

# Mariposa County Bar Association

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## President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

Welcome to the October 2018 edition of the Mariposa County Bar Association's (MCBA) Newsletter! Sheriff Doug Binneweis was the guest speaker at our October luncheon, bringing us up to date on new legislation and how it impact Mariposa County.



The MCBA's regular luncheon meetings are held in the banquet room of the Miner's Roadhouse 140 at noon on the second Monday of the month, unless an alternate date is necessary due to a Court holiday. Each attendee is invited to order lunch from the regular menu at their own cost. The atmosphere is always fun, and we welcome new members. This is a great opportunity to network with friends and catch up on the latest news regarding the Court!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140, in the banquet room. We will review our annual budget and elect officers for 2019. Everyone is invited to attend. RSVPs to [MCBA@MariposaBar.org](mailto:MCBA@MariposaBar.org) are appreciated, but not required, so if you find yourself able to attend the meeting but have not RSVPd, feel free to join us.

Also, be sure to check out our new web site at [www.MariposaBar.org](http://www.MariposaBar.org). That is where you will find the latest on the event schedule and our list of members. For those who have yet to join, use the application found at [www.MariposaBar.org/membership-application](http://www.MariposaBar.org/membership-application) and send in your dues to Mariposa County Bar Association, P.O. Box 628, Mariposa, California, 95338. Membership dues are \$35 and include a listing on our new web site.

## Four Counties Announce Proposed Local Rules of Court

The Superior Courts of four local counties have provided notice of their respective proposed new Local Rules of Court, including Mariposa County, Merced County, Tulare County and Calaveras County.



Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613, each Superior Court has their proposed Rules posted on their websites for review.

Anyone interested in obtaining a hard copy of the Rules or providing comments to the proposed Rules should visit the Court websites to check out the deadlines and contact the Court directly.

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## 2018 MCBA Officers

President: Casey Aitchison

Vice President: Wayne Green

Secretary: Anita Starchman Bryant

Treasurer: Skye Emery

## New Rules of Professional Conduct

After almost 14 months of review and revisions, the California Supreme Court has released the long-awaited new Rules of Professional Conduct.

There are a number of revisions, including the expansion of the definition of “legal matter” as it pertains to conflicts, making conflicts more broad and less case specific. There is also now a provision which requires “all law firm lawyers the responsibility to advocate corrective action to address known harassing or discriminatory conduct by the firm or any of its lawyers or nonlawyer personnel.”

The new rules may be viewed in their entirety at this link: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/rules/New-Rules-of-Professional-Conduct-2018.pdf>



## 2018 Membership List

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

Casey Aitchison  
Nanette Beaumont  
Anita Starchman Bryant  
Gregory M. Chappel  
Russell D. Cook  
Thomas Cooke  
Steven W. Dahlem  
Skye Emery  
Kimberly G. Flores  
Wayne Green  
Robert Iwama  
Edward J. Johnson  
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 may also be downloaded at [www.MariposaBar.org](http://www.MariposaBar.org).

An election for the 2019 Officers will be held during our November 8, 2018 luncheon meeting. If you would like to serve as an MCBA Officer, email us at [MCBA@MariposaBar.org](mailto:MCBA@MariposaBar.org)

## Mark Your Calendars for Our Upcoming Meetings

The MCBA is in the process of obtaining its status as a Multiple Activity MCLE provider. Ultimately, by attending our luncheon meetings each month, attendees will be able to fulfill all of the MCLE requirements mandated by the State Bar.

**MINER'S ROADHOUSE**



Our regular meetings are at noon on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140, banquet room. We occasionally schedule our meetings for alternate days if necessary due to holidays, so be sure to check our website at [www.MariposaBar.org](http://www.MariposaBar.org) for the most up to date schedule.

Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. The atmosphere is always fun, and we welcome new members. Mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings:

### November 8, 2018

Luncheon meeting: MCBA Officer Elections

### December 10, 2018

Luncheon meeting: Speaker TBA

### January 14, 2019

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

## Sidebar

### THE MCBA EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO MERCED COUNTY'S NEWEST SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES!

Governor Brown has appointed Shelly A. Seymour and Steven K. Slocum as Superior Court Judges.

Judge Seymour served as a Commissioner at the Merced County Superior Court from 2014 to 2018, where she was a facilitator and self-help attorney from 2008 to 2013. She also served as a Commissioner at the Mariposa County Superior Court from 2012 to 2014. After graduating law school, Judge Seymour initially worked for a law firm before establishing her own office as a sole practitioner from 1997 to 2003, with an emphasis in Family Law.



Judge Slocum has served as a Commissioner at the Merced County Superior Court since January 2018. He served in several positions at the Merced County District Attorney's Office from 2005 to 2018, including Supervising Deputy District Attorney, after working for a law firm from 2002 to 2005. Judge Slocum earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Pepperdine University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree from University of California, Los Angeles.

