

# Merced County Bar Association



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## President's Column

Darryl Young  
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Come join us at the up-coming **MCBA MCLE Luncheon**: March 2nd at Noon, at Bella Luna Bistro, 350 W. Main Street, Merced. Speaker for this luncheon is Ray Isleib and he will be presenting on the subject of bankruptcy.

Our facebook site is up:  
[www.facebook.com/mercedbar](https://www.facebook.com/mercedbar)

Central California Legal Services [CCLS] will be holding the following FREE legal clinics at 1640 "N" St. Suite 200, Merced:

- Workers' Rights 2/21 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Seniors 2/24 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
- Prop. 47 2/25 1 pm to 5 pm
- Traffic Amnesty 2/25 1 pm to 5 pm

CCLS needs volunteer attorneys to assist. If you are interested, please contact Paul Mullen at 559-570-1224.

## 2017 MCBA OFFICERS

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## Fee Arbitration Panel

By Casey Aitchison  
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Merced County Bar Association [MCBA] plans to establish a Fee Arbitration Panel. The State Bar will provide training for volunteer arbitrators. The trainers will come to Merced to facilitate the training. There is a 6-8 week lead time to schedule the local training. The State Bar requires the County Associations to adopt guidelines for the program. Most counties adopt the state rules, but some of the larger counties modify the state rules to form their own guidelines. Whichever set of guidelines are adopted by the MCBA, the State Bar must then approve the formation of the Fee Arbitration Program.



If anyone is interested in being a volunteer member of the panel, then please contact Casey Aitchison at [casey@merceddivorce.com](mailto:casey@merceddivorce.com).

## Calendar of Events

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon - MCBA lunch at Bella Luna Bistro; Speaker – Ray Isleib on bankruptcy**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon – MCBA lunch at Bella Luna Bistro; Speaker – Vince Andrade on expungments and post-conviction relief**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - MCBA Law Day at the Itlo-American Lodge**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon - MCBA Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro; Speaker – Vinnie Lee and Federal Public Defender**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> - MCBA Mixer at 4 p.m.; location TBD**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Meeting**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon - MCBA Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. - West Side Dinner at Wool Growers, 609 H Street, Los Banos**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon - MCBA Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.- Holiday Party at Bella Luna Bistro**

## **Friendly Reminders**

**March 1:** Last day to pay State Bar annual Fees

**March 1:** Last day for Group 3 attorneys to file MCLE compliance report

If you have not done so already, please pay your MCBA dues of \$110 for 2017.

**Merced County Bar dues this year are \$110 and anyone interested in joining can contact Tom Min at [tmin1216@gmail.com](mailto:tmin1216@gmail.com) for an application.**

## **Announcements:**

*By Tom Min, Secretary*

From the Merced County Superior Court [CEO Linda Romero-Soles]:

The Merced County Superior Court is currently in the testing stage for e-filing of criminal case filings. The court expects to go live in April 2017. Merced will be the first court in California that is on the Tyler case management system to accept initial criminal e-filings.

## **MCBA Development Goals for 2017**

**We are currently developing a website to increase communication and to promote MCBA attorneys and their respective practices. Our web address is [www.mercedbar.org](http://www.mercedbar.org). Other developments underway include:**

- **Plans for a fundraiser;**
- **An historical essay on the significance of the MCBA;**
- **Re-establishment of a fee arbitration panel;**
- **Work with judicial council for greater input for prospective judges**

Thank you for your 2017 membership\*:

Vincent Andrade, Casey Aitchison, Geraldine Brown, Corbett Browning, Betty Dawson, Thomas Ebersole, Skye Emery, James Fincher, David Foster, Shawn George, Arthur Godwin, Jeff Grant, Melbourne Gwin, Kyle Hampton, Forrest Hansen, David Haycraft, Kimberly Helms, Raymond Isleib, Claire Lai, George Leavell, Nini Lee, Richard Marchini, Roger Matzkind, Sean McLeod, Derek Meyer, Thomas Min, Paul Mullen, Christine Parraz, Kenneth Robbins, Shane Smith, James Stone, Anne Taylor-Boreha, Ralph Temple, Charles Wilson & Darryl Young

*\* Members who have paid their 2017 MCBA dues as of Feb. 1, 2017. Retired attorneys and judges do not pay dues.*

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