numbers (your editor's Illinois Bar number is 6287042, no Federal bar admittance) and that would have caught the problem.

The icing on the cake is that she teaches at the law School at USC (top tier law school). Civil Procedure, no doubt. Kidding aside, she is probably an Intellectual Property attorney. I think it is safe to say that a lot of law schools, law firms, and