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President's Column

Casey Aitchison
MCBA President

At our last luncheon meeting, the MCBA members expressed a need for greater access to on-line Court records. The Court heard us and agreed with us. The Court's Odyssey portal is now up and functioning. You can go here:

<https://jportal.mercedcourt.org/mercedprod> to select the record search you would like to conduct. Once you have decided upon a case, you have access to view the first page of most documents, and the ability to purchase the document on-line for essentially the same cost as obtaining it at the Court Clerk's office.

Our next meeting is on August 2, 2018 at 12:00 pm at the Elks Lodge, 1910 M Street, Merced. Join us to earn 1 hour of MCLE credit in the required area of Ethics. Our speaker will be Cory Hamma of Calforensics, with a presentation on Ethics and Electronically Stored Information. The presentation outlines the main risks to counsel and client of failing to properly understand e-discovery obligations in litigation.

We are also fast approaching our elections for 2019 MCBA Officers. We have nominees for all of the officer positions.

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President's Column Cont'd

However, if anyone else is interested in running for an office, please contact the MCBA so that we may add your name to the list of proposed nominees. Elections will be held during our November luncheon meeting.

Mark Your Calendars for our Dinners on October 4, 2018 and December 6, 2018!

Our annual Westside Dinner will take place at the Wool Growers Restaurant in Los Banos this year on October 4, 2018, so mark your calendars for a delicious dinner and a fun-filled evening.



Our Holiday Dinner will be held on December 6, 2018 at the Branding Iron banquet room. We have decided to move our Judges Night to combine it with the Holiday Dinner. As such, we will be inviting and hosting the Holiday Dinner for all of our Judges! This is not an event to be missed! During our dinner we will also be announcing the newly elected MCBA Officers for the 2019 year.

Calendar of Events 2018

January 4 – MCBA Luncheon – Bella Luna Bistro – Judge Proietti’s discussion on Best Practices in Civil Law and Motion

February 1 – MCBA lunch at Elks Lodge Merced: Matthew Serratto on criminal law updates

March 1 – MCBA lunch at Elks Lodge Merced: Judge Bacciarini’s discussion of Elimination of Bias

April 5th at Noon – MCBA lunch at the Elks Lodge: Speaker: Judge Schechter-ETHICS

(1 MCLE credit **REQUIRED SUBJECT**)

May 3rd - MCBA Law Day at the Italo-American Lodge: Speaker: Justice Poochigian, 5th District Court of Appeal, on Separation of Powers *and* MCLE classes 10AM and 11AM



June 7th at Noon - MCBA Lunch at the Elks Lodge; Speaker: Kirk McAllister – Recent developments in Brady v. Maryland (1 MCLE credit)

July 5th - MCBA Summer Social at 5 p.m., Branding Iron in Merced (hosted beer and wine bar)

August 2nd at noon – MCBA Lunch at the Elks Lodge: speaker: Cory Hamma, Calforensics – Ethics and Electronically Stored Information (1 MCLE ETHICS credit **REQUIRED SUBJECT)**

September 6th at Noon - MCBA Lunch at the Elks Lodge: Speaker: Judge McCabe – *Subject TBA*

October 4th at 6 p.m. - Westside Dinner and at Wool Growers, 609 H Street, Los Banos

November 1st at Noon - MCBA Lunch at the Elks Lodge: Speaker: Dave Elgin – Cross-examination

December 6th at 6 p.m.- Holiday Party and Judge’s Night at the Branding Iron in Merced

AUGUST 2, 2018 MCBA LUNCHEON WITH CORY HAMMA OF CALIFORENSICS



Cory will provide a presentation on ethics and electronically stored information for an hour of MCLE ethics credit.

