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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association is continuing to grow in membership and attendance with our largest group yet at our March luncheon!

Our next meeting is Monday, April 8, 2019. Please note that this luncheon will be at a different location – The Quality Inn at 4994 Bullion St. near the historic old jail. The presentation offers 1 hour of MCLE credit in the much sought after category of Elimination of Bias. The 1 hour MCLE credit is provided free to MCBA members (for non-members it is \$10.00). A lunch of sub sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required, by replying to this email at MCBA@MariposaBar.org.



Our regular meetings are on the second Monday of each month. The atmosphere is always fun, and we welcome new members. This is a great opportunity to network with other attorneys and to enjoy lunch with friends.

Our membership fee for 2019 is \$35.00, and includes access to several MCLE credits throughout the year as well as a listing on our web site. Visit our web site at www.MariposaBar.org, where you will find the latest on the event schedule and our list of members. You may use the application there and send in your dues for 2019, or bring the application and your dues to our next luncheon.

Be sure to save the date for Law Day, May 13, 2018, when Judge Fagalde will be our speaker with a presentation on Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society. As stated by the American Bar Association, “The 2019 Law Day theme—Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society—focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, ‘the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.’”

Join Us for MCLE Credit in Elimination of Bias at the April 8, 2019 Luncheon

Our April 8, 2019 luncheon speakers will be Lindsay Nako, Esq. and David Nahmias, Esq. Their presentation, Recent Developments in LGBTQ Employment Discrimination Law, has been approved by the California State Bar for 1 hour of MCLE credit in the category of “Elimination of Bias.”



Please note the new location for this luncheon will be the Quality Inn at 4994 Bullion Street. Access to the meeting room is through the main hotel lobby/registration area. Sub sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided.

SPEAKERS:

David Nahmias, Esq., Law Fellow, Impact Fund

Mr. Nahmias is a Law Fellow at the Impact Fund, where he supports the organization’s ongoing docket of social justice class action and impact litigation, amicus work, attorney trainings on impact litigation, and advocacy. He also manages Impact LGBTQ, which is expanding the community of advocates for low-wage LGBTQ workers in California’s Bay Area and Central Valley through attorney MCLE trainings, Know Your Rights workshops, and litigation.



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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.

Our regular meetings are at noon on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our April meeting will be at the Quality Inn at 4994 Bullion Street. We occasionally schedule our meetings for alternate days if necessary due to holidays, so be sure to check our website at 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. The following is a list of our 2019 events:

January 14, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Speaker Mariposa County District Attorney, Walter Wall

February 11, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Legal Aid for Mariposa Residents, presented by Ed Johnson

March 11, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Standards and Best Practices in Family Law, presented by Casey Aitchison, approved by the California State Bar for 1 MCLE credit

April 8, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Recent Developments in LGBTQ Employment Discrimination Law, Presented by Lindsay Nako, Esq., and David Nahmias, Esq., 1 MCLE Credit in Elimination of Bias. Note the new location for this meeting is the Quality Inn at 4994 Bullion Street.

May 13, 2019

Law Day - Speaker, Judge Michael Fagalde "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society"

June 10, 2019

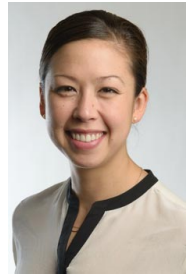
Luncheon Meeting: Navigating the New Rules of Professional Conduct, presented by Mandy Jeffcoach, 1 MCLE credit in **Ethics**

April 8 Luncheon, cont.

A 2018 graduate of U.C. Berkeley Law, Mr. Nahmias served as a Supervising Editor of the *California Law Review* and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Berkeley Journal of International Law*, and interned/externed with the International Human Rights Law Clinic, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., Legal Aid at Work, the East Bay Community Law Center, and the chambers of the Hon. Charles R. Breyer (N.D. Cal.). Before law school, Mr. Nahmias worked for five years at Ashoka, a global non-profit organization supporting social entrepreneurship in Washington D.C. and Mexico City as a Fulbright Scholar. He graduated in 2010 magna cum laude from Claremont McKenna College with a degree in International Relations and Spanish. David is admitted to practice law in California.

Lindsay Nako, Director of Litigation and Training, Impact Fund

Ms. Nako has spent her career representing employees in employment discrimination and employee benefits class actions, including cases brought on behalf of employees and job applicants alleging discrimination based on race, nationality, and gender; pension plan participants and beneficiaries arising from imprudent investment of plan assets; and employees who have suffered illegal vacation pay forfeitures. She currently serves as class counsel in the nation-wide gender discrimination class action, *Ellis v. Costco Wholesale*.



