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## **An Open Conversation Between Appo Jabarian & Justice Armand Arabian**

GLENDALE, CA. You are invited on **Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 7pm** to an open conversation between Appo Jabarian, editor of *Armenia Life USA*, and Justice Armand Arabian, the author of *From Gravel to Gavel*, at the **Glendale Adult Recreation Center**, 201 Colorado St, in Glendale. The admission is free. The presentation will be in English. Visitors will receive 3 hours FREE parking across the street at The Market Place parking structure with validation at the Adult Recreation Center front desk. The program is organized by the Library, Arts & Culture Department.

**Justice Armand Arabian** is the first born son of Armenian immigrants who came to America after surviving the Armenian Genocide of 1915. Justice Arabian is nationally recognized leader in the reform of rape laws. In 1990, he was appointed and confirmed as the 105th associate justice of the California Supreme Court. He holds an extensive catalog of published writings. Perhaps his most lasting legacy to our state and to our nation comes in the area of sexual assault reform. He is a retired state Supreme Court justice. His honors and awards are extensive. Included are the 2011 Valley Community Legal Foundation *Lifetime Achievement Award*; and *the Americanism Educational League Spirit Award*; 2006 *Ellis Island Medal of Honor* for his contributions to his heritage and nation; 2005 Women of Los Angeles *Highlight Award*, 2003 *Albert Einstein Gold Medal of Honor*, and 2003 *Russian Academy of Natural Sciences* award and etc.

***From Gravel to Gavel*** is Justice Arabian's memoir. Justice Arabian has chosen this title because during the Armenian Genocide, Turkish oppressors forced their victims to hammer stone boulders into gravel to create a foundation for the placement of railroad ties for the proposed Berlin to Baghdad railway. After performing this slave labor, many were then marched off to their graves.

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