



MARGRAVE CELMINS

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The Wave located in Coyote Buttes, AZ



The Wave is a sandstone rock formation located in northern Arizona near the Utah border. The Jurassic age formation is situated on the slopes of the Coyote Buttes, a section of the Paria Canyon-Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness Area, the majority of which is part of Vermillion Cliffs National Monument. The coloration is a result of various iron oxide pigments within the layers. The Wave has a remarkable undulating appearance, sort of like stretched taffy in cinnamon color strata, and is a geological snapshot in time. A dinosaur trackway is found in the area and provides evidence of a variety of dinosaurs. The area was virtually unknown until the 1990s when a German tourist sent his photographs of the spectacular views to a European travel magazine, and the area's renown has only grown over time.

Due to overwhelming demand, Coyote Buttes North/The Wave allows only 20 people in the area each day: ten people through an online lottery and another ten permits are issued via a walk-in lottery. The walk-in lottery occurs the day before the permit is valid, except for November 15th to March 15th when permits for Saturday, Sunday and Monday are all issued on the preceding Friday. It's relatively easy to get permits in December, January and early February, especially through the walk-in process. Coyote Buttes South has a calendar option only. A minimal fee of \$7 per person and a \$5 administrative fee is charged, and you can apply four months in advance, as well as apply for up to three entry dates per application.

These permits are for day use only; no overnight camping is allowed in the area; and tour guides are available. And you will probably need one since the area is not well marked and you do not receive a proper map with coordinates. Someone is quoted as saying, ".... it's more like following clues on a treasure hunt." Since The Wave is located about six hours north-northwest of Phoenix, you would probably want to stay somewhere in or near Page....maybe even a couple of days because of access to Lake Powell and its Rainbow Bridge, the Grand Canyon and Sedona, and in the other direction south-southeast of Page is Antelope Canyon, another hiker's and photographer's delight.

This Months Highlights

1. One of our paralegals has added to her cache. Mallory Rasmussen is now a certified paralegal, which means expanded quality work for you. You can read more about Mallory's achievement below.
2. We have lots of photos for you this month, including some from our annual Christmas luncheon. Unfortunately we forgot to have waitstaff take a group photo this year.
3. Be sure to read Michael Margrave's article on his attendance at the Lawpact Conference in October, as well as enjoy the photos from his trip to Peru.

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Mallory Rasmussen Certified as Paralegal



Mallory Rasmussen was very excited to join the community of certified paralegals as determined by the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA)! The Certified Paralegal credential is voluntary, but it carries a great deal of professional esteem. NALA awards the credential when a paralegal demonstrates a mastery of the profession by passing a two-part exam that covers knowledge content and skills application. Obtaining this certification was a major priority for her, Mallory said, "because I want clients to have that additional level of confidence in my ability to provide quality work for them."

Christmas Luncheon Photos



Michael with two of the firm's Paralegals: (from the left) Brittany Crane and Mallory Rasmussen



(from the left) Controller Cheryl Dahlen with Paralegals Brittany Crane and Mallory Rasmussen



Not everyone is visible in this photo; in the foreground, you're looking at the back of the heads of Rick DePonte and BK Boothe are former partners of the firm.



Christmas Luncheon Photos

Margrave Celmins is a member of Lawpact, an international association and network of business law firms. Lawpact held its 2018 fall meeting in Santiago, Chile. I traveled there in October for the general meeting, which was attended by member firms from Canada, U.S., Mexico, Central America, Europe and a growing number of South American firms. At one of the general sessions, someone offered that Lawpact has now reached the point where our association of smaller-sized, business-oriented law firms has 60 member firms in number with over 600 lawyers in 24 countries. We have found that being a member of this Association enables firms such as ours to offer assistance to clients on a global basis, while still retaining the smaller-firm feel.

One of the major benefits of our Association is the ability to share and learn from member firms how similar types of law firm issues are dealt with. In addition, we had presentations on the EU's General Data Protection Regulations dealing with social media privacy rules that can even impact companies in the U.S. in some respects and on the expanding role of blockchain technology, which is the technology of bitcoin.

2019 meetings will be held in Vancouver, Canada and Brussels, Belgium where we should be receiving a good briefing regarding the impact of the success or failure of Brexit both on the U.K. and its trading partners.

While this was my first trip to Chile, I only had time to see a few areas in the central part of the country. It is quite a long and narrow country with much to see. So it was quite easy with Santiago as a base to travel to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast to high up in the Andes, with a visit to a winery or two as well. But I missed the opportunity to visit the Atacama Desert in the north and Patagonia in the south, as well as Easter Island due to the five hours flying time to the west.

Michael W. Margrave

Attorney Spotlight: Michael M. Margrave



Michael in front of an authentic Moai guarding the entrance to what translates as the Rapu Nui Museum in Vina del Mar, Chile. The Easter Island museums's collection consists of about 15 000 objects.



Michael overlooking historic quarter of Valparaíso, Chile.



Michael at the El Yeso Reservoir, source of water for Santiago high in the Andes east of Santiago, Chile.



Michael in a field of the Vina von Sienbenthal boutique vineyard, northeast of Santiago, Chile.



Some LawPact members after a visit to one of the local vineyards.

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