Ms. Nako graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Highest Honors from University of California, Berkeley (B.A., 2001), and received her law degree from University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2005). Before joining the Impact Fund, Ms. Nako was a shareholder at the Oakland-based law firm Lewis, Feinberg, Lee & Jackson, P.C. She also has taught as an Adjunct Professor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She is a frequent speaker on class action and employment litigation issues.

Ms. Nako was named a "Top Woman Attorney in Northern California" and "Northern California Rising Star" by Super Lawyers Magazine and San Francisco Magazine each year from 2009 to 2015, and received the East Bay Community Law Center's annual Attorney Award in 2012. She is a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council, and a member of the National Employment Lawyers Association. Ms. Nako is admitted to practice law in California.

MERCED COUNTY NEWS

Merced Superior Court Posts RFP for New Dependency Counsel Contract

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit and award a multi-year contract to one or more qualified service providers for high quality, cost-effective representation for parties in juvenile dependency proceedings for the Superior Court of California, County of Merced (Court). The representation is for all children and parents in juvenile dependency proceedings in Merced County, including all parent or child cases in which there is a conflict of interest. This RFP is the means for prospective service providers to submit their qualifications and request selection as a service provider.

Proposals will be considered from all juvenile dependency provider types, including but not limited to:

- Solo practitioners and partnerships;
- Government agencies;
- Non-profit organizations;
- Private firms;
- Panel organizational configurations; and
- Any combination of the above.

Visit the following for more information:
<http://www.mercedcourt.org/vendors.shtml>

Merced County Bar Invites Mariposa Area Attorneys to Meeting and Presentation

The Merced County Bar Association invites Mariposa area attorneys to attend their luncheon meeting on April 2, 2019 at the Branding Iron in Merced, for 1 hour of MCLE credit. The speakers will be Carlos Fuentes and Andrea Fatone on the Intersection of Criminal Law and Immigration Law. Cost is \$15.00 for non-members.

MCBA Membership List

Thank you for your 2019 Membership.

2019 Members listed below:

Casey Aitchison
Alexandria Albertoni
Ashley Albertoni
Susan Albertoni
Deborah Bennett
Anita Starchman Bryant
Steven W. Dahlem
Skye Emery
Kimberly G. Flores
Wayne Green
Robert Iwama
Edward J. Johnson
Jane Mackie
Cindy Morse
Stephanie Perez
Elizabeth Waldow
Walter Wall

A 2019 Membership Application may be downloaded at www.MariposaBar.org. If you haven't already paid your 2019 dues, please bring payment to the next luncheon, or mail it in with your application to MCBA, PO Box 628, Mariposa, CA 95338.

2019 MCBA Officers

President: Casey Aitchison
Vice President: Edward Johnson
Secretary: Anita Starchman Bryant
Treasurer: Skye Emery



SIDEBAR

The Mariposa County Bar Association Wishes You a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day recognizes the day that the priest Patrick died – March 17, 461 AD. He was born in the year 385 AD in a Roman occupied region of Britannia (that would later be recognized as Scotland), however he was captured by Irish raiders at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He was a shepherd there for about six years, during which time he was reported to have “found God.” He made it back to Britannia where he became a Christian priest. According to *The Declaration*, thought to have been written by Patrick himself, he returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. He spent many years spreading Christianity, particularly in the northern parts of Ireland, and in particular, spent much time in conflict with the druids, eventually driving these pagans (often referred to as “snakes”) from the shores of Ireland. He established many churches, monasteries, and schools devoted to Christianity and is recognized as one of the prime reasons for the conversion of much of Ireland to the Christian faith.

The Church of Ireland first recognized St. Patrick's Day as a holy day of feasting in the 17th century. Over time, Patrick's original color of blue was replaced with the traditional Irish color of green and the day became a celebration more of Irish culture in general than of the man it was first set to recognize.

It was likely Irish immigrants, mainly to the United States, who turned St. Patrick's Day from a holy day of feast into a day of celebration and revelry in the name of all things Irish. Boston held it's first parade in honor of the day in 1737 with New York and other cities following suit in the decades to come. In 1962, Chicago became famous for starting the tradition coloring its major river green on March 17th. Corned beef and cabbage has become a staple food on the day, as well as anything green, particularly forms of alcohol, with green beer being abundant.

So each year, be sure to enjoy this day of celebration and recognize the culture of the great Irish people, both in Ireland and abroad.