Cory specializes in network security and network forensics at Calforensics. Previously, he worked to protect confidential data for more than ten years as IT Director for the California Cancer Registry and regional registries. With a background in practical application of data security, Cory analyzes networks and counsels clients on the implementation of the latest security best practices. A combined knowledge in network, smartphone, Windows, Linux/UNIX, and application security enables him to consult on a wide variety of technically challenging cases. Cory graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science in Information Systems Management from the University of California at Santa Cruz and is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional as well as an AccessData Certified Examiner (ACE). We hope to see you there!

NEW RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

On May 10, 2018, the California Supreme Court issued an order approving the new Rules of Professional Conduct, which will go into effect November 1, 2018. The current Rules remain in effect until then.

The California Rules of Professional Conduct use discipline to regulate the professional conduct of attorneys licensed by the State Bar. They have been adopted by the Board of Trustees and approved by the California Supreme Court. The Rules are designed to protect the public and to promote respect and confidence in the legal profession. The Rules and any related standards adopted by the Board of Trustees are binding on all attorneys licensed by the State Bar.

You may view the New Rules by visiting this link: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/Conduct-Discipline/Rules/Rules-of-Professional-Conduct/New-Rules-of-Professional-Conduct>

SIDEBAR

Our MCBA Secretary, George Leavell, has worked tirelessly to get our website, Facebook page, and Newsletter established.

Visit our MCBA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mercedbar/> and give us a "like"!

The MCBA Facebook page and www.Mercedbar.org are YOUR websites.

Please let us know what you would like to see on your websites!

WE STILL NEED LAY PERSON VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FEE ARBITRATION PANEL

Our MCBA Vice President Tom Min is heading up the effort to establish a Fee Arbitration Panel. We still need lay person volunteers, so help us get the word out!

The California State Bar will come to Merced to provide the required training, once we have enough volunteers for the Panel.

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 Tom Min by email at tmin1216@gmail.com

CCLS CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE RETURNS

Central California Legal Services (CCLS) is bringing back its popular Champions of Justice Reception, scheduled for Thursday evening, October 4th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The event held in Fresno, celebrates those who devote their time to protecting the rights of individuals ensuring fairness and access to the legal system.

When last held almost 4 years ago, Louise Farley, Field Representative for Senator Cannella (Merced office) received the 2014 Champions of Justice Business Award for her efforts in helping a family from becoming homeless after they fell victims to a rental scam. She rallied the troops and refused to let the family fall further into poverty.

It is individuals like Louise whose dedication and service to others that we celebrate. Shortly, CCLS will issue a Call for Nominations. In the meantime, please contact Ms. Luisa Medina at (559) 570-1242 or email to: luisa@centralcallegal.org. Tickets, ads and sponsorship opportunities are available.

CCLS provides individuals with legal advice and representation in civil matters to eligible low-income individuals in the counties of Merced, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Fresno, Tulare and King with limited services to seniors in Madera County. In addition, through a partnership with the statewide Health Consumer Alliance, CCLS serves residents in the counties of Madera, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Monterey and San Benito regarding their specific health care concerns. The Merced office is located at 1640 "N" Street, Suite 200 in downtown Merced.

Friendly Reminders

If you have not done so already, please pay your MCBA dues of \$110 for 2018.

Merced County Bar dues this year are \$110 and anyone interested in joining can contact MCBA at mercedbar@gmail.com for an application.

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

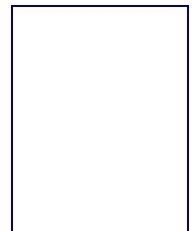
Thank you for your 2018 MCBA Membership!

Please invite a non-MCBA member to the next luncheon!

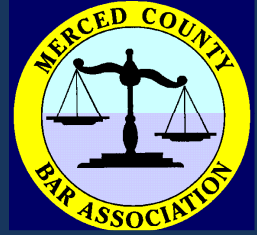
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If you haven't already paid your 2018 dues, please bring your dues payment to the next luncheon, or mail it in to MCBA, PO Box 2982, Merced, CA 95344.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2018

Annual Dues
Active: **\$110**
Retired: Honorary

Please mail the completed the application and dues payable to:
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P.O. Box No. 2982
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