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President's Column

Darryl Young

Law Office of Darryl E. Young

September's lunch meeting will be held at Bella Luna's on Thurs., 9/7 at noon. The speaker will be Nini Lee and she will be presenting on the subjects of Wills & Trusts.

Central California Legal Services is hiring. Please see their website at www.centralcallegal.org.

Kelsey Souders & Ramirez is renting attorney office space. If interested, the contact number is 209.722.3055.

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Fee Arbitration Panel

By Casey Aitchison, Vice Pres. MCBA

The Merced County Bar Association is establishing a Fee Arbitration Panel, and needs more volunteers to serve as arbitrators. The California State Bar will come to Merced to provide the required training.

An attorney volunteer must be an attorney whose area of practice is either civil or criminal law. If the amount in dispute is over \$15,000.00, three arbitrators decide the matter, and one of the three must be a non-attorney lay person arbitrator. Per the California State Bar guidelines, a lay arbitrator is defined as "a person who has not been admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction and has not worked regularly for a public or private law office or practice, court of law or attended law school for any period of time. Paralegal assistants, law firm staff and law clerks shall not serve as lay arbitrators."

If you or a qualified lay person would like to serve on the Fee Arbitration Panel, please contact Casey Aitchison by phone at [\(209\) 725-0770](tel:(209)725-0770), or email at Casey@MercedDivorce.com. We are particularly in need of lay person arbitrators at this time.

Calendar of Events

**September 7th at Noon - MCBA
Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro: Speaker
- Nini Lee on Wills and Trusts**

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

**November 2nd at Noon - MCBA
Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro: Speaker
- Judge Ash on Juvenile Law**

**December 7th at 6 p.m.- Holiday
Party at Bella Luna Bistro**

Friendly Reminders

It is not too late to join the MCBA. Original dues of \$110 can be prorated for the remainder of the year.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Tom Min at tmin1216@gmail.com for an application.

Download a Member Application on the member's resources page of our website: www.mercedbar.org/member-reources/

Court News

By Tom Min
Secretary

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

- 1) Superior Court Judge Ronald Hansen announced that he will be retiring from the bench on December 31, 2017.
- 2) Los Banos Video Arraignment Calendars heard at 1:15 PM will now be heard in Courtroom 11 via video at 2:30 PM effective August 21st.
- 3) Superior Court CEO Linda Romero Soles received the 2016 ICM (Institute for Court Management) Fellow Star Award. First California Superior Court CEO to receive this prestigious award.

<http://www.ncsc.org/Newsroom/News-Releases/2017/California-Court-Official-receives-the-2016-ICM-Fellow-Star-Award.aspx>

- 4) Update on future Courtroom 2 – the planning continues for the new courtroom. The court is currently selecting new furniture items for this project.

Thank you for your 2017 membership:

Vincent Andrade, Casey Aitchison, Eric Beiswanger, Geraldine Brown, Corbett Browning, Beau Correia, Betty Dawson, Thomas Ebersole, Skye Emery, James Fincher, David Foster, Carlos Fuentes, Shawn George, Arthur Godwin, Jeff Grant, Janinda Gunawardene, Melbourne Gwin, Emily Haden, Robert Haden, Kyle Hampton, Forrest Hansen, Ann Hanson, 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, Bruce Sousa, Stuart Spencer, Karen Spinardi, James Stone, Anne Taylor-Boreham, Ralph Temple, Samuel Tenenbaum, Rick Wallace, Charles Wilson & Darryl Young

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