

# 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**: April 6th at Noon, at Bella Luna Bistro, 350 W. Main Street, Merced. Speaker for this luncheon is Vince Andrade and he will be presenting on the subject of expungements and post-conviction relief.

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Come and join us at our **First Annual Softball Fundraiser**: Saturday April 22nd, 10am - 2 pm at Joe Herb Park, 2200 Yosemite Parkway, Merced, CA. Tickets are \$10 each. [Please contact any of the MCBA Officers for tickets.] We will be serving hot dogs, drinks and other goodies. Ticket sale proceeds will be donated to the Merced County Rescue Mission.

## 2017 MCBA OFFICERS

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## Why Does an IP Attorney Volunteer at a Free Senior Legal Clinic?

**By George Leavell**

Treasurer

It wasn't because these seniors needed help with their patent applications! ☺

I enjoyed the opportunity to help a couple of local seniors address their estate plans at the recent CCLS Senior Legal Clinic in Merced.

My two clients had "modest" estates. They had questions. They had concerns. They wanted to make sure their heirs understood what was needed and what they wanted.

They were genuinely concerned about what will happen when they pass from this mortal realm. They wanted to make sure their passing caused the least amount of disruption to their family's lives.

But they did not know ... what they did not know.

They needed a little professional guidance and help.

Sure, their issues were relatively simple and not very challenging, professionally.

But...

It was **FUN** to help them!

It was **GRATIFYING** to be able to allay some of their doubts and fears!

The **BEST** part, was the relief and smiles on their faces that "someone" heard their concerns and was willing and able to help them!

Giving them a reason to smile is one of the best parts of being an attorney. The knowledge and opportunity to help someone else is a great combination!

It is good for your psyche.

I challenge you to help make the world just a little better place on **April 22 at Joe Herb Park!**

## Calendar of Events

**April 6th at Noon – MCBA lunch at Bella Luna Bistro: Speakers – Chief Deputy Public Defender Vince Andrade and Deputy Public Defender Matt McMillan on expungements and post-conviction relief**

**April 22nd at 10 am - First Annual Softball Fundraiser, Joe Herb Park, 2200 Yosemite Parkway, Merced**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - MCBA Law Day at the Itlo-American Lodge: Speaker - Justice Detjen, 5th District Court of Appeals, on 14th Amendment**

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

**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: Speaker - Nina Lee on Wills and Trusts**

**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: Speaker - Judge Ash on Juvenile Law**

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

## **Friendly Reminders**

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.**

Download a Member Application on the member's resources page of our website: [www.mercedbar.org/member-resources/](http://www.mercedbar.org/member-resources/)

## **Court News**

**By Tom Min**  
Secretary

News from the Superior Court [Linda Romero-Soles, CEO]:

The Merced Superior Court was notified last week that they were chosen to receive an honorable mention for the 2017 Tyler Public Excellence Awards. The court had submitted their E-citation project with California Highway Patrol for the Excellence Award. The Tyler-Odyssey CMS is currently being used in 24 states in the U.S. and is currently being implemented in Australia and Brazil.

The Merced Superior Court has now implemented Jury kiosks in their Jury Assembly Room. The kiosks allow jurors to check in for jury service via bar code or manual entry with their jury summons. The two kiosks are located at the entrance of the jury assembly and will aid the public with check in rather than waiting in line.

The Merced Superior Court will be going live on DCSS e-filings effective Monday, March 20, 2017.

Traffic Amnesty program ends March 31, 2017. The program began in October 1, 2015 and it provided defendants the opportunity to get a reduction in their old traffic fines if they qualified for amnesty.

Reminder that the Court is closed on Friday, March 31, 2017 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.



Thank you for your 2017 membership:

Vincent Andrade, Casey Aitchison, Geraldine Brown, Corbett Browning, Betty Dawson, Thomas Ebersole, Skye Emery, James Fincher, David Foster, Carlos Fuentes, Shawn George, Arthur Godwin, Jeff Grant, Melbourne Gwin, Emily Haden, Robert Haden, Kyle Hampton, Forrest Hansen, David Haycraft, Kimberly Helms, Bruce Hendricks, Raymond Isleib, Claire Lai, George Leavell, Nini Lee, Thomas Lewis, Kenneth Mackie, Weldon Mattos Jr., Richard Marchini, Roger Matzkind, Sean McLeod, C. Logan McKechnie, Phillip McMurray, Derek Meyer, Thomas Min, Paul Mullen, Christine Parraz, Thomas Pfeiff, Kenneth Robbins, Shane Smith, Stuart Spencer, Karen Spinardi, James Stone, Anne Taylor-Boreham, Ralph Temple, Samuel Tenenbaum, Rick Wallace, Charles Wilson & Darryl Young

### **MCBA Development Goals for 2017**

**We are currently updating our 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:**

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

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