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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association had an excellent turnout for our March 2019 luncheon, where attendees received 1 MCLE credit in Elimination of Bias.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 13, 2019, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140, when we will be celebrating our first annual Law Day in Mariposa County!

Mariposa County Superior Court Presiding Judge Michael Fagalde will be our speaker with a presentation on the 2019 Law Day theme—Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society. It 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.” There is no fee to attend, and each attendee may order lunch from the menu at their own cost. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required, by replying to this email at MCBA@MariposaBar.org.



We have been holding our regular meetings on the second Monday of each month, but will be changing the day to the second Thursday of each month commencing July 2019. We invite all area attorneys and colleagues to join us. 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. If you haven't already done so, you may use the application there and send in your dues for 2019, or bring the application and your dues to our next luncheon.

Law Day 2019

The first Law Day was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law and the importance of the role of law in our society. In 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1st as the official date for celebrating Law Day. Our local Bar Associations typically celebrate Law Day on their first meeting in May.

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.” Information regarding Law Day in Merced County, Mariposa County, and Yosemite National Park is below in order by date.



Merced County – Thursday, May 2, 2019

The Merced County Bar Association invites all Mariposa attorneys and colleagues to attend their annual Law Day celebration on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the Italo-American Lodge. There are two MCLE sessions, presented by David Mann and Commissioner Shaver, preceding the keynote speaker, Justice Kathleen Meehan of the 5th District Court of Appeal. Lunch is \$20/person and payable at the door. There is no charge for the two early sessions. To RSVP or for more information, call Ian Cooke at Aitchison & Emery, (209) 725-0770.

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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.

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.

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

July 11, 2019 – TBA

August 8, 2019 – TBA

September 12, 2019 – TBA



Law Day 2019, *continued*

Yosemite National Park – Friday, May 3, 2019

The Seventh Annual Law Day Yosemite, which will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Yosemite Valley Half Dome Village Amphitheater (formerly known as Curry Village), is open to the public.



Law Day Yosemite 2019 will be led by Master of Ceremonies, the Honorable Judge Jeremy Peterson, who will be joined by numerous Federal and State judicial officers and other dignitaries from across California. Law Day also brings over 300 8th grade students to Yosemite National Park to meet judicial officers, attorneys and other students to study the Rule of Law. The keynote speaker this year is Antigone Peyton who leads the Intellectual Property and Technology Law practice at Protorae Law in the Washington, DC area. Ms. Peyton will be presenting on privacy rights and cell phones, a topic of particular relevance to our current times. The Law Day Yosemite program also features Yosemite National Park's Mounted Patrol presenting the colors.

Mariposa County – Monday, May 13, 2019

The Mariposa County Bar Association invites all area attorneys and colleagues to join us in celebration of our first annual Law Day, Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 banquet room. Our keynote speaker is Presiding Judge, Michael Fagalde, who will be presenting on the 2019 Law Day Theme: Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society. There is no fee for attendance, and everyone is welcome to attend. Each attendee may order lunch from the menu at their own cost.



SIDEBAR

Local attorney Casey Aitchison just returned from climbing to Everest Base Camp in Nepal! Casey and her husband, Steve Aitchison, own and operate the largest alpaca herd in California. Casey used the trek as an opportunity to verify the warmth and comfort of various apparel made from alpaca fiber. Casey made it to Everest Base Camp on day 8 of the climb, which she describes as a once in a lifetime experience.



Mariposa Superior Court News

The Mariposa County Superior Court has announced the re-opening of the Self-Help and Family Law Facilitator Center with expanded services, commencing April 2, 2019. The Self-Help/Family Law Center was established to increase access to justice and assistance to the public by providing comprehensive services, at no cost, to self-represented litigants in Mariposa County. The center is staffed by a Self-Help/Family Law Facilitator who is an attorney trained to provide procedural assistance to people who are representing themselves in Court. However, there is no attorney-client relationship between the Facilitator and self-represented litigants.

For more information, including location and hours of operation, go to the Self-Help Center website at www.mariposacourt.org/selfhelp/index.shtml

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
Thomas Cooke
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

