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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association had an excellent turnout for the May 2019 Law Day Celebrations in both Mariposa and Yosemite. Photos from both events can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.



Our next meeting is Monday, June 10, 2019, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140. Mandy Jeffcoach will be providing a presentation on Navigating the New Rules of Professional conduct for 1 MCLE hour in the required topic of Ethics. The MCLE credit is provided free to MCBA members (for non-members, it is \$10), 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.

Our July meeting will be held on July 1, 2019 due to the holiday, with Kim Flores presenting on Updates in Employment Law for 1 MCLE hour credit. Then, starting in August 2018, our meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140. 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 to 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.



MCLE Ethics Credit at June 10, 2019 Luncheon

Our June 10, 2019 luncheon speaker will be Mandy Jeffcoach, of the Fresno law firm Whitney, Thompson and Jeffcoach. Mandy's presentation, Navigating the New Rules of Professional Conduct, provides attendees with one hour of MCLE credit in the required area of Ethics.

Prior to establishing WTJ Law, Mandy was an attorney with McCormick Barstow LLP for nearly 14 years. During her career, Mandy has represented plaintiffs and defendants in all phases of litigation and tried cases in both state court and private arbitrations, as well as medical staff privileging and administrative matters.



Mandy's practice focuses on healthcare and professional malpractice, law firm counseling and ethics, construction disputes, business litigation and public entity representation. She has counseled public entities concerning the Brown Act and Public Record Requests. Mandy is also certified as a specialist in Legal Malpractice Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization and regularly acts as a fee dispute arbitrator for the local bar association.

Outside of work, Mandy enjoys spending time with her husband and her kids, including going to the beach, time at the lake, riding bikes, and watching movies. Mandy loves baking, cooking, indoor cycling, and TRX—on most mornings, you can find her at the gym.

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 meetings each month, attendees will be able to fulfill all of the MCLE requirements mandated by the State Bar.

Starting in August 2019, our meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140. Everyone is invited to attend. 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 1, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Updates in Employment Law, Presented by Kim Flores, 1 MCLE Credit.

August 8, 2019 – TBA

September 12, 2019 – TBA



Mariposa Law Day 2019

Law Day 2019 in Mariposa, California

The Mariposa Bar Association's First Annual Law Day Event brought an extensive turn out for Judge Fagalde's Law Day Presentation "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society," which was also attended by the Mariposa Gazette. In May 2020 we intend to expand our Law Day Event to include a BBQ near the Courthouse, with all attorneys, Court personnel and their family members invited to attend the celebration.



MCBA Officers and guest Judges

From left: Ed Johnson (Vice President), Presiding Judge Michael Fagalde, Anita Starchmen-Bryant (Secretary), Judge Richard McMechan (retired), Casey Aitchison (President)

Law Day 2019 in Yosemite National Park

The Mariposa contingent at Law Day Yosemite in Yosemite National Park included our Family Law Commissioner Philip Pimentel, District Attorney Walter Wall, and attorneys Casey Aitchison, Alexandria Albertoni, Ashley Albertoni, Susan Albertoni, and Skye Emery.



Mariposa Attendees of Law Day Yosemite 2019
From left: Alexandria Albertoni, Ashley Albertoni, Skye Emery, District Attorney Walter Wall, Commissioner Philip Pimentel, Susan Albertoni.
Not pictured: Casey Aitchison

Family Law News

by Casey Aitchison

The recent case of *Marriage of Martin* (2019) 32 Cal.App.5th 1195, has made an impact upon the drafting of spousal support provisions in Marital Settlement Agreements.

As most attorneys are aware, Family Code Section 4337 provides that, absent an express waiver in writing, spousal support shall terminate upon remarriage of the supported spouse or the death of either party.

In *Martin*, the Appellate Court held that the parties expressed their agreement to waive the application of the Family Code Section 4337 provision for termination of spousal support on remarriage by failing to check a box on a local form.

The *Martin* holding is a reminder to all that we need to be sure to expressly state exactly what the parties intend in their Marital Settlement Agreement. The best practice is to clearly incorporate the wording of Family Code Section 4337 into the Marital Settlement Agreement to avoid an unintended interpretation by the Court in the event of a dispute.

All Mariposa area attorneys are invited to attend the Family Law Section of the Merced County Bar Association, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at King's Asian Cuisine located at 360 W. Main Street, Merced, CA.

Merced Family Law Section Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at noon
Location: King's Asian Cuisine, Merced

RSVPs are appreciated but not required. To RSVP or for more information, please email the Merced County Bar Association Family Law Section President, Casey Aitchison at Casey@MercedDivorce.com.

Merced Bar News

The Merced County Bar Association invites all Mariposa area attorneys to attend their luncheon meeting on June 6, 2019 at the Branding Iron, Merced. The speaker will be Casey Aitchison with a presentation on Standards and Best Practices in Family Law, which has been approved by the California State Bar for 1 hour of MCLE credit.

MCBA Membership List

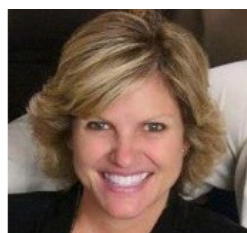
Thank you for your 2019 Membership.

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



Casey Aitchison
President



Ed Johnson
Vice-President



Anita Starchman Bryant
Secretary



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