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## President's Column

Casey Aitchison  
MCBA President

At our last meeting, we all enjoyed attorney Kirk McAllister's presentation regarding Recent Developments in Brady v. Maryland, as well as a lively discussion among our members following the presentation.

In keeping with MCBA tradition, instead of a luncheon meeting next month we will be having our annual MCBA after work get together on July 5, 2018 at the Branding Iron starting at 5:00 p.m. We have had a lot of new members join the MCBA this year, and others who have not joined as members but are attending the meetings. However, our meetings have been so filled with obtaining our MCLE credits that we have not had much of an opportunity to get to know one another! As such, we invite everyone to join us after work on July 5, 2018 in the banquet room of the Branding Iron, for a hosted evening of beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres and great company. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know each other while enjoying some down time after work, compliments of the MCBA. Please stop by after work and feel free to bring your significant other as well. We request that you RSVP, so we can make sure we have enough refreshments, by emailing [Casey@MercedDivorce.com](mailto:Casey@MercedDivorce.com) or calling the law firm of Aitchison & Emery at 725-0770. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.

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## Mark Your Calendars for Judges Night at the Wool Growers Restaurant on October 4, 2018!

As many of you know, our annual Westside dinner takes place at the Wool Growers Restaurant in Los Banos every year on the first Thursday in October. There are also many longtime MCBA members who recall our prior tradition of hosting an annual Judges Night in honor of our Merced County Superior Court Judges and Commissioners.

This year, we will be resuming our annual Judges Night by combining it with our Westside dinner in October! So, mark Thursday, October 4, 2018 on your calendars for a delicious dinner and a fun filled evening with our local judicial officers. This is not an event to be missed!

Address:  
609 H St, Los Banos, CA 93635



## **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 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon – MCBA lunch at the Elks Lodge: Speaker: Judge Schechter-ETHICS

(1 MCLE credit *REQUIRED SUBJECT*)

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon - MCBA Lunch at the Elks Lodge; Speaker: Kirk McAllister – Recent developments in Brady v. Maryland (1 MCLE credit)

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

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

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

October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. - West Side Dinner and Judges’ Night at Wool Growers, 609 H Street, Los Banos

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

December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.- Holiday Party at the Branding Iron in Merced

## **The New Fingerprinting Rule Requirements of the California State Bar**

The California State Bar has mandated that under the California Rules of Court, Rule 9.9.5, all active attorneys licensed in California must be re-fingerprinted. The State Bar is requiring attorneys to resubmit fingerprints by April 30, 2019. Failure to follow these instructions may be considered non-compliance with the California State Bar fingerprinting rule requirements and may subject attorneys to penalties.

To obtain the form for your livescan, you must log into your State Bar account and download the form. Each attorney’s form will contain a unique identification number assigned by the DOJ. Once you have downloaded your form, you must have your livescan performed by an authorized vendor. Complete and detailed instructions for this process may be found at the following State Bar web

site: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/Attorney-Regulation/Fingerprinting-Rule-Requirements/For-In-State-Attorneys>

The livescan vendor will collect the \$49 fee for the FBI and DOJ background checks. Each vendor charges an additional “rolling” fee for conducting the scan, which ranges from \$5 to \$75. The following is a list of vendors, their telephone number, and their rolling fee, in our area:

Dos Palos Police Dept., 392-2177, \$33  
Gustine Police Dept., 856-3737, \$35  
Livingston Police Dept., 394-7916, \$20  
Los Banos Police Dept., 827-7070x11, \$20  
A1 Live Scan Services DBW Sintex Security Services, Inc, 723-9044, \$15  
Guardco Security Services, 723-4273, \$20  
Merced Co. Sheriff’s Dept., \$20  
Merced Notary Signing Services, 723-2958, \$25  
UC Merced Dept of Public Safety, 228-8273, \$25  
Mariposa County Sheriff’s Dispatch, 966-3615, \$5

## MERCED SUPERIOR COURT NEWS

The Merced Superior Court announced that they are now accepting Juvenile Dependency e-filings effective Monday, June 11th.

The updated Local Rules of Court for the Merced Superior Court will be posted to the Courts website. They are effective July 1, 2018.

The court has been working with their Tyler Odyssey vendor in repairing access to documents on the portal. Once the programming fix has been made the court will notify the Bar and post a message on its website. The court apologizes for any inconvenience but wants to ensure the portal is functioning properly.

## SIDEBAR

Effective May 22, 2018, our Presiding Judge Donald J. Proietti signed a Standing Order #2018-04 to implement procedures for handling confidential records. The Order provides:

“The Clerk of the Court shall allow all parties and attorneys of record to view the confidential records of the case, so that the court is not placed in a position of inadvertently maintaining inappropriate *ex parte* communication.

In the event a document is lodged without a proof of service, the Clerk of the Court shall send out a notice to the parties that the confidential document is being maintained in the court file.

This order does not apply to documents filed under seal or documents that are confidential and access limited by law.”

## 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](mailto:mercedbar@gmail.com) for an application.**

## PARALEGAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Berliner Cohen LLP has an immediate opening in its Merced office for an experienced Estate Planning Paralegal. The ideal candidate will have experience supporting a busy Trusts and Estate Planning practice group.

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Minimum 5 years of experience in trust administration, probate and preparation of estate planning documents.

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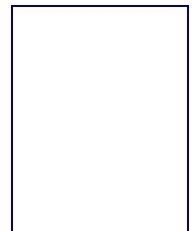
## Thank you for your 2018 MCBA Membership!

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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# MERCED COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2018

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

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