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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association ("MCBA") was dormant for years, but made a strong return in 2018. Our regular meetings are on the second Monday of each month, unless they are moved to accommodate a Court holiday.

At our last meeting, we elected our Officers for 2018/2019, as follows:



Casey Aitchison
President



Ed Johnson
Vice-President



Anita Starchman Bryant
Secretary



Skye Emery
Treasurer

Join us for our final luncheon meeting of the year, December 10, 2018, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140, and mark your calendars for our January 14, 2019 meeting, when our new District Attorney Elect, Walter Wall, will be our speaker. Also be sure to save the date for Law Day, May 13, 2018, when Judge Fagalde will be our speaker. We have MCLE presentations for all of the months in between, and are looking forward to obtaining our MCLE provider status in 2019!

Judges' Night/Holiday Dinner – Dec. 6, 2018

The Mariposa County Bar Association is invited to attend the Merced County Bar Association Holiday Dinner and Judges' Night on December 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Branding Iron Restaurant, banquet room, in Merced. The dinner speaker will be Judge Donald Shaver on the topic of What to Expect from the Upcoming Term of the US Supreme Court. This will no doubt be an entertaining and interesting presentation for attorneys and non-attorneys alike, particularly in light of the recent, highly publicized US Supreme Court appointment! You are invite you to attend this memorable evening, and to bring a spouse or friend. Mariposa's own Judge Michael Fagalde has already RSVPd, and will be receiving special recognition at the event.



Attendees have a choice of entrée of either Prime Rib, Filet Mignon, or Chicken Scallopini. The cost is \$15.00 per person payable at the door. RSVPs are required on or before December 3, 2018, by emailing MCBA@MariposaBar.org or calling Aitchison & Emery at (209) 725-0770.

2018/2019 MCBA Officers

President: Casey Aitchison

Vice President: Ed Johnson

Secretary: Anita Starchman Bryant

Treasurer: Skye Emery

2018 Membership List

Thank you to those who have already paid their 2018 membership dues:

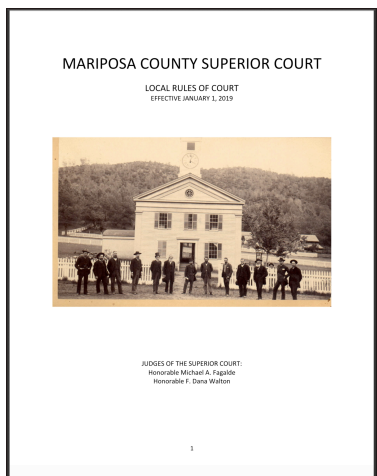
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Thomas Cooke
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Kimberly G. Flores
Wayne Green
Robert Iwama
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Robert Lindley
Elizabeth Waldow

If you haven't already paid your 2018 dues, please bring payment to the next luncheon, or mail it in with your application to MCBA, PO Box 628, Mariposa, CA 95338. The application is attached to this Newsletter or can be downloaded at www.MariposaBar.org.



Released – Mariposa's New Local Rules

The Mariposa County Superior Court has released the new Local Rules, effective January 1, 2019. Anyone interested in viewing the Rules can visit the following link: <http://mariposacourt.org/files/localrules.pdf>



Mark Your Calendars for Our Upcoming Meetings

The MCBA is on the way to obtaining its status as an MCLE provider. Ultimately, by attending our lunch meetings every month, attendees will be able to fulfill all of the MCLE requirements mandated by the State Bar. Our regular meetings are at noon on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140, banquet room. However, due to the Court holidays in February, we have scheduled that meeting for an alternate day during that month.



Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. The atmosphere is always fun, and we welcome new members. Mark your calendars for these upcoming presentations which promise to be very informative:

December 10, 2018

Luncheon meeting: Presentation regarding new Rules of Professional Conduct

January 14, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Speaker will be Walter Wall, Mariposa County District Attorney-elect

February 4, 2019

Luncheon meeting: 1 MCLE credit, in a topic To Be Announced

March 11, 2019

Luncheon meeting: 1 MCLE credit, in a topic To Be Announced

April 8, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Legal Developments in LGBTQ Employment Discrimination, Presented by Lindsay Nako, Esq., and David Nahmias, Esq., 1 MCLE Credit in Elimination of Bias

May 13, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Law Day – Speaker will be Judge Michael Fagalde on "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society"

Sidebar

The California State Bar has released the results of the July 2018 California Bar Exam, which show the lowest overall pass rate California has seen for the July administration of the bar since 1951, when only 37.6 percent of all test-takers passed the exam. With regard to the July 2018 results, 3,284 people (40.7 percent of applicants) passed the General Bar Exam. The pass rate for first-time applicants was 55 percent. The names of the people who passed may be found here: <http://apps.calbar.ca.gov/exam/default.aspx>

The California pass rate fell by 8.9 percentage points from July 2017 to July 2018. The results are consistent with the national downward trend in scores from the July 2018 bar exams. The National Conference of Bar Examiners reports that the pass rate for the Multistate Bar Examination fell to a 34-year low in 2018.

The General Bar Exam is administered in February and July each year. The exam consists of three sections: a multiple-choice Multistate Bar Examination, five written essay questions and one written performance test. The three sections are weighted equally.

In addition to the General Bar Exam, there is the Attorneys' Examination, which consists of the essay and performance test sections of the General Bar Exam. This Exam is open to attorneys who have been admitted to the active practice of law and are in good standing for at least four years in another U.S. jurisdiction. Of the 522 attorneys who completed the Attorneys' Examination in July 2018, 169 (32.4 percent) passed.

Successful applicants who satisfy all other requirements for admission may take the Attorney's Oath individually or participate in admissions ceremonies held throughout the state in December 2018. After applicants have taken the Attorney Oath and submitted their oath card to the State Bar, they are eligible to practice law in California. Approximately two weeks after forwarding the oath card to the State Bar, their names will appear on the State Bar roll of licensed attorneys accessible on the State Bar website.

