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President's Column

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For the past 65 years, the Merced County Bar Association has been critical in bringing the legal community together. 2017 no exception. 2017 was a banner year. Treasurer George Leavell created a terrific website providing the MCBA with a digital footprint at <http://mercedbar.org>. The website contains a history of the MCBA, calendar of events, member information and much more.

Secretary Tom Min was pivotal in revamping the MCBA newsletter which provides members with monthly updates from the Court, events and local legal news. Mr. Min's hard work has resulted in two advertisers and many compliments from various members for its great design and useful information.

We also care about our community. We were able to raise \$250 for the Merced County Rescue Mission with a charitable softball game and barbecue. Thank you to everyone that attended and supported the event.

As we look forward to 2018, Casey Aitchison has great plans as the next MCBA President. She brings enthusiasm and great ideas to our legal community. Casey will make it easier for members to earn the difficult Continuing Legal Education credits. She is working to make Law Day exceptional. In 2018 MCBA will be bigger and better than ever.

Thank you to all that helped make 2017 a banner year for the MCBA. Please join us for 2018!

Message from President-Elect

Casey Aitchison

President-Elect, Merced County Bar Association

The Merced County Bar Association has lots of great things in store for the coming year.

We will be starting the year with our Presiding Judge, the Honorable Donald J. Proietti, as our guest speaker at our January 4, 2018 luncheon meeting at 12:00 noon at Bella Luna. Judge Proietti is a member on the Judicial Council Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and Chair of its Rules and Forms Subcommittee. He will be speaking on New Developments and Best Practices for Civil Law and Motion. Judge Proietti's presentation is open to all of our members as well as any attorney interested in becoming a member. Not only does his presentation offer 1 hour of MCLE credit, you're also in for a delicious lunch, excellent networking and great fellowship. We hereby extend a challenge to all current members to bring a prospective member to the luncheon!

We also request that you hold the date of May 3, 2018 for our annual Law Day Celebration. This year we will be expanding the day to include additional MCLE credits, starting earlier with speakers at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m., followed by our keynote speaker and luncheon at 12:00 noon.

We invite all of our returning members, as well as new attorneys and prospective members, to join us as we venture into 2018. Be on the lookout for our monthly Newsletters, and let us know if you have another email address that needs to be included. On behalf of the Merced County Bar Association, we extend to you the warmest holiday wishes and hope to see you at our meetings in the coming year.

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Calendar of Events

**January 4, 2018 - Monthly Luncheon
- Bella Luna's at noon - Judge
Proietti will be speaking on Best
Practices in Civil Law and Motion**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
WHO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE**

I thank you for your referrals and recommendations

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-resources/

Court News

By Tom Min
Secretary

Friday, December 15, 2017- the Clerk's Offices in Merced will be closed [at 11 AM](#). The Los Banos Clerk's Office will close @ 10 AM. These times are essential to facilitate our employees' participation in the Court's annual training meeting. We will reopen all Clerk's Offices Monday, December 18, 2017 @ our regular scheduled times. Please note that in order to close our Criminal Clerk's offices by 11 AM, we will need to have the criminal filings delivered to our Criminal Division by 10:00 AM for Merced/ and Los Banos filings. The afternoon in-custody calendar for both Merced/Los Banos will be heard in Courtroom 11 at 2:30 PM.

Christmas week- four day work week (closed Monday-Christmas Day). Please note that most of the calendars will be dark on Christmas week. We are contemplating moving the 2:30 PM in-custody calendar to an earlier time perhaps 11 AM (as we did during the Thanksgiving week) and would like your input. Detention Hearings (602 Juvenile) will be heard in Courtroom 1 in the AM.

Also pursuant to our Local Rules of Court, no jurors are scheduled during the holiday week.

Tuesday, 12/26 thru Friday, 12/29: All criminal filings for Merced need to be received [by 10 AM](#) in the Criminal Division. All court calendars will be heard at their usual time with the exception of the in-custody calendars (Merced and Los Banos cases) which will be heard [at 2:30 PM](#) in Courtroom 11.

New Year's week: January 2-5, 2018, as of this date-normal court calendar schedules will resume.

Thank you for your 2017 membership:

Vincent Andrade, Casey Aitchison, Eric Beiswanger, Geraldine Brown, Corbett Browning, Beau Correia, Betty Dawson, Gabriel Delgado, Maile Dunlap, Thomas Ebersole, Skye Emery, James Fincher, David Foster, Doug 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, Thomas Keene, 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, Patience Milrod, Thomas Min, Cindy Morse, Paul Mullen, Christine Parraz, Thomas Pfeiff, Diane Rathmann, Kenneth Robbins, Matt Serratto, Shane Smith, Bruce Sousa, Stuart Spencer, Karen Spinardi, James Stone, Anne Taylor-Boreham, Ralph Temple, Samuel Tenenbaum, Rick Wallace, Alfred Whitehurst, Charles Wilson & Darryl Young

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