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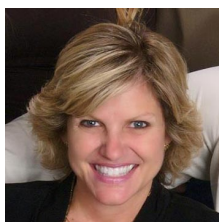
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August 2019

President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association's August 2019 luncheon had a record turnout to listen to our speaker, Mariposa County Supervisor, Marshall Long.



Our next meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2019, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 banquet room. Our speaker will be Janet Chase-Williams, Mariposa County Librarian and Law Librarian. 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.

Our meetings are 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 and enjoy lunch with colleagues. Mark your calendars for October 10, 2019, for our luncheon meeting with Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer of Mariposa County.

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 – September 12, 2019

The Mariposa County Bar Association welcomes Mariposa County Librarian, Janet Chase-Williams, as our luncheon speaker on September 12, 2019 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140.

We asked Janet to share a biography with us, which is included below:

My name is Janet Chase-Williams and I am the County Librarian for Mariposa County. I grew up here in Mariposa; which means I am related to half the County. My husband of 26 years, Keith Williams, is related to the other half. He is also the Treasurer, Tax Collector and County Clerk. We are both the descendants of Gold Rush pioneers. (Gold miners who were so successful (?) they had to become cattle ranchers to survive.) I suppose growing up with a Gold Rush era cemetery, school and jail on the family property it is not surprising I have a deep interest in history and genealogy and research.

I got my MLIS (Masters in Information and Library Science) from Clarion University. If you ask most people what their dream job is they might say rock star or race car driver. This is my dream job. I get to spend my time uncovering answers, mysteries if you will, for people who want to know how to find their birth parents, the value of an obscure antique or where to get the cheapest oat hay in Mariposa. I love helping people find the information they need. Librarianship is a rewarding and fulfilling occupation and my dream job.

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

Luncheon meeting: Marshall Long, Mariposa County Supervisor, District 3.

September 12, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Janet Chase-Williams, Mariposa County Librarian and Law Librarian.

October 10, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer, Mariposa County.

Michael McAfee – Mariposa's New Deputy District Attorney

The Mariposa County Bar Association is pleased to welcome attorney Michael McAfee as a Deputy District Attorney of the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office.

Michael's background and training make him uniquely qualified in his new capacity. Michael immigrated to the United States from Mexico when he was in elementary school. He attended undergraduate college at CSU Stanislaus and earned his Juris Doctor degree at San Joaquin College of Law. He joined the Merced County District Attorney's office in 2015, where he worked until accepting the Deputy DA position with Mariposa County. Michael enjoys working as a prosecutor and takes all responsibilities very seriously. He is very happy to be a part of the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office and is excited to serve this community.

Michael and his wife, Erica, have three children, Ethan (age 7), Emma (age 5), and Max (age 2).



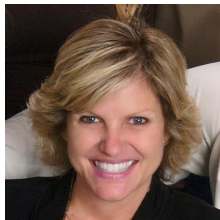
Michael McAfee being sworn in by DA Walter Wall



Family Law News

by Casey Aitchison

At the August Merced Family Law Section meeting, the featured case was *In re Marriage of George and Deamon*, wherein the Court ordered \$10,000 in sanctions against wife for refusing to approve a written Judgment that had been stipulated upon in Court, thereby forcing husband to file a motion for entry of Judgment. This case is a reminder that it is a good practice to include on the record or in a memorandum of agreement, that the parties intend the agreement to be enforceable by Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6. It is also noteworthy that the Court based the order for sanctions upon documents submitted in support of the motion, without oral testimony.



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, September 10, 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

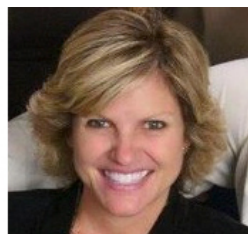
Thank you for your 2019 Membership.

2019 Members listed below:

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| Casey Aitchison | Skye Emery |
| Alexandria Albertoni | Kimberly G. Flores |
| Ashley Albertoni | Wayne Green |
| Susan Albertoni | Melbourne N. Gwin, Jr. |
| Deborah Bennett | Robert Iwama |
| Kevin Briggs | Edward J. Johnson |
| Marvin Brown (retired) | Michael McAfee |
| Anita Starchman Bryant | Victoria Miller |
| Aaron Castleton | Cindy Morse |
| Jeffrey Castleton | Stephanie Perez |
| Thomas Cooke | Elizabeth Waldow |
| Steven W. Dahlem | 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



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President



Ed Johnson
Vice-President



Anita Starchman Bryant
Secretary



Skye Emery
Treasurer

State Bar News

The California Attorney Practice Analysis (CAPA) survey is open to all active California attorneys. By now, all attorneys have received an email invitation with a unique link to participate in the unprecedented survey, open until August 31.

“CAPA is one of the broadest and most important studies the State Bar is currently undertaking,” said Jason P. Lee, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “The project is taking a fresh look at the current practice of law in California. We hope it will be as complete and accurate a snapshot as possible, and we encourage all California attorneys to participate.”

The goal is to collect detailed, empirical data about how attorneys use their knowledge and skills to perform routine tasks, with a particular focus on what new attorneys need to know and do. This data will form the foundation for revisiting the relevance and currency of California bar exam content, as well as exam format, cut score, and other aspects of the test.

Those who complete the survey will be eligible to receive one hour of MCLE credit. To earn the credit, attorneys will need to read a short article on legal ethics and answer a brief quiz, available in September.

The MCBA wishes you an enjoyable last few weeks of Summer as we head into Fall!



Job Opportunities

Merced County Deputy District Attorney

Merced County has listed recruitments 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.



Tulare County Counsel

The County Counsel for Tulare County is recruiting for the position of Civil Attorney I-IV. This recruitment will be used to fill current and future vacancies. This is a continuous recruitment which can be closed at anytime without notice. The County Counsel's Office serves as the civil attorney for Tulare County government, the Tulare County Association of Governments, the Tulare Local Agency Formation Commission, the Public Guardian, and most of the local Memorial Districts and Public Cemetery Districts. The Legal Office includes 25 Attorneys, plus a compliment of paralegals and support staff. The central office is located in the City of Visalia at the County Civic Center.

Kings County (Hanford) Deputy DA

The Kings County District Attorney's office is accepting applications for anticipated full-time vacancy in the Kings County District Attorney's Office. Future vacancies for this position may be filled from the eligible list to be established. The expected life of the eligible list is six months and it may be extended for up to 18 months (24 months total). Appointments may be filled at either level III or IV, depending upon qualifications.