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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association's July 2019 luncheon was well attended, with participants earning 1 hour of MCLE Credit. The very informative presentation was by attorney Kim Flores regarding Employment Law.



Our next meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2019, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 banquet room. Mariposa County Supervisor, Marshall Long, will be speaking. There is no fee to attend and everyone 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.

Starting with the August meeting, our meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140. We invite all 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 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.



MCBA Luncheon – August 8, 2019

The Mariposa County Bar Association welcomes Supervisor Marshall Long as our luncheon speaker on August 8, 2019 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140. A native of Mariposa County, Marshall was first elected to the County Board of Supervisors in 2014, and reelected in 2018. His second term began on January 7, 2019, and expires on January 2, 2023.

Marshall's vision for the County is rooted in his belief that residents of Mariposa County can be forward-

thinking and successful in growing the tax base by assuming а carefully prescribed path to iob growth while maintaining integrity of the rural lifestyle. He believes that the historical richness that accompanies our community should be preserved for its beauty. education and posterity. He strives to make decisions as a Supervisor



that are good for our economy, and that also preserve the uniqueness of our community while setting it apart as an attractive destination point, and that promote an economy that is based on business retention, expansion, and attraction, as well as tourism.

Marshall is a hard worker and speaks his mind. When something needs to get done, he can be counted on to work to get it done. Marshall and his wife, Robin Tarvin Long, frequently participate in community events and fundraisers, and are respected as pillars of the community.

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.

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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: Employment Law, Presented by Kimberly G. Flores, 1 MCLE Credit.

August 8, 2019 – Marshall Long, Mariposa County Supervisor, District 3.

September 12, 2019 – TBA



State Bar News Release

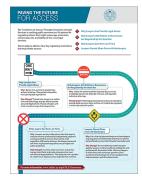
State Bar Invites Public Comment on Tech Task Force's Regulatory Reform Options

The State Bar invites members of the public to review and comment on a sweeping set of regulatory reform options for improving access to legal services, developed by the Task Force on Access Through Innovation of Legal Services (ATILS).

The Task Force's 16 reform options under consideration represent a groundbreaking menu of possible changes to certain key regulatory issues, including:

- Exceptions to current restrictions on the unauthorized practice of law;
- The prospect of non-attorney ownership; and
- Entity regulation.

Formed by the Board of Trustees in 2018, ATILS is charged with identifying possible regulatory changes that could remove barriers to innovation and enhance the delivery of, and access to, legal services. The Board directed the Task Force to balance the dual goals of public protection and increased access.



The invitation to comment includes an online form to make it easier for members of the public to review the proposed options and comment on specific items. 60-day public comment period extends through September 23, 2019.

The Task Force also plans to hold a public hearing to receive oral testimony. The hearing will take place on August 10, 2019, at the State Bar's San Francisco office. The State Bar is also working with bar associations throughout the state to schedule forums on the ATILS options during the comment period.

The 23-member Task Force includes 11 public members, 10 lawyers, and two judges. The nonattorney majority is designed to help ensure that the Task Force focuses on protecting the interests of the public. The Task Force will deliver its final report to the Board of Trustees no later than December 31, 2019.

Family Law News

by Casey Aitchison

At the July 2019 Merced Family Law Section Meeting, we discussed Family Code Sections 780 and 2603, which define the character and disposition of personal injury settlement funds.

There is a common misconception that personal injury funds are the separate property of the injured spouse. Under Family Code Section 780, money received for personal injury damages "is community property if the cause of action for the damages arose during the marriage." That being said, Family Code Section 2603 provides that such funds shall be awarded to the injured spouse unless the Court, upon consideration of all relevant factors "determines that the interests of justice require another disposition." In that event, the injured spouse must be awarded no less than half of the personal injury settlement funds.

The Family Law Section of the Merced County Bar Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at King's Asian Cuisine located at 360 W. Main Street, Merced, CA.

We invite any interested persons to join us, whether you are a Family Law practitioner, have crossover questions, enjoy networking, or just want to get together with friends for lunch. Our next meeting is:

> Merced Family Law Section Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 13, 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.



MCBA Membership List

Thank you for your 2019 Membership.

2019 Members listed below:

Casey Aitchison Alexandria Albertoni Ashley Albertoni Susan Albertoni Deborah Bennett Marvin Brown (retired) Anita Starchman Bryant Aaron Castleton Jeffrey Castleton Thomas Cooke Steven W. Dahlem

Skye Emery Kimberly G. Flores Wayne Green Robert Iwama Edward J. Johnson Michael McAfee Cindy Morse Stephanie Perez Elizabeth Waldow Walter Wall

A 2019 Membership Application may be downloaded at <u>www.MariposaBar.org</u>. 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



Anita Starchman Bryant Secretary

Ed Johnson Vice-President



Skye Emery Treasurer

Job Opportunities

Ninth Circuit Opening for Judicial Appointment

There is a California vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

To assist Senator Dianne Feinstein in fulfilling her responsibility to ensure this vacancy is promptly filled, interviews are being scheduled for candidates who would serve with distinction as a Federal Appeals Court Judge.

If you are interested in applying, please go to the Senator's website at http://feinstein.senate.gov/public/ index.cfm/applications-jud and fill out the information for the judicial application.

If you know a highly-qualified candidate who might be interested in applying, please have that candidate visit the Senator's website and fill out the application.

Ninth Circuit Opening for Staff Attorney

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has one-year term openings for staff attorneys in the Research Unit and the Motions Unit of the Office of Staff Attorneys.

Staff attorneys report to the Chief Deputy via a supervising staff attorney and provide substantive legal analysis, advice and assistance on appeals pending before the Court and on other court-related legal issues.

Merced County Deputy District Attorney

Merced County has listed recruitment for Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV - Extra Help Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV.

This recruitment is being established to obtain a current eligible list for both full time and Extra-Help vacancies. Extra-Help are not entitled to county benefits and are limited to a maximum of 25 hours per week.

Mariposa County Law Library

The Mariposa County Law Library provides free access to the Lexis Nexis legal research platform for in-library use, together with free internet and wi-fi. Located inside the Mariposa County Library at 4978 10th Street, Mariposa, the Law Library is overseen by Janet Chase-Williams, who also serves as librarian for the Mariposa County Library.

For links to a wealth of information, codes, and legal forms, visit the Mariposa County Law Library website located at:

http://www.mariposalibrary.org/mariposa-county-law-library.html



Here's to hoping everyone had a great 4th of July!

