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Mary Sansen Announces Her Retirement and Relocation to Italy

In the world of law enforcement families, Rains Lucia Stern is its own family, working hard to ensure that the rights of peace officers are protected. Therefore, it is with some sadness that we announce the retirement of one of our most treasured family members, Mary Sansen. Mary's official retirement date is August 21 and, in honor of her dual citizenship, she and her husband, Ollie Sansen, will become residents of Italy on September 1, 2009.

Mary has spent her entire legal career committed to the protection of peace officer rights. She has been a member of the firm since its inception in 1999, and became a partner in 2007. Mary's intelligence, warmth, and vivaciousness have led to numerous victories for her clients; including overturned terminations and demotions, as well as reduced disciplines. She has also been responsible for policy changes in many agencies that have led to increased protection for our clients.

Mary's commitment to law enforcement is both professional and personal. Mary tamed the infamous ladies' man of the Concord Police Department, Ollie Sansen, nearly 25 years ago and they have been happily married for over two decades. Mary's bonus son, Ollie Sansen, Jr., is a Concord Police officer and Mary's daughter, Jessica Abbott, works in the Warrants division of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. Mary's son, Jason Abbott, is a former member of the U.S. Army, served in the Iraq War, and was awarded the Bronze Star in 2008.

Although her children will remain in the States, Mary and Ollie will move to Italy at the end of August with their horse, dog, and two cats. They plan on getting serious about having fun and will settle in Genoa, the capital of the Italian Riviera. Two hours away from Switzerland, one and a half hours away from France, and minutes away from terrific bottles of wine, Mary and Ollie are going to enjoy their time together in between the countless houseguests that are sure to descend upon them.

Luckily for us, Mary will remain available for consulting; through the miracles of e-mail and Skype, she will no doubt keep herself abreast of all the developments of police officer labor law. In that regard, you may continue to contact her through her current e-mail (MSansen@RLSlawyers.com).

All of us at RLS feel honored to have worked with Mary and will miss her professional contributions and the spirit she brought to the firm. Mary did not want a retirement party and we begrudgingly acquiesced. However, she will no doubt appreciate an e-mail, phone call or note wishing her well and advising her of your travel plans to Italy.

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