

## California Life Fellow Selma Moidel Smith

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California Life Fellow Selma Moidel Smith, who is both a lawyer and composer, celebrated the performance of her suite for orchestra, *Espressivo*, at Walt Disney Concert Hall on July 15, 2010. It was performed by the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic, conducted by its founder, Gary S. Greene, Esq. The concert was the Disney Hall debut for the Lawyers Philharmonic, which consists of more than 50 members who are lawyers and judges. Smith and Greene are pictured at right at Walt Disney Concert Hall.



The Lawyers Philharmonic previously performed Smith's *Espressivo* on May 3, 2010 at the Los Angeles County Law Library in a concert co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Bar Association as part of their Law Week events. At that event, Greene introduced Smith from the podium, and noted both her legal and musical activities: "In the field of law, she is a past president of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the honoree of the annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition of the National Association of Women Lawyers, and is also editor-in-chief of *California Legal History*, the annual journal of the California Supreme Court Historical Society. In the area of music, she is a composer whose works have been performed locally and nationally, and she is listed in the *International Encyclopedia of Women Composers*."

Most recently, on September 16, 2010, the piano score of *Espressivo* was performed as a "Musical Interlude" at the annual Installation of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles by outgoing president Helen B. Kim, who is also a Juilliard graduate. The event was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